

Holy Family Community School

LCA Information 2023/2024 Part 2



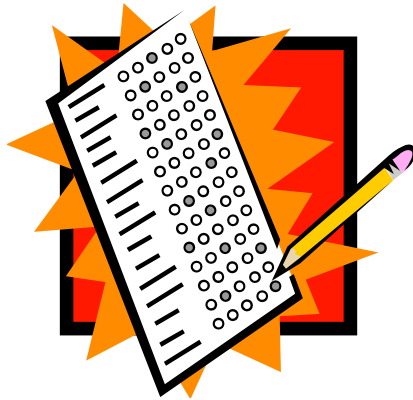
LCA Assessment Breakdown

Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance	62 credits										
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module•One credit per course module in which there is a final exam•Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam											
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Total	200 credits										

Student Tasks



There are 7 Student Tasks (projects) to complete over the 2 years.
Student tasks are worth **10 credits each.**



Tasks	Credit	%	Completed in session	Assessed
1.General Education Originating in Arts Education, Leisure & Rec., Language or Social Education	10	5	1	Jan/Year 1
2. Vocational Preparation Originating in either Vocational Preparation & Guidance or English & Communication	10	5	2	May/Year 1
3. Vocational Education - 1st specialism Originating in one Vocational Specialism	10	5	2	May/Year 1
4. Vocational Education - 2nd specialism Originating in the second Vocational Specialism	10	5	3	Jan/Year 2
5. Contemporary Issues Anchored in Social Education	10	5	3	Jan/Year 2
6. Practical Achievement Generally out of school/centre	10	5	3	Jan/Year 2
7. Personal Reflection Statement 1 from year one will be stored and returned to SEC when statement two is complete	10	5	on-going	May/Year 2

Subjects

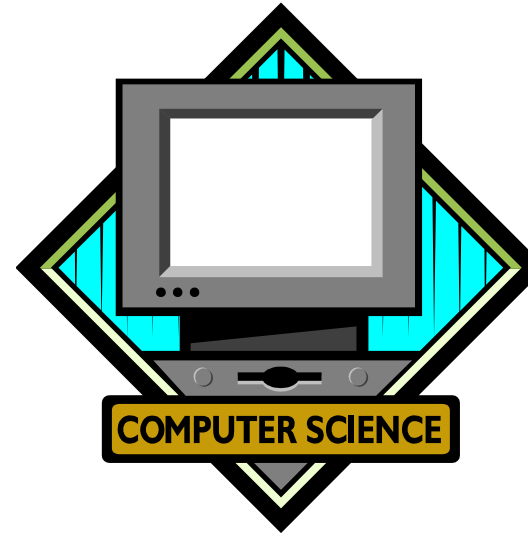
Students must complete all of the following subjects in LCA:

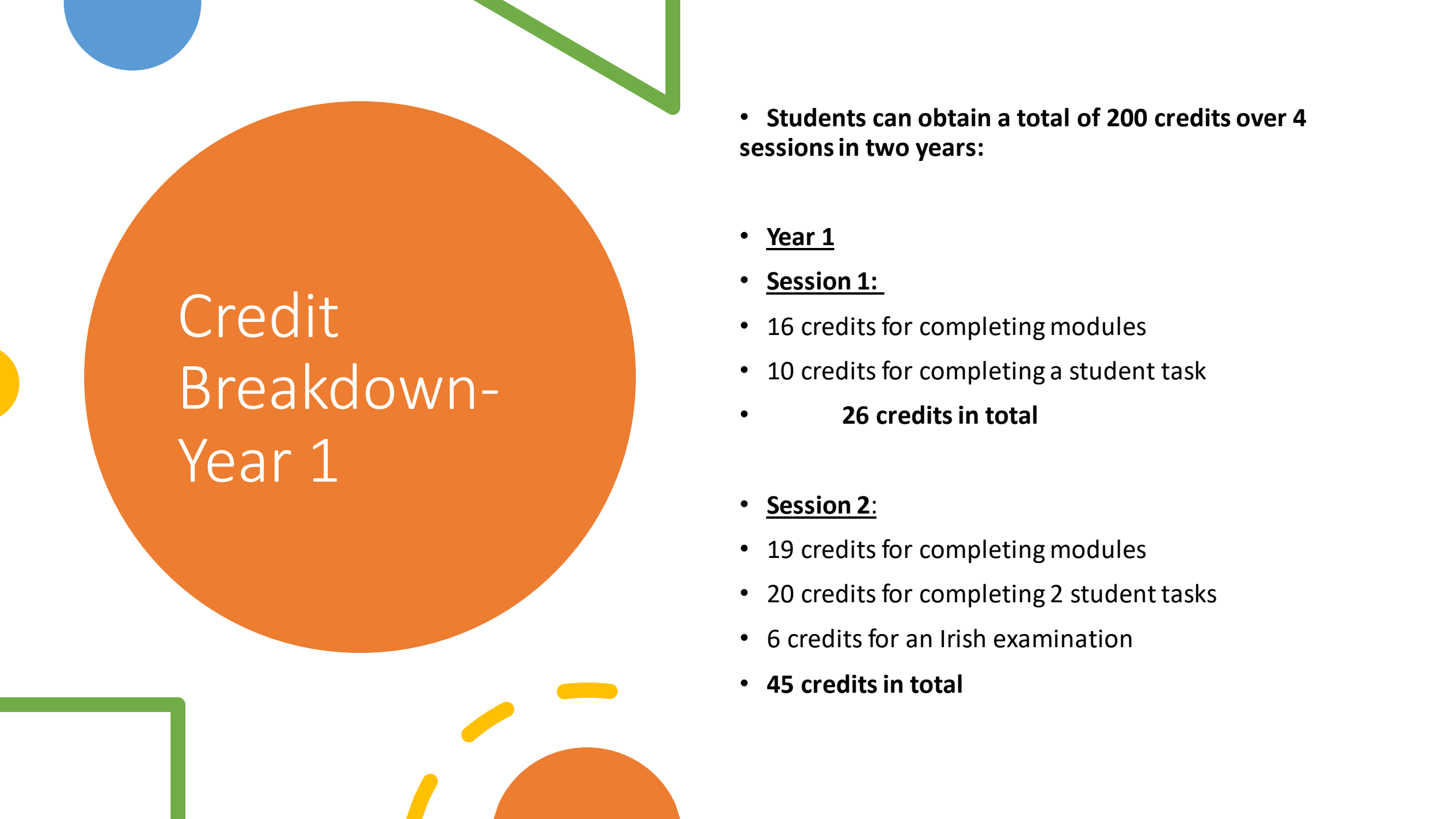
- ☐ English and Communications
- ☐ Mathematical Applications
- ☐ Gaeilge (Irish) is covered in 5th year
- ☐ French is covered in 6th year
- ☐ Vocational Preparation: Guidance, Jobsearch, Enterprise 1& 2, Work Experience 1, 2&3, Community Work, Work and Living



