Leaving Certificate Applied 2023-24

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This is a summary advice note for school management and teachers of LCA 2023/24. It sets out the key curriculum and assessment arrangements for LCA Year 1 and Year 2 students for the academic year 2023/24.

Arrangements for the satisfactory completion of Modules

For both Year 1 and Year 2 LC Student in the academic year 2023/24

- Students should complete **all Key Assignments** to achieve the credits available for each module and maintain a minimum of 90% attendance.

- The learning outcomes for each module should be completed and, if relevant, in line with public health advice.

- Credits for the satisfactory completion of modules are submitted to the SEC through the LCA portal, following normal arrangements.

Arrangements for the completion of Tasks

LCA Year 2 for the academic year 2023/24

- Session 3: Students should complete the Practical Achievement Task AND *either* the Vocational Education Task *or* the Contemporary Issues Task. This means that LCA Year 2 students have one less task to complete.

- Session 4: As normal, students should complete the Personal Reflection (Part Two).

LCA Year1 for the academic year 2023/24

- There is no change to the schedule for the completion of Student Tasks for LCA Year 1 students

For both Year 1 and Year 2 LCA Students

- The SEC will make the necessary arrangements for the examination of tasks including interviews.

Arrangements for the completion of Final Examinations

- **Written examinations:**

- There will be no adjustment to the final examination papers.
- A scaling, by a factor of 1·15 will be applied to the mark awarded to the written examination component.

- **Additional components (practical coursework, practical performance tests and oral examinations):**

- **Practical coursework** in the LCA vocational specialisms of Graphics/Construction, Engineering, Technology, Childcare/Community Care and Craft & Design all briefs that do not issue at the start of the year, will be issued earlier than normal.
- **Practical performance test**s will proceed as normal and will be conducted under examination conditions,
- **Oral examinations/tests** will be conducted in line with State Examinations Commission guidelines.

Curriculum updates

Programme Statement: The LCA Programme Statement has been updated to allow students to access LCE Mathematics and/or a Modern Foreign Language.
https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Senior-Cycle/LCA/

Modules: Four revised LCA module descriptors were introduced in September 2021. These are:
- English and Communications
- Mathematical Applications
- Introduction to Information and Communication Technology
- Information and Communication Technology – Specialism

The Programme Statement and revised Modules can be accessed on
https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Senior-cycle/LCA/

Planning for work experience for the academic year 2023/24

- The school week comprises a minimum 28 hours instruction time, inclusive of work experience. During the two-year programme, LCA students must complete a minimum of two mandatory modules in work experience.
- It is expected that students will complete work experience in a workplace environment.

Additional Supports

- A range of LCA supports available for new coordinators and teachers.
- Oide will provide supports including national seminars, webinars and collaboratives for module descriptors introduced in September 2021.
- Further information can be found on www.oide.ie