

Senior Cycle Options Information Evening

Griffeen Community College

22nd Feb 2024



Before we start, please take a few minutes to complete this survey:

3rd Year Parent/Guardian Survey - Senior Cycle Options in GCC - Pre Information Session



School Uniform



School Uniform Supplier School Warehouse

- **Teal Senior Crested** Jumper or retain Navy from Junior Cycle
- **Shirt** - Pale Blue & School **Tie**
- Girls - Tartan Skirt **or** Trousers
- Boys Navy Trousers
- Navy socks
- School Crested **Jacket**
- **PE Uniform** - School crested Jumper and bottoms and school **crested T Shirt**
- Optional Extra: **TY hoodie**

Footwear

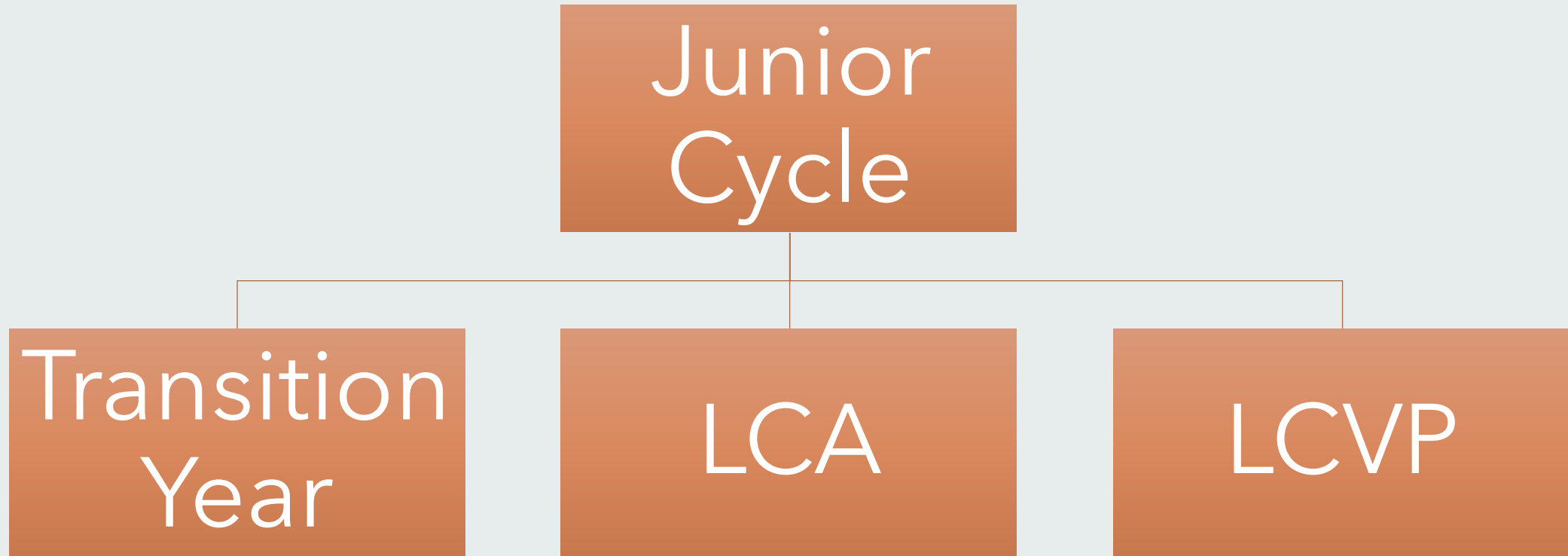


Wriggle Management Fee

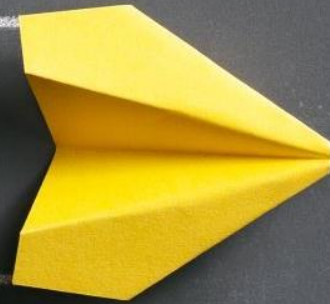
- Wriggle Management Fee is not Included in TY school Fee
- iPad Management Fee needs to be repaid for Senior Cycle
- Paid directly to Wriggle through their Website, not to the School
- Login Using the school code which will be distributed to Parents in May



What are the options available at GCC?



