

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) : 2019 / 2020

Information for Parents/Guardians

The LCVP is a two year programme run at Senior Cycle and is included in the range of formal Leaving Certificate subjects. It is taken in addition to the subjects selected by the student and is examined at the end of Leaving Certificate year.

The LCVP is a programme with a strong vocational element and this is reflected in the practical nature of its delivery with a one week work experience placement, enterprise and business visits, and enterprise activities all being an integral part of student learning and engagement.

The programme is delivered through two distinct modules, termed the **Link Modules**. Students have three classes per week over the two years of the programme.

Link Module 1: Preparation for the World of Work, aims to give students a greater understanding of the nature of work, the working world which they soon will enter, and the opportunity to develop the skills and qualities essential for the modern working world.

Link Module 2: Enterprise Education, provides students with insights into the nature and workings of the world of business and enterprise. In addition, it aims to instill and promote a spirit of enterprise in students. Teamwork, active learning through organisation and planning, and a greater understanding of the world of enterprise and business, through practical interaction with the local business community, are the key characteristics of this Link Module.

Work Experience: All Link Modules students undertake a one week work experience placement in Year 1 of the Programme.

We welcome input from parents/guardians to our Link Modules Programme at St. Clare's Comprehensive in the form of skills and expertise that would be of benefit to our students. If you consider that you have skills, expertise or helpful information, in the areas of the world of work and/or enterprise education, and would be willing to offer that skill, knowledge or expertise in the form of a talk, demonstration or work experience placement, please contact the programme coordinator at the school.

Should you have any queries regarding the Link Modules Programme, please feel free to contact the programme coordinator at the school.

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Link Modules Information for Parents, Guardians and Students

Link Modules: : Outline of Course

- 2 Year Programme taken at Senior Cycle
- Students must take 5 Leaving Certificate subjects to include Irish and a continental language. To satisfy Department of Education requirements, a French Module class is available for those not studying a continental language.
- Students must have a combination of subjects from the Vocational Subjects Groupings (VSGs) to qualify for the Link Modules Programme.
- The Programme is assessed on a portfolio of work compiled over the duration of the 2 year programme (submitted in March) and a written examination held in May of Leaving Certificate year.

The Link Modules Programme is taught through two distinct modules:

- 1) Preparation for the World of Work : introduction to working life, job-seeking skills, career investigation, work placement
- 2) Enterprise Education: enterprise skills, local business enterprises, local voluntary organisations & community enterprises, an enterprise activity

Assessment Structure of the LCVP

The LCVP is assessed through a **portfolio** and a **written** examination.

- **Portfolio** – completed over the two years of the programme at Senior Cycle. Submitted in March of LC year. Worth 60% of overall assessment of subject.
- **Written examination paper** – May of LC year. Worth 40% of overall assessment of subject.
- Students must achieve **50%** overall (between portfolio and written examination) to pass the Link Modules examination.

Grading and Awards in LCVP in New Points System Operational From 2017

- Distinction – 80 – 100% (66 points) – H4
- Merit – 65 – 79% (46 points) - H6 or O2
- Pass – 50 – 64% (28 points) – O4
- Points acquired from the Link Module award may be used in a student’s top six subjects when calculating points for entry to 3rd level education.
- All Irish universities and Institutes of Technology accept the Link Modules qualification and points accrued.

