

Senior Cycle Choices Heywood C.S



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LCVP Programme

- The **LCVP** programme was introduced in 1994 in response to the challenge placed on Ireland's education system by a changing **Work** and **Business** environment.
- The **LCVP** combines the academic strengths of the established Leaving Certificate with a more dynamic focus on self-directed learning, innovation and enterprise.
- It basically “**Links**” the academic world of education with the practical world of work.

So What Does LCVP Involve ?

It's a two year programme (one class per week) where students take two Link Modules as part of their Leaving Certificate.

These Link modules are:

Link Module 1. Preparation for the World of work.

(Covered in 5th year)

- Introduction to Working Life
- Job Seeking Skills including setting up a C.V.
- Career Investigation
- Work Placement

Link module 2. Enterprise Education. (Covered in 6th year)

- Enterprise Skills
- Local Business Enterprises
- Local Voluntarily Organisations
- An Enterprise activity

What are the Requirements for Participation in LCVP ?

- Students must take at least 5 subjects including Irish (unless exempt).
- Two of these subject must be from the designated VSG* (Vocational Subject Groupings) *A copy of this document will be shared on google drive. You are also being asked to fill out a Google form.
- Students must study [Link Module 1](#) and [Link Module 2](#).
- Students must study a modern European Language or a Vocational Language Module. (a short European language module put on by the school)

Assessment of the LCVP

- At the end of 6th year students must:
 - Submit a Portfolio comprising six items (most of this will have been done in 5th year, its worth 60% of the marks)
 - Undertake a 2.5 hour Written Examination (done in May of 6th year worth 40% of the marks)

Assessment of the LCVP contd

- Portfolio (60%)

- Core (ie. compulsory)

- CV (this is a live document and will be for the rest of your life) **Sept. 5th yr.**
- Summary Report (on a visit to somewhere out of the school) **Oct. 5th yr.**
- Career Investigation (investigating your career choice) **Nov. – Dec. 5th yr.**
- Enterprise /Action plan (you plan and organise an event) **Mar. 5th yr.**

- Optional (any two)

- Diary of work experience* **Feb. 5th yr.**
- Formal Report
- My own place report (a report on your own community)
- Recorded Interview* or a Presentation. Preparation for this in **April. 5th yr.**

Assessment of the LCVP Contd.

- **Written Examination.** (40%) (In May of 6th Year)
 - Section A: Audio Visual Questions
 - Section B: Case Study questions. (Case study sent to schools in advance)
 - Section C: General questions answer 4 out of 10

What points are awarded for LCVP in the Leaving Certificate?

Percentage %	Grade	Points
80 – 100%	Distinction	66
65 – 79%	Merit	46
50 – 64%	Pass	28

Its worth noting here that at Easter of 5th yr. a student who has their portfolio finished to:

Distinction level will have 60% of 66 Leaving Cert points accumulated. (40 points) this is for one hour a week in 5th year.

Merit level will have 60% of 46 LC points accumulated. (28 points)

Pass level will have 60% of 28 LC points accumulated.

Benefits of LCVP

- Become innovative and enterprising.
- Take responsibility for your own learning.
- Adapt to changing circumstances.
- Evaluate data and devise solutions to problems.
- Communicate your thoughts and ideas effectively.
- Work with others as part as a team.
- Investigate and plan career options.
- Use information and communication technologies.
- Investigate local business and community enterprises.
- Learn from your experience's, particularly from your work experience placement.

Reminder again of the Requirements for Participation in L.C.V.P.

- Students must take at least 5 subjects including Irish. (unless exempt)
- ***Two of these subject must be from the designated VSG (Vocational Subject Groupings)**
- Students must study [Link Module 1](#) and [Link Module 2](#).
- Students must study a modern European Language or a Vocational Language Module. (a short European language put on by the school.)

So students who don't satisfy these requirements cannot qualify for **L.C.V.P.*

This is where The ***Preparation for the World of Work Programme*** comes in!!

Preparation for the World of Work Programme - P.W.P.

- The P.W.P. is offered to all 5th year students in Heywood.
- Those who qualify for **L.C.V.P.** will, by default, be taking it but those who don't will be given the opportunity to avail of the positive benefits of it.
- It's a one year programme (one class per week) covering the **Link Module 1** of the LCVP programme.
- Its aim is to prepare students for the world of work regardless of whether they go to college or not.

P.W.P. contd

- Even students who go to college will, at some point, end up in the work place.
- At the end of 5th year /beginning of 6th year the year group will be divided into those who qualify for **L.C.V.P.** and those who don't.
- Those who qualify will follow **Link Module 2** of the **L.C.V.P.** programme.
- Those who don't will have a study period in 6th year.

Summary

So to summarise the P.W.P. programme consists of the **L.C.V.P. Link Module 1** which will only be one hour per week.

All students in 5th year will be following it.

The Programme

- Introduction to Working Life
- Job seeking skills
- CV (this is a live document and will be for the rest of your life)
- A personal profile identifying your strengths and weaknesses.
- Career Investigation (investigating your career choices)
- Enterprise /Action plan (you plan and organise an event)
- Summary Report of a visit out to a company or organisation.
- One week Work Experience.
- Interview preparation.

Work Experience

- 1 week work experience - February.
- Preparation before and review afterwards.
- Students organise their own work placement.
- Consideration should be given to possible choice of career. **Especially those of you who have not done TY.**
- Students Communicate to Business/Company/Organisation by letter followed by phone call.

Work Experience contd.

- Employer thanked in writing following placement.
- Employers report of student sent back to school which is reviewed by class tutor.
- A work Experience diary is maintained by students and submitted into their **portfolio**.
- Additional community placement days offered to all students e.g. Abbeyleix Hospital, Ballinakill Twin Trees Festival.

To Summarise

- **LCVP**

- Two year programme running concurrently with established LC. Helps students prepare for the World of Work and Enterprise Education.
- Qualification depends on your subject choice combinations.

- **PWP**

- One year programme in 5th year for those who don't qualify. Helps in preparing students for the World of Work.