Leaving Cert
Applied



Leaving Certificate Applied

- Students are assessed across the two-year cycle.
 - **Credits** - Achieved through Key assignments and Classwork
 - **Tasks and interviews**- Interview based on written task report
 - **Final Examinations**
 - **90% Attendance**
 - **Work Experience** One Day Per week

LCA credit Breakdown

	Course (Subject)	LCA Year 1		LCA Year 2	
		Session 1 Sept-Jan	Session 2 Feb-June	Session 3 Sept-Jan	Session 4 Feb-June
Vocational Preparation	VOCATIONAL PREPARATION & GUIDANCE +12 credit exam	2 Credits Module Choice 2 Credits Module Choice Ongoing	2 Credits Enterprise 2 Credits Module Choice Ongoing	2 Credits Module Choice 2 Credits Module Choice Ongoing	2 Credits Module Choice 2 Credits Guidance
	ENGLISH & COMMUNICATIONS +12 credit exam	1 Credit Personal & Social Communication	1 Credit Communication & The Digital World	1 Credit Communication in Media	1 Credit Express Yourself
Vocational Education	MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS +14 credit exam	1 Credit Mathematics & Planning	1 Credit Mathematics & the World Around Me	1 Credit Mathematics & Life Skills	1 Credit Mathematics & Work
	VOCATIONAL SPECIALISMS Choose 2 specialisms from 11 options Over 12 credit exam per specialism	1 Credit Choice 1 Credit Choice	1 Credit Choice 1 Credit Choice 10 Credits Vocational Education Task	1 Credit Choice 1 Credit Choice 10 Credits Vocational Education Task	1 Credit Choice 1 Credit Choice
	INTRODUCTION TO ICT	Ongoing	2 Credits Intro to Computer & Word Processing	Ongoing	2 Credits Intro to Other Software & Apps
General Education	ARTS EDUCATION Drama, Dance, Visual Arts, Music	Ongoing	2 Credits Choice	Ongoing	2 Credits Choice
	LANGUAGES Over 4 credit exam per language	1 Credit Choice	1 Credit Choice	1 Credit Choice	1 Credit Choice
	SOCIAL EDUCATION +10 credit exam	1 Credit My Community Ongoing	1 Credit Contemporary Issues 1 1 Credit Social & Health Education 1	1 Credit Contemporary Issues 2 10 Credits Contemporary Issues Task	1 Credit Taking Charge 1 Credit Social & Health Education 2
	LEISURE & RECREATION Including PE	Ongoing	2 Credits Choice	Ongoing	2 Credits Choice
ELECTIVES	2 Credits Choice	2 Credits Choice	2 Credits Choice	2 Credits Choice	
		4 Credits Personal Reflection Task Part 1		6 Credits Personal Reflection Task Part 2	



VOCATIONAL SPECIALISMS

The two vocational specialisms: Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Active Leisure Studies are follow on courses and may only commence once the introductory courses: Introduction to ICT and Leisure & Recreation

NCCA Addendum

LCA students may access Learning Certificate Finalised (LCF) Mathematics and Modern Foreign Languages

More details:



LCA

- The application process will be open from **23rd Feb to 28th Feb**
- Places in LCA will be **limited to 12 students**
- Interviews and shortlisting will be required should the program be oversubscribed



Three rounds of offer

- **Round 1:**
 - Places will be offered to current Griffeen Community College students.
- **Round 2:**
 - Places will be offered to current GCC Students that are on the waiting list
- **Round 3:**
 - Places will be offered to applicants from other schools.

Application Process

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Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP)



What is Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)?

LCVP focusses on developing students'

- **practical skills** for the world of work

alongside

- **academic subjects.**



LCVP is a **core subject** in Griffeen Community College

LCVP is considered an extra subject by the State Examinations Commission (SEC) and the Central Applications Office (CAO) for the purpose of college points allocation.

Subject Groupings



Core subjects

English

Irish

Maths

MFL: Spanish

Option Subjects may include...

Geography

History

Business Accountancy

Art

Biology

Construction

Chemistry

Religion

Politics & Society

Wellbeing/Support

Guidance Physical Education

Tutorial SPHE

LCVP Links Module



Why seven subjects?

CAO (Central Application Office) awards points based on the **best SIX subjects**



