



# Heywood Community School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

As you may be aware your son/daughter qualifies to sit the LCVP exam in 2021. This is an optional subject where students can choose to opt out in their Leaving Cert year.

However students and parents need to be aware of the following

- If you are doing any Ordinary level subject then LCVP (which is common level) is extremely advantageous: The subject is graded at **Distinction** 66 LC points, **Merit** 46 LC points and **Pass** 28 LC points.
- The points received for a **Distinction** in LCVP are greater than an O1 (90-100%) in any subject.
- The points for a **Merit** in LCVP is the equivalent of getting an O2 (80-90%) in a subject.
- To achieve 80% and over in an Ordinary level subject takes time, dedication and a large amount of studying.
- To achieve a merit in LCVP takes hard work in the classroom one hour per week following teacher directions. 60% of the work is a report consisting of six documents which students will complete in fifth year. (As a result of the school closure in March of this year the number of items for inclusion in the portfolio for 2021 has been reduced to four, all of which have already been completed in 5<sup>th</sup> year. So in effect students have secured 60% of their final mark already (provided their folio is up to standard) See page 70 on other attached document.
- Sixth year consists of one hour per week perfecting the report and working on the theory for the exam.
- The exam is held in May so students can then focus on their other subjects from then on.

## Leaving Certificate

Subjects	Level	Points	Subjects	Level	Points
Irish	H1	100	Irish	H1	100
English	H2	88	English	H2	88
Maths	O4	28	Maths	O4	28
Geography	H3	77	Geography	H3	77
History	H5	56	History	H5	56
French	H7	37	French	H7	37
Biology	H5	56	Biology	H5	56
			LCVP	Merit	46
			LCVP	Dist.	66
Total		414			Merit 423 Dist. 443

The above table just gives an example of how even having only one Ordinary level subject that LCVP can help you increase your points.

**Note 1:** Your best six subjects are used to calculate your points or your best five subjects plus your LCVP mark when greater than your lowest point's subject.

**Note 2:** If you do not want your son/daughter to continue following the LCVP programme please write a brief note expressing this and give it to Mr. Dowling

Kind regards

**Mr. Pat Dowling LCVP Co – Coordinator.**

**Ms. Nicoli Reddington Career Guidance teacher.**