



Welcome to the 3rd Year Parents Information Evening 2020

Presentation 2020



- Transition Year
- Leaving Cert Applied
- Leaving Certificate Established
- Points System
- Options Form 2020



In Beech Hill College.....

Guidance Department have an information session for all Third Years.

Each student has a one-to-one interview with the Guidance Department.

Parents information meeting re Sr Cycle choices.



Transition Year

- All students doing Leaving Cert Established MUST do Transition Year.
- This gives them a chance to engage in a wide variety of learning experiences and non academic modules.
- They will also start work on Leaving Cert subjects .
- Students who wish to may take part in Transition Year and then do Leaving Cert Applied the following year.

What is LCA?



- The Leaving Cert Applied is an alternative way of attaining a Leaving Cert qualification
- Grades are achieved through the completion of assignments in class, attendance and exams.
- It is not an easy way out, you have to work very hard!



Why choose LCA?

- If you find sitting exams difficult.
- If you have a good attendance record.
- If you want to get experience in the workforce.
- If you want to do as well as you can in the Leaving Cert but find study difficult.
- If you would like a more varied school day including more practical subjects.

How is LCA different?



- Smaller class size
- Different subjects.
- Attendance is part of final grade. (90%)
- Continual Assessment (60% - 40%)
- Work Experience one day a week.
- Class trips & special projects.
- 60% is the passing grade.



LCA Core Subjects.

- English and Communications.
- Vocational Preparation and Guidance.
- Maths
- Social Education
- Irish/German
- Leisure Studies
- Computer Studies



Options

- Hotel Catering and Tourism
- Graphics & Construction Studies
- Music
- Craft & Design
- Agriculture & Horticulture
- Office Administration

Options can vary year on year.



Can I go to College?

- Yes. You will have to go to the PLC first and then go to college.
- You can avail of the many courses in Monaghan Institute and the many other PLCs in the nationwide
- You can get an apprenticeship.
- You can get a job.
- All because you have your Leaving Cert Qualification.



Leaving Certificate Established (with LCVP as a option for some students)



Leaving Certificate *Traditional*

Compulsory Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths

Optional Subjects



Language

- French,(another language may be possible as an extra subject if you speak it at home)

Applied Sciences

- Design & Communication Graphics
- Construction Studies
- Engineering
- Home Economics

Business

- Accounting
- Business

Social Studies

- History
- Geography
- Music
- Art
- Politics & Society

Sciences

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Applied Maths
- Agric. Science

LCVP



- Leaving Cert Vocational Programme
- This is an extra subject which students may be eligible to take depending on their other subject choices.
- It is graded as Pass, Merit or distinction.



What subjects will be offered ?

- It depends on the level of uptake and the demands of the curriculum.
- Every attempt will be made to ensure students are studying subjects they want to study.



Politics & Society

Aim:

Leaving Certificate Politics and Society aims to develop the learner's capacity to engage in reflective and active citizenship, informed by the insights and skills of social and political sciences.

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Senior-cycle/Senior-Cycle-Subjects/Politics-and-Society>



Students should

- Choose subjects they enjoy
- Choose subjects they are good at
- Choose subjects they need for their chosen career
- Keep their **options open** for the future by making a **balanced choice**
- Talk to teachers in their chosen subject areas
- Talk to their Guidance Counsellor
- Talk to parents before deciding

Students should not



- Choose a subject because their friend is taking it
- Choose a subject just because they like or dislike the teacher
- Choose a subject because they think it will be "easy". There are no "easy subjects"
- Choose a new subject without finding out more about it
- Make a decision at the last minute without thinking about it
- In general don't choose a subject they have not studied before



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Students

Are you looking for the widest range of education and...



Adult Learners

QualifaX contains information about a wide range of...



Guidance Professionals

There is specific information and materials available...



Parents & Family

Is your son or daughter considering continuing their...

Welcome to QualifaX

QualifaX is Ireland's National Learners' Database. It is the "one stop shop" for learners. We provide the most comprehensive information on further and higher education and training courses. QualifaX ensures that you have all the information you need to make informed choices about your education, training and career paths.



Search all Courses

Take an Interest Assessment

Check a Qualification

Events Calendar

28.07.2009	Open Evening - Audio Course	Pulse Recording College
30.07.2009	Open Evening - Film Courses	Pulse Recording College
05.08.2009	RDS National Craft Competitions and RDS Student Awards	RDS Ballsbridge
10.08.2009	Repeat Leaving Cert	St. Laurence College

Featured Content



Students

Are you looking for the widest range of education and training programmes? Are you considering further or higher education and training? Unsure which subjects to take?