The Seventh subject = safety net

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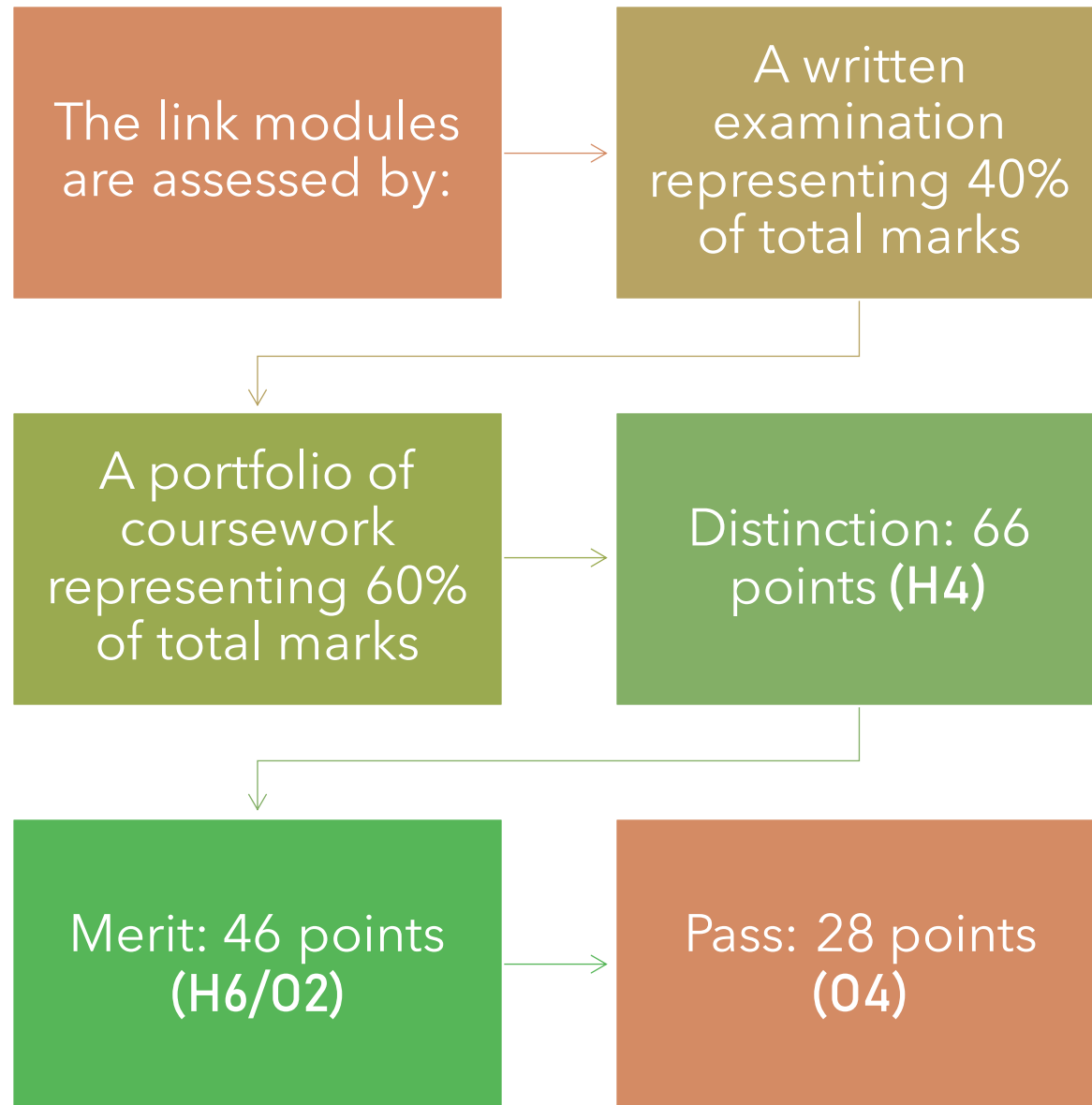
Timetable structured on all students studying **seven subjects**

LCVP — *extra safety net!!*



LCVP	LCVP
Grade	Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28

How is LCVP Assessed?



LCVP – Portfolio – 60%

Core Options

- Curriculum Vitae
- Career Investigation
- Enterprise/Action Plan
- Summary Report

Optional Items (any two)

- Diary of Work Experience
- Enterprise Report
- Recorded Interview/Presentation
- Report on 'My Own Place'

LCVP

The LCVP is made up of the following:

- Traditional Leaving Certificate Examination
- Two-year cycle

Subject choice

- March 2024
- Not guaranteed 1st choice
- Demand, School Resources, Facilities & Staffing

LCVP Exam – 40%

Structure of the **Written Examination**

Three sections:

- **Section A:** Audio Visual Presentation
- **Section B:** Case Study (received for advanced preparation by students)
- **Section C:** General Questions (4 out of 6)

The LCVP Exam

- Conducted in **May**

before

- **Leaving Cert State Exams in June** of Leaving Cert year.

The **Portfolio & Written Examination** are submitted for External Assessment by the State Exams Commission (SEC)

