

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 8th 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 8th 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)**
 - Science – Biology
 - Science - Chemistry
 - Science- Agricultural Science
 - French
 - Geography
 - History
 - Physical Education
 - Home Economics
 - Art
- Note: All subjects will require a minimum number of students to run.



LCVP- an 8th 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

	Leaving Cert with LCVP
CAO Points	✓
Can Apply for Apprenticeships	✓
Can Apply for PLC Courses	✓
Can Apply directly to IT's and Universities	✓
Work Experience	✓ (1 week through 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 5th 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 3rd 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
- ckeane@tipperaryetb.ie





- Thank you for your time....

