

SENIOR CYCLE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

- 1. PORTFOLIO (60%)
- 2. EXAMINATION PAPER (40%)

YEAR 2021

LEVEL	CURRENT ARRANGEMENT	2021 ADJUSTMENTS
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Common Level

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (140 MARKS)

Four Core compulsory items with marks distributed as follows:

- CV (25 marks)
- Career Investigation (40 marks)
- Summary report (40 marks)
- Enterprise/Action plan (35 marks)

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (170 MARKS)

DONE
The CV remains compulsory with an adjusted mark of 40 while candidates can choose to submit any two of the remaining three items:

- *DONE* Career Investigation (adjusted to 65 marks)
- Summary Report (adjusted to 65 marks) *DONE*
- Enterprise/Action plan (adjusted to 65 marks) *IGNORE*

The Summary Report will prove challenging in the coming year due to the type of activities generally undertaken for reporting purposes. Building in a choice here will allow those who have already completed it to submit it, if desired, but removes the obligation for those who haven't.

In instances where candidates submit all three of these items, marks will be awarded for the highest scoring two.

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - OPTIONAL (100 MARKS)

Two out of four to be completed with marks allocated as follows:

- Diary of work experience (50 marks)
- Enterprise report (50 marks)
- Recorded interview/presentation (50 marks)
- Report on 'My Own Place' (50 marks)

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - OPTIONAL (70 MARKS)

Candidates submit one of the four optional items for assessment. The marks for this item will be adjusted from 50 to 70.

DONE
The Diary of Work Experience and the Enterprise Report will prove challenging in the coming year due to the type of activities generally undertaken for reporting purposes. Building in a choice here will allow those who have already completed it to submit it, if desired, but removes the obligation for those who haven't.

In instances where candidates submit two of these items, marks will be awarded for the highest scoring one.

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Explanatory note:
 The weighting assigned to the Portfolio (60%) and the Written Paper (40%) needs to remain in place. In order: (a) to preserve the current balance between the core and optional elements of the portfolio; and (b) to provide an equitable choice between the core portfolio items. Maintaining the 60% weighting of the Portfolio means that the marks awarded to each Portfolio item needs to be adjusted up to the total of 240 marks.

Optional Items - 1 item only

- **Diary of Work Experience (70 marks)** DONE
- Enterprise Report (70 marks)
- Recorded Interview (70 marks)
- My Own Place (70 marks)

EXAMINATION PAPER - (160 MARKS)

All sections to be attempted

- Audio visual – all questions to be answered
- Case study – all questions to be answered
- General questions – six questions of which four must be answered.

Case study issues to schools four school weeks prior to the examination.

EXAMINATION PAPER - (160 MARKS)

Increase the number of questions to seven of which four must be answered.

Issue the case study to schools six-school weeks prior to the examination.