Programme
Choice &
Subject Choice

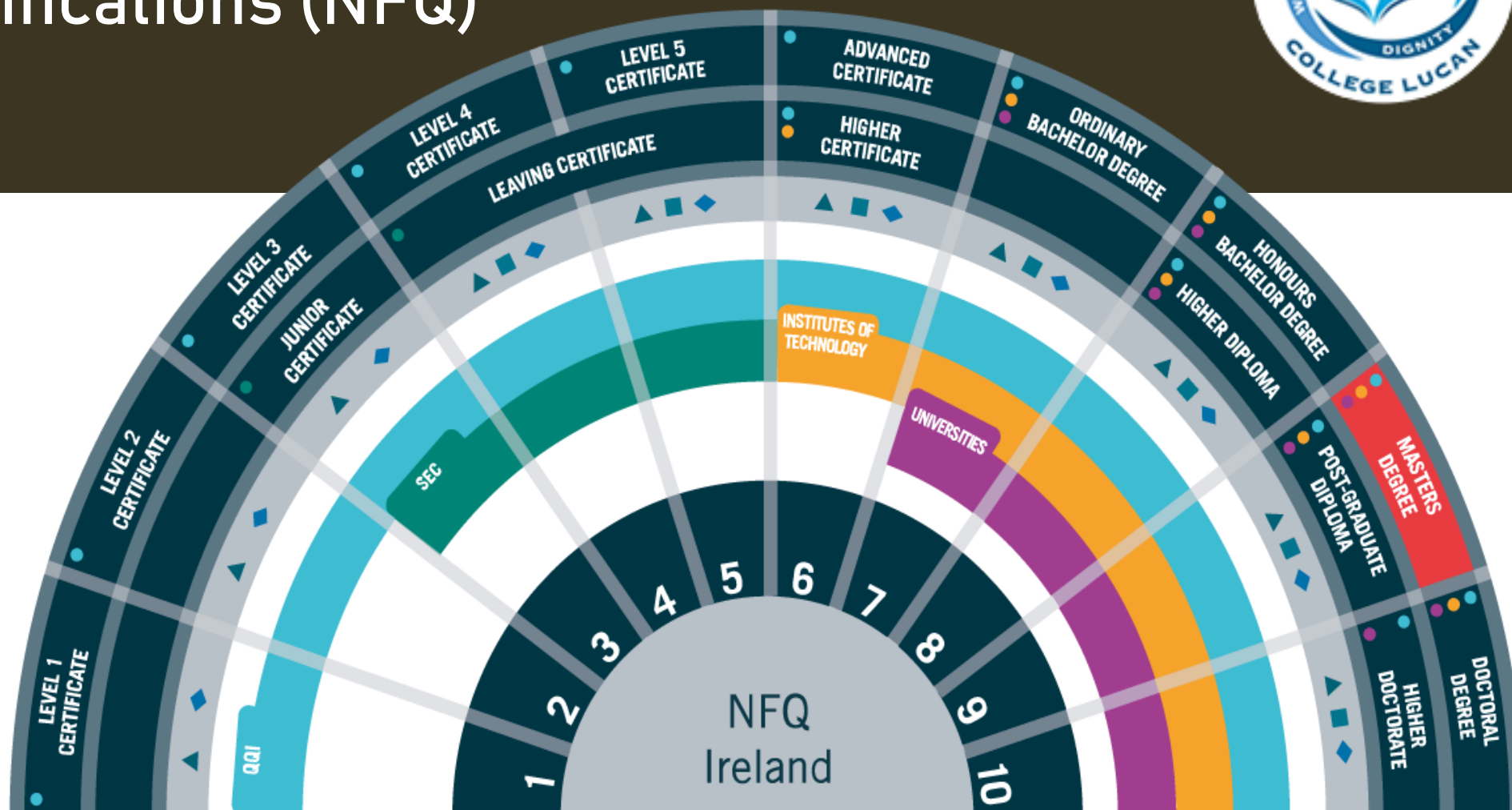
Future Options

EDUCATION & TRAINING OPTIONS

CAREERSPORTAL.ie
Ireland's Leading Career Guidance Website



National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)