Adult Learners

QualifaX contains information about a wide range of different courses and programmes. Courses of different lengths, leading



Careers Portal

A screenshot of the Careers Portal website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Getting Advice', 'Self Assessment', 'Career Sectors', 'Courses', 'Careers & Jobs', and 'Videos'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'EDUCATION IN IRELAND' with links to 'The Irish Education System', 'School & College Education', 'Adult Education', and 'Government Upskilling Initiatives'; 'SCHOOL SUBJECT CHOICES' with links to 'Junior Cert Subjects', 'Leaving Cert Subjects', and 'Guide to Subject Choice'; 'ADVICE & SUPPORT' with links to 'Options After School', 'Repeating the Leaving Cert', and 'Grants and Scholarships'; 'SEARCHING COURSES' with a link to 'All Courses'; 'FURTHER EDUCATION & PLC' featuring two 'COURSEFINDER' logos; 'STUDYING ABROAD' with links to 'Guide to Studying Abroad', 'Studying in the UK', 'Studying in Europe', 'Studying in the USA', and 'Studying in Australia or New Zealand'; and 'FEATURED COLLEGES' with a video player showing a biology lab. On the right, there is a 'Colleges Direct...' section with 'Events' for 'Tuesday 23 January' (Inchicore College of Further Education - Inchicore CFE Open Day) and 'Wednesday 24 January' (Sallynoggin College of Further Education - Sallynoggin CFE Open Day, Dun Laoghaire Further Education Institute - DFEI Information Day, Ballsbridge College of Further Education - Ballsbridge CFE Open Day, and Ballyfermot College of Further Education - BCFE Open Day). A 'View all [66]' link is at the bottom right.

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS

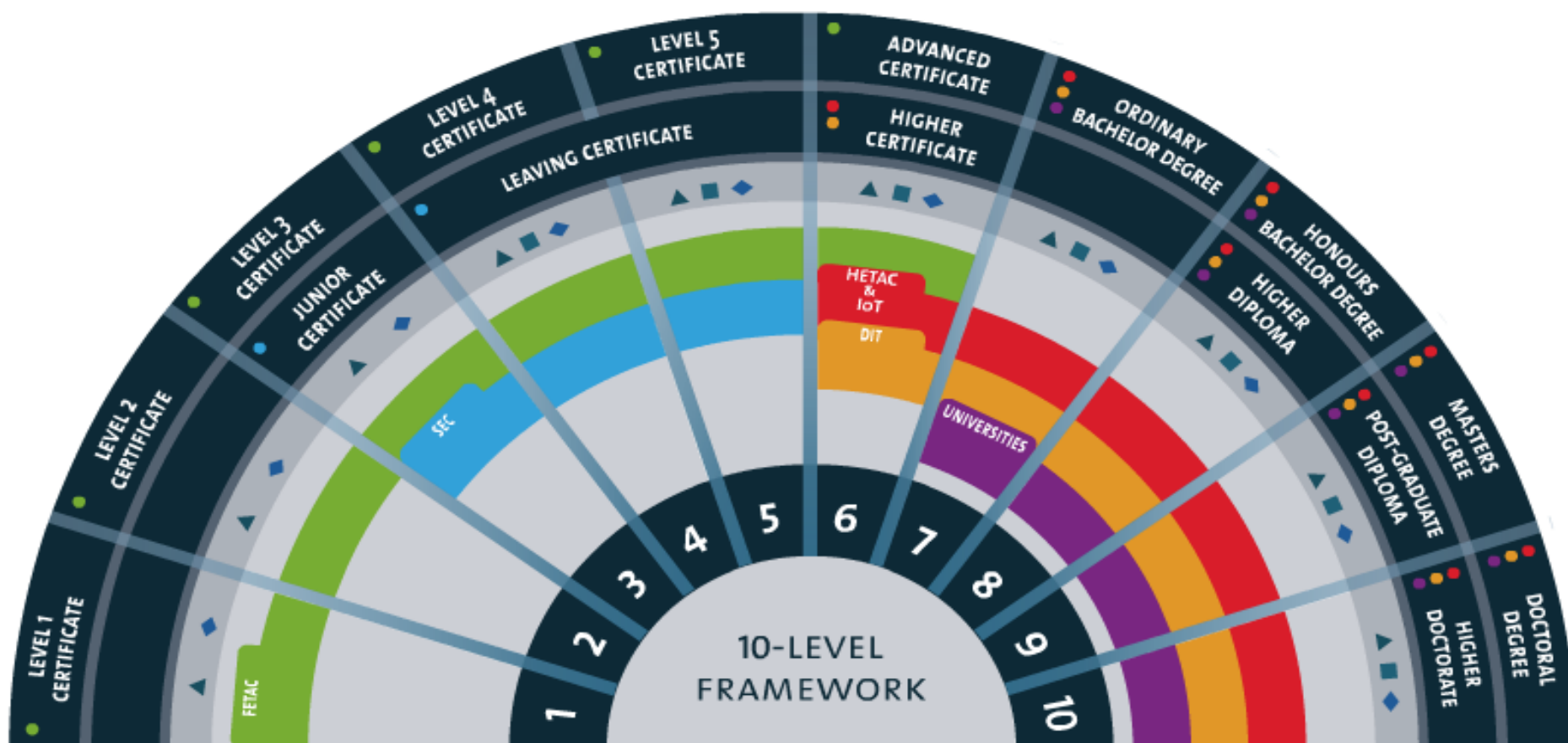
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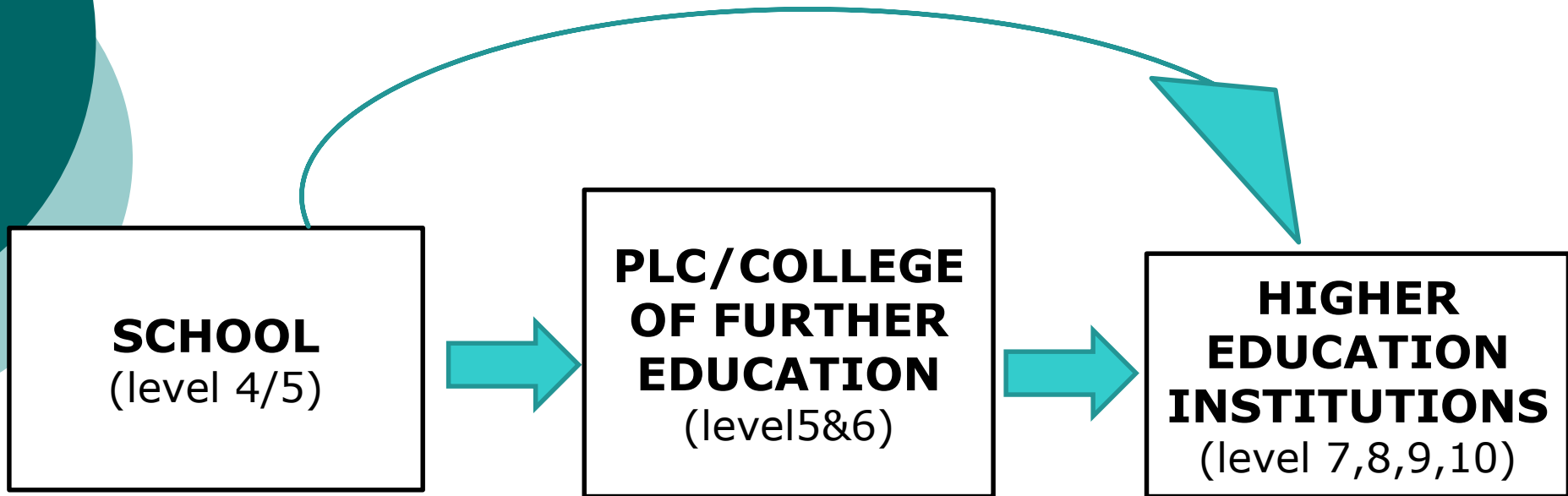
WHAT ARE THE FRAMEWORK LEVELS?

