

# LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

PROSPECTUS

*“All children  
are born for  
excellence,  
no child is  
meant for  
insignificance.”*

– KATIE TAYLOR



# BEAUFORT COLLEGE

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# Welcome | Fáilte

We are really pleased in Beaufort College to offer the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme as an option for our Senior Cycle students. The LCA is a full Leaving Certificate Award and offers pathways to further education and training.

LCA provides a different way of learning. This Programme suits students who wish to follow a practical programme and whose learning preference is continuous assessment.

The programme in Beaufort College is rich and varied in response to students' needs and interests. There are opportunities to apply knowledge and skills learned in practical ways. Work experience is a particular strength of the programme where students have real life work experiences. Students will have access to IT and smart devices.

LCA suits all types of learners. Strong student engagement in the programme means that LCA students become proficient in the 21st century skills of collaborative learning, teamwork, creativity and self-directed learning.

My vision for our LCA students is that they become confident, competent and skilled young people ready to take their place in further education or the world of work.

**Angela Crowcock**  
*Principal*

**Ken Flynn**  
*Deputy Principal*



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Here in Beaufort College, we have offered the Leaving Cert Applied Programme (LCAP) for many years and we have gained a vast raft of experience that we can pass onto your son/daughter if they choose to do the LCAP.

Over the course of the two year programme, your son/daughter will be an active participant in their own learning. They will develop their skills in teamwork, enterprise and organisation. They will gain confidence, self-esteem and self-awareness. They

will gain invaluable insight into the world of work through their sessions of work experience.

By developing these skills the LCAP students are thoroughly prepared for their chosen path either in the world of work or in further developing their career at third level.

**Mr Tom Lynch,**  
*LCA Co-ordinator*



*“The wide range of resources prepared by teachers to support teaching and learning was impressive.”*

– WHOLE-SCHOOL EVALUATION REPORT

## Our Mission Statement

Beaufort College is committed to quality education at both Second Level and Post Leaving Certificate Level. It seeks to enrich students' lives and empower them for life's challenges. This is done in a caring atmosphere of good order and discipline and in partnership with parents.

## Application Process

Application forms and information regarding our Admissions Policy can be obtained at our school reception or online. For information on school policies, consult the school website at: [www.beaufortcollege.ie](http://www.beaufortcollege.ie)





*“Beaufort was never just the name of the building; it was the community and the great atmosphere we found here”*



# LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

## Overview

The Leaving Certificate Applied Programme is a distinct, self-contained two year programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. The programme allows students to follow a practical Leaving Certificate with a vocational focus. Through innovation, students are prepared for the world of work and life-long learning.

The advantage of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme is that it allows students to practically apply their learning through continuous assessment marking. The two year programme is divided into four half year blocks called sessions. Student achievements are credited in each of the four sessions.

## Work Experience

Work experience is a compulsory component of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme. This module allows students to get first-hand experience of the world of work and sample a range of employment opportunities.

## Credits

Credits are awarded to students for attendance, completed coursework and final examinations. There are 200 credits available and these are awarded as follows:

62 Credits	31%	Attendance, class work & assignments
70 Credits	35%	7 Tasks (Projects)
68 Credits	34%	7 Final Examinations
Total 200 Credits	100%	

## Assessment & Accreditation

Students work is assessed through interviews, written, oral and practical components. Students receive regular feedback on their success, achievement and attainment from the State Examinations Commission during the two year programme.

## Smart Devices

Each Leaving Certificate Applied student will be equipped with a modern ICT Smart Tablet Device at an affordable cost, to support self-directed learning and project work.



## Certification

There are four ways in which the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme is awarded. They are:

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

**Note:** Students who receive fewer than 120 credits in the programme receive a Record of Experience.

## Subjects

Students participating in the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme will study:

English & Communication
Maths
Vocational Preparation & Guidance
Leisure & Recreation
Modern language
Gaeilge
Arts Education
Social Education
Information & Communication Technology
Elective Modules

Students will study two **specialist** courses from the following:

Technology
Hotel Catering & Tourism
Active Leisure Studies
Agriculture/Horticulture
Craft & Design
Engineering
Graphics & Construction Studies
Hair & Beauty
Information & Communication Technology
Office Administration & Customer Care
Childcare/Community Care

## Progression

Following completion of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme, students have the opportunity to progress onto Post Leaving Certificate Courses (FETAC Level 5), apprenticeships and other training awards programmes.



For further information contact the course co-ordinator or school guidance counsellor.



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