www.qqi.ie

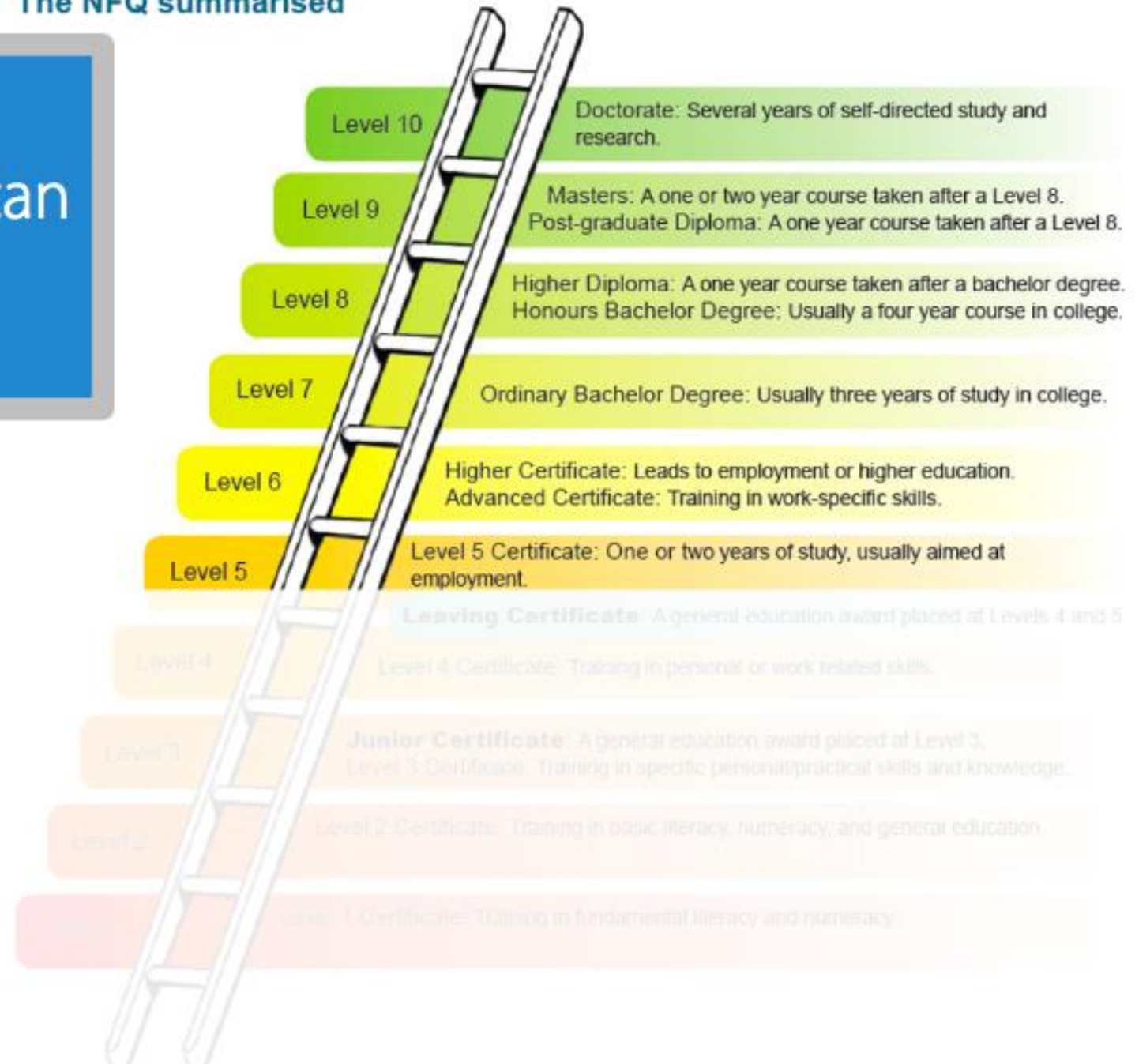
The Irish system is, in simple terms, like a 10 step ladder