WHAT IS AN AWARD-TYPE?

WHAT IS AN AWARDBODY?



GOING TO COLLEGE AFTER THE LEAVING CERT





The Points System

Points are calculated by giving a set number of points for each grade and then adding the six best subjects to get the points total. **Students achieving H6 or above in Higher Level Math's will be awarded 25 bonus points.**

Higher Level Grade (%)	CAO Points (Higher Level)	CAO Points (Ordinary Level)	Ordinary Level Grade (%)
H1 (90-100)	100		
H2 (80-89)	88		
H3 (70-79)	77		
H4 (60-69)	66		
H5 (50-59)	56	56	O1 (90-100)
H6 (40-49)	46	46	O2 (80-89)
H7 (30-39)	37	37	O3 (70-79)
H8 (0-29)	0	28	O4 (60-69)
		20	O5 (50-59)
		12	O6 (40-49)
		0	O7 (30-39)
		0	O8 (0-29)



Key Questions for Students/Parents

- UCD/Maynooth/UCC/UCG: Require Irish, English & a third language except for engineering, science or nursing courses. Maynooth have recently dropped the 3rd language requirement also for Business, Accounting, Finance & Law degrees
- TCD requires students to pass English, Maths and a second language e.g. French/German/Irish/Spanish/Polish
- DCU/DIT/ITs: English or Irish and usually Maths



Key Questions for Student/Parents

- **Should I study Higher Maths?**
- A new syllabus was recently introduced which rewards students with 25 bonus points if they achieve 40% or higher. Students with a Junior Cert grade A or B at higher level are encouraged to take LC Higher Level Maths.
- Ideally students should have achieved at least a honours grade B in the JC if they intend taking Hons Maths.
- Certain courses require a H4 in Higher Level Maths e.g. Honours Engineering at UCD/TCD.



Key Questions for Students/Parents

- If I study Ordinary Level Maths in the Junior Cert, what subjects should I probably avoid?
- Physics, Chemistry and Accounting. They require a high level of Mathematical Aptitude.



Subject Choice Form

- Your child will be given a form and asked to choose 5 subjects which they would like to do at Leaving Certificate level.
- They will be asked to choose them in rank order
- We will try to ensure each student gets 4 Choice subjects from those 5



Thank You

Senior Cycle Options Form
to be returned by Mon 20th
Jan 2020