Subjects

- ☐ Hotel Catering and Tourism (Specialism)
- ☐ Arts- Visual Art
- ☐ Introduction to Communication and Technology (ICT) in 5th & 6th Year
- ☐ Religious Education (Elective)
- ☐ Horticulture & Agriculture (Specialism for LCA2 ONLY)
- ☐ Engineering (Specialism for LCA1 ONLY)
- ☐ Social Education
- ☐ Leisure and Recreation





Credit Breakdown- Year 1

- **Students can obtain a total of 200 credits over 4 sessions in two years:**
- **Year 1**
- **Session 1:**
 - 16 credits for completing modules
 - 10 credits for completing a student task
 - **26 credits in total**
- **Session 2:**
 - 19 credits for completing modules
 - 20 credits for completing 2 student tasks
 - 6 credits for an Irish examination
 - **45 credits in total**



Credit Breakdown - Year 2

- Year 2
- Session 3:
 - 12 credits for completing modules
 - 30 credits for completing 3 student tasks.
 - **42 credits in total.**
- Session 4:
 - 15 credits for completing modules
 - 10 credits for completing a student task
 - 62 credits for examinations
 - **87 credits in total.**

LCA Certification

- Students who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave the programme early will receive a **“Record of Experience”**.



Certificate awarded at 3 levels

Pass	120 - 139 credits	60-69%
Merit	140 - 169 credits	70-84%
Distinction	170 - 200 credits	85-100%

Do Leaving Certificate Applied students receive a Leaving Certificate?

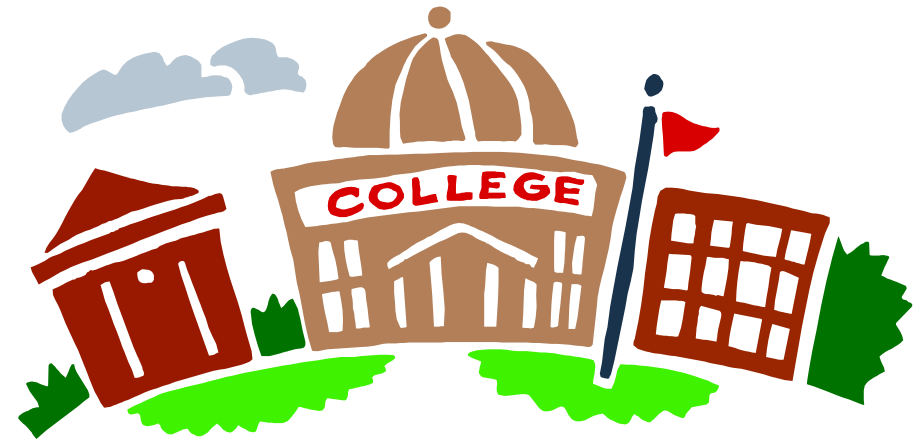
- Yes. Students who successfully complete the programme receive a Leaving Certificate from the State Examinations Commission.



WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO WHEN THEY FINISH LCA?

- Look for a job
- Get an Apprenticeship
- Apply to do a Post Leaving Certificate Course (PLC)
- Complete PLC course and continue onto college or get a job.
- Apply to become a guard, army officer, cadet, hotel employee, FAS, and as a bank clerk.