The NFQ summarised

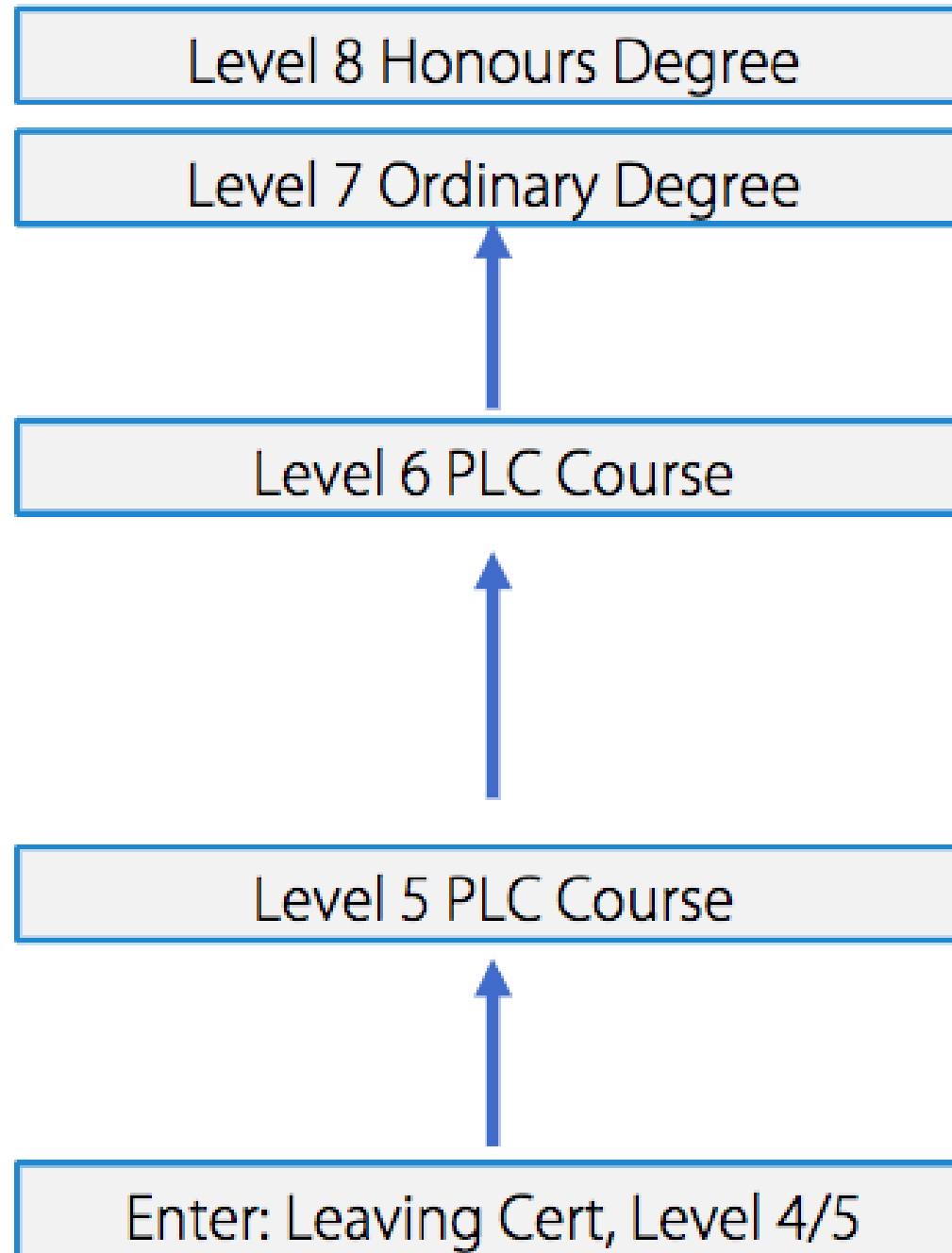


The NFQ summarised

And like a ladder, you can progress up, step by step



Sample Progression



Grading System at Senior Cycle

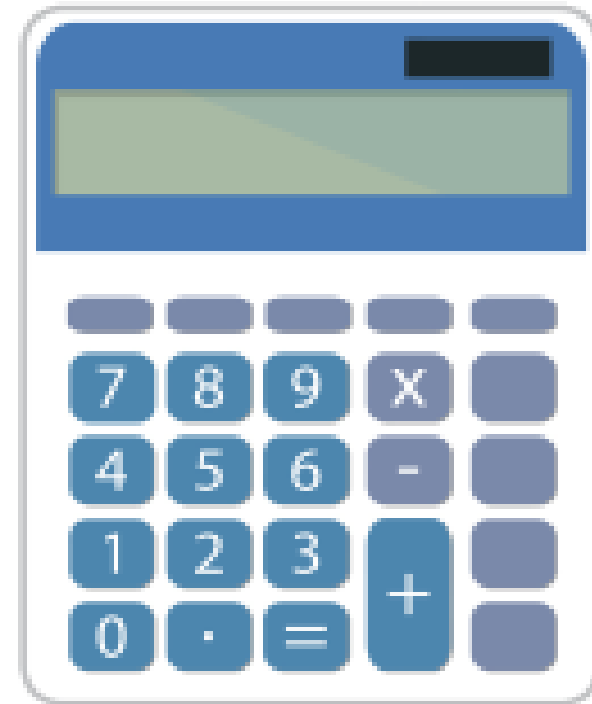


NewGrades	% Marks
H1 / O1	90-100
H2 / O2	80<90
H3 / O3	70<80
H4 / O4	60<70
H5 / O5	50<60
H6 / O6	40<50
H7 / O7	30<40
H8/ O8	0<30

Higher		Ordinary	
Grade	Points	Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

CAO Points

Calculated from top 6 Grades in
State Exam





3rd Level Minimum Entry Requirements/ Matriculation

Min Entry:

- Different universities - **different minimum** entry requirements.
- Most universities - (2 x **H5**) and (4 x **O6**)

Faculty Requirement:

Pharmacy in Trinity College Dublin:

- Achieve Pass Level in a second **language** (other than English)
- Achieve Ordinary Level, **04** or Higher level, **H6** in **Maths**
- Higher Level **H4** in Chemistry & Higher Level **H4** in **one** of the following:
 - physics, biology, mathematics, geology, geography, applied mathematics or agricultural science.

To get a place on your CAO course of choice...



The Golden Rule is:

Min Entry

+

Faculty requirement

+

Points

Points:

Depend on supply &
demand



Students: When making your decision think...

Am I prepared to work hard at this subject?

Will this help my future career area?

Is the subject essential or desirable for a possible career?



What are my skills and aptitudes?

