

# Newport College

**Senior Cycle Options 2026**  
**Leaving Certificate Established**



# Options

- Leaving Certificate Established **OR**
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) **OR**
- Transition Year (TY)



# Leaving Certificate Established

- Students will study 7 subjects (unless you have an exemption from one)
- Students will do the core subjects of English, Irish and Maths as well as choosing 4 options
- LCVP will be taken as an 8<sup>th</sup> subject



# Leaving Certificate Established

- **Core Subjects**
  - Irish
  - English
  - Maths
  - **Non Exam**
  - PE
  - IT
  - Religion
  - Careers
  - Wellbeing
- **Option Subjects**
  - Students choose 8 options in preference order from 16 subjects
  - Students will receive a combination of their choices
  - LCVP is an additional 8<sup>th</sup> subject option



# Subject Options List

- Metalwork – Engineering
- Woodwork – Construction Studies
- Technical Graphics- Design and Communication Graphics (DCG)
- Business Studies – Business
- Accounting
- Music
- Climate Action and Sustainable Development (CASD)
  - Note: All subjects will require a minimum number of students to run.
- Science – Biology
- Science - Chemistry
- Science- Agricultural Science
- French
- Geography
- History
- Physical Education
- Home Economics
- Art



# LCVP- an 8<sup>th</sup> additional subject

- What is it?

An add on programme where you study two modules (Enterprise Education and the World of Work). It aims to prepare young people for both.

- Why is it a good idea?

If you do any ordinary level subjects it is useful for points

It is common level

It is assessed before the Leaving Cert

60% portfolio including items like CV, Career Investigation, Recorded Interview, Work Placement Diaries, Reports

40% Exam in May of Leaving Cert year



# CAO Points

| Higher Level Grade | Points | Ordinary Level Grade | Points |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| H1 (90-100)        | 100    |                      |        |
| H2 (80 < 90)       | 88     |                      |        |
| H3 (70 < 80)       | 77     |                      |        |
| H4 (60 < 70)       | 66     |                      |        |
| H5 (50 < 60)       | 56     | O1 (90-100)          | 56     |
| H6 (40 < 50)       | 46     | O2 (80 < 90)         | 46     |
| H7 (30 < 40)       | 37     | O3 (70 < 80)         | 37     |
| H8 (0 < 30)        | 0      | O4 (60 < 70)         | 28     |
|                    |        | O5 (50 < 60)         | 20     |
|                    |        | O6 (40 < 50)         | 12     |
|                    |        | O7 (30 < 40)         | 0      |
|                    |        | O8 (0 < 30)          | 0      |

| LCVP Grade  | Revised LCVP Points |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Distinction | 66                  |
| Merit       | 46                  |
| Pass        | 28                  |



# CAO Points System

- Students add the points from any of their best 6 results
- Maximum points = 600
- Most subjects worth maximum of 100 points
  - Maths (+25 points for passing Higher level)
  - LCVP maximum 66 points
- Students must pass Maths and English or Irish



# Work Commitment

- Recommendation: 3 hours work (homework and study combined), 5 nights per week from the beginning of fifth year
- Approx 60,000 students across the country competing for CAO points
- Average CAO points 305
- Most University courses >350 points



# Post Leaving Certificate Options

- University
- Institutes of Technology (IT's)
- Colleges of Further Education
  - Also known as PLC courses
  - Direct entry, Not points based- Interview
- Apprenticeships
  - Direct Application
  - Possible aptitude tests/assessments
- Employment



# Summary

|  | <b>Leaving Cert with<br/>LCVP</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| CAO Points                                     | ✓                                 |
| Can Apply for<br>Apprenticeships               | ✓                                 |
| Can Apply for PLC<br>Courses                   | ✓                                 |
| Can Apply directly to<br>IT's and Universities | ✓                                 |
| Work Experience                                | ✓ (1 week through<br>LCVP)        |



# Steps in choosing subjects

- From the list of 16 subjects: Students choose their preferences 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
- You will get a combination of these choices (4 in total)
- Subjects to be chosen by Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> through VSWare



# Resources

- MS Team set up for all students
  - Information sharing
  - Links to careers portal, qualifax, podcasts
- Meeting for all students choosing subjects (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb)
  - All 16 subjects discussed by teachers
  - What the subjects involve, allocation of marks etc.
- Information Booklets about subject choice emailed to all homes tomorrow
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- Thank you for your time....