YOU CANNOT GO DIRECTLY INTO THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES



Work Experience

- One day a week – **COMPULSORY** (Work experience is worth credits over the 2 years).

LCA 1 every Monday

LCA 2 every Friday

- Students are responsible for finding their own placements.
- Book placements early as there is a demand for places with the increasing number of LCA students.
- It is recommended that students should get a different workplace **per session (4 over 2 years)**.
- Students have been given a hardcopy of work experience documentation including a copy of their insurance.
- All relevant work experience paperwork must be completed. (Vocational Preparation Teacher-G. Deasy (LCA2) K. O'Rourke (LCA1), has all documentation required.
- If your child is having difficulty securing work placement, then ***please contact me immediately via email l.obrien@hfcs.ie***
- Students who require Garda Vetting need to speak with Deputy Principal D. Maher ASAP, **as it can take up to 3-4 weeks for**





LCA Fund

- LCA Activity Fee of €40 and the Stationery & Photocopying Fee of €50 is now due. If there is an issue with payment, please contact Ms. L. O'Brien (l.obrien@hfcs.ie)
- Spontaneous & Ad-hoc trips/opportunities which companies/venues offer will incur extra small costs such as bus fees & admission fees throughout the year.
- **HFCS commits to being flexible and as forewarned & transparent as possible regarding costs. We will strive to achieve a balance between a richly rewarding programme & value for money.**

LCA1 Booklist

- Dialann Obair Baile (New Edition)
- 2 X Refill Pad (@ 2.20 each) € 4.40
- 2 X A4 Manuscript Copies € 4.40
- A4 Sketch Pad €5.00
- 2 X Display Folders (For English Notes & Hotel Catering & Tourism) €10.00
- LCA Maths Workbook 1 Golden Key Publisher €15.00
- LCA Maths Workbook 2 Golden Key Publisher €15.00
- The Student Task 1 Golden Key Publisher €22.00
- Smart Cooking 1 (New / Third Edition) €26
- The Learner's Record for the Classroom Guidance Module NFQ Level 4 €10
- ****All items are available in the school's bookshop, limited stock available****

All of the above are compulsory for LCA students

Retain: Casio Calculator & Geometry Set from last year

LCA2 Booklist

• Dialann Obair Baile (New Edition)		
• 2 X Refill Pad (@ 2.20 each)		€ 4.40
• 2 X A4 Manuscript Copies		€ 4.40
• A4 Sketch Pad		€4.95
• 1 X Display Folder		€5.00
• LCA Maths Workbook 3	Golden Key Publisher	€15.00
• LCA Maths Workbook 4	Golden Key Publisher	€15.00
• The Student Task 2	Golden Key Publisher	€22.00
• Smart Cooking 2 (New / Third Edition)		€30
• 1 x Contribution to the Graduation		€10.00

****All items are available in the school's bookshop, limited stock available****

All of the above are compulsory for LCA 2 students

Please retain all books/ materials/ equipment from last year

Microsoft Office 365

I have explained to all LCA students that I and subject teachers communicate all correspondence regarding the LCA programme through their Microsoft Office 365 email accounts. Therefore, It is **crucial** that your child has access to their Microsoft Office 365 accounts, and they **check it regularly** so they can keep up-to-date with the LCA programme.



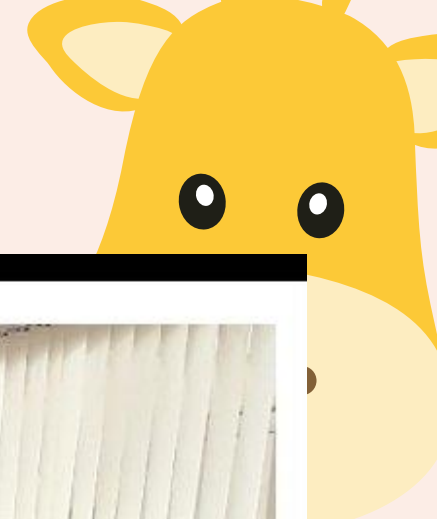
Digital Permission Slips

- Permission slips for trips are digital and are done through Microsoft Forms. Before a trip I send a link to your child's Microsoft office 365 email account to give you access to the permission slip. It is imperative that you read each section of the permission slip carefully, so I get the correct information. **Even if your child cannot attend you must still complete the relevant section of the permission slip to indicate they will not be attending.**
- Due to rapid inflation costs it is imperative that I get EXACT numbers for each trip, so vital funds do not go to waste. Most companies take payment **prior to the event**, so if you indicate that your child is going on a trip and does not attend their place has more than likely been paid for. If you complete the permission slip and for some unforeseen circumstances your child can no longer attend, **please contact me asap at l.obrien@hfcs.ie**





LCA 2022/23



Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied High Achievers 2023

Missing from photo: Diana Markova (Chemistry in TCD) and Oisín O'Luasa (International Business, DCU)



Thank you for your attendance
tonight, we are delighted to
have you all as part of our
school community