Do I need this subject for my college course??

Do I like this subject / Am I interested in it?

Studying a Language or Science Subject

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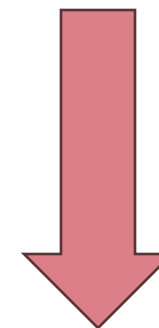
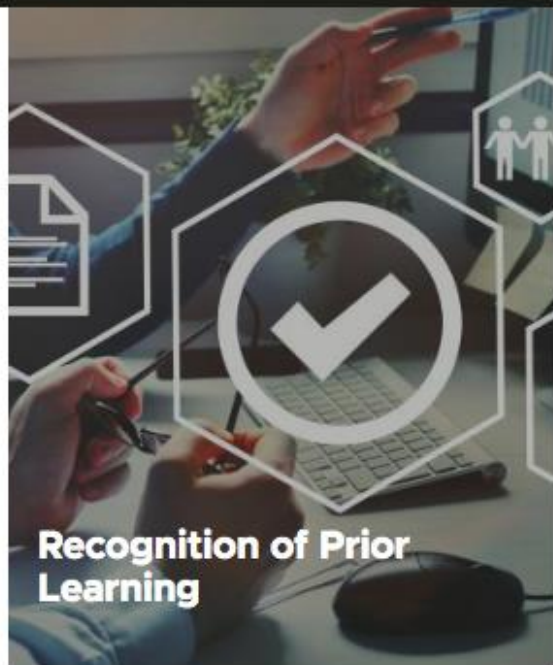
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Tool



Qualifax: every course explained



When it comes to your learning journey, the possibilities are endless. But it can be a little overwhelming. Qualifax can help you discover your pathway.



Subject Requirements Tool

Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.

Subject

A Science Subject



- 125 courses definitely require A Science Subject
- 91 courses may require A Science Subject
- 1349 courses do not require A Science Subject

Please select one of the 3 categories on the left.

All courses referred to in this section are Third Level CAO entry. The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2024

"A Science Subject" includes the following subjects: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.

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Subject

A Third Language



- 161 courses definitely require A Third Language
- 12 courses may require A Third Language
- 1392 courses do not require A Third Language

Total: 1565

Please select one of the 3 categories on the left.

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**"A Science Subject" includes the following subjects:
Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.**

"A Second Language" includes the following subjects:

What should you do next?



Check out College Prospectuses, college websites, apprenticeship brochures and job descriptions before making your choice.

Talk to your parents / Guardians, family and teachers about your options.

Visit relevant websites:

- www.cao.ie
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.apprenticeship.ie
- www.plccourses.ie
- www.qqi.ie



Any questions?



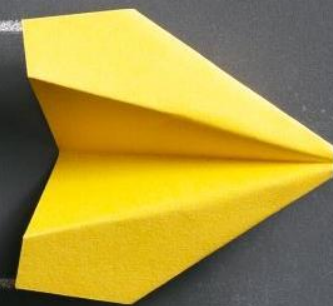
Contact the Guidance Counsellor
audreyward@griffeenccl.ie

If you are not staying for the TY presentation, please take a minute to complete this survey now

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Transition Year
(TY)



Transition Year

- Transition Year (TY) is a **one year**, school-based programme
- **Optional Year** - places limited to 48
- **Application process:**
 - Opens Friday **Feb 23rd**
 - Closes Wednesday **Feb 28th**
 - Interviews start during week **beginning 4th March**

Transition Year

- **Work Experience:**
 - One day per week (every Thursday)
- **Trips & Workshops:**
 - Monday Afternoon
- **Foreign Trip:**
 - Optional

Class Groups



Subjects in TY

Core Subjects – All year
English
Irish
Mathematics
Science
Spanish
Religion
SPHE
Social Development
I.C.T.
Work Experience (one day per week)

Sample Modules – Completed on Rotations	
Art	History
Geography	Photography
Outdoor Pursuits	Cookery
Business	Chinese
Music	Enterprise
History	Geography
Photography	Journalism
Podcasting	Film Studies
Radio Production	Driver theory test

Other experiences in TY

Opportunities & Experiences

Junior Achievement Ireland (JAI)

Driving School

Podcasting

Mini Company

First Aid Training (CPR for Schools)

Community Citizenship e.g. working with local community groups and charities.

Mentoring

Calendar Events

Regular Trips

Regular speakers, workshops and events in school

International Trip (optional)

Team Bonding Activities

Market Days

Performances

TY Graduation

Work Experience (WE)

- **One day** Per week (Thursday)
- **Different work placement** every term
- **Block Placements** - Apply through (WE) teacher and Program Coordinator
- Representing the school - **Code Of Behaviour**
- **Insurance letter** - Provided in June

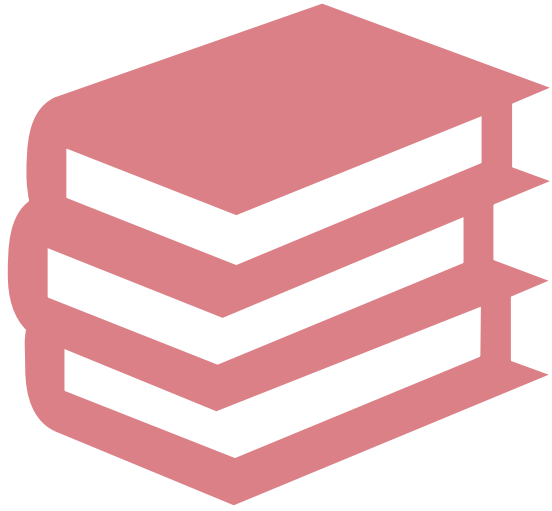
- **On return in August:**
 - Work Placement ***already secured*** by student

Assessment in TY



Students will be awarded credits for:

- **Portfolio** & end of year reflective interview
- Oral /Aural **assessments**
- **Project work** & presentations
- **Self** -assessment
- **Peer** - assessment
- **Written / Practical Class tests**
- Skills assessment
- **Attendance**
- Inhouse **Exams**



Transition Year Student Expectations

- To have full **attendance**
- To wear full **school uniform**
- To have items on **resource list** (Available in May - extra cost applies)
- To have **School Journal every day**.
- To have **iPad *every day***
- To follow **Code of Behaviour & all Policies**
- Mobile phones **turned off an in lockers** for the day. Parents contact students **through the school only.**

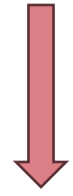
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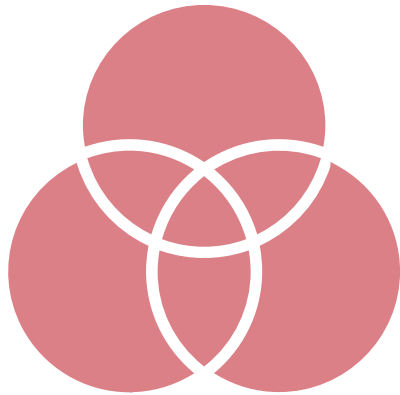
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Transition Year 2024/'25 Costs



TY Fee for Academic year 24/25:

- €500
- This fee must be paid in full by **August '24**

Installment options available as follows:

- **Installment One:**
 - Paid with Application Form €200
- **Installment Two**
 - €150 April 8th
- **Installment Three**
 - €150 May 6th

Transition Year Costs

€500 Fee covers **all Calendar Events**

** Please note: This fee does not cover the International Trip or any overnight trips. Students are not eligible for the Foreign Trip unless the installments are paid **

Students **not attending** the Foreign Trip

Secure **Block Work Placement**

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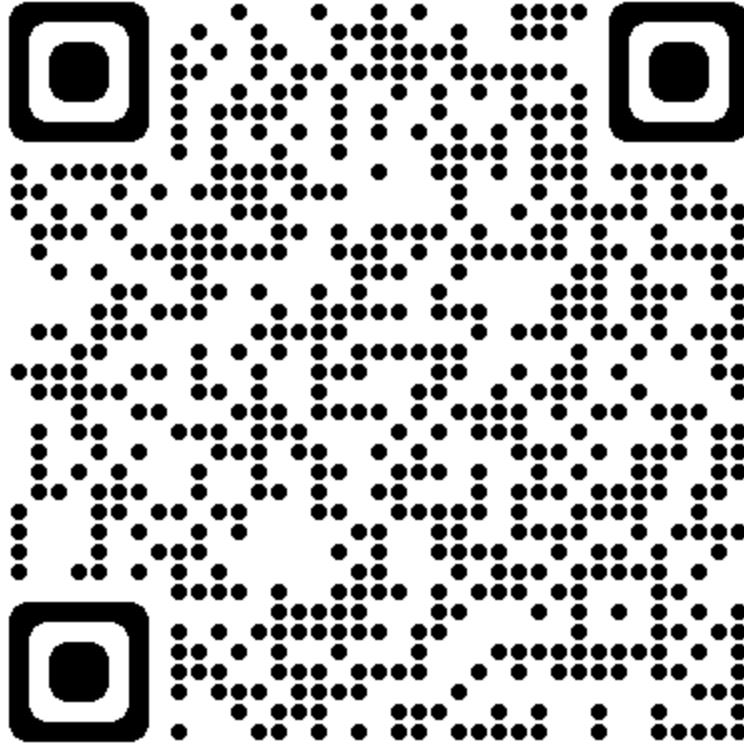
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