

## LEAVING CERT VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME (LCVP)

At St. Dominic's College Ballyfermot, we are happy to offer students the opportunity to choose LCVP.

The primary goal of the LCVP is to prepare our students for adult life by ensuring that they are educated in the broadest sense, with an ability to cope and thrive in an environment of rapid change.

Our Students who choose to take LCVP are encouraged to develop skills and competencies fundamental to both academic and vocational success. Typically, **LCVP students take seven Leaving Certificate Subjects plus the Link Modules**

### **Students in this class are encouraged to:**

- Be innovative and enterprising
- Take responsibility for their own learning
- Adapt to changing circumstances
- Evaluate data and devise solutions to problems
- Communicate their thoughts and ideas effectively
- Work with others as part of a team
- Investigate and plan career options
- Use information and communications technologies
- Investigate local businesses and community enterprises
- Learn from their experiences

These skills and qualities are equally relevant to the needs of those preparing for further education, seeking employment or planning to start their own business.

### **Link Module I – Preparation for the World of Work**

Students will research and investigate local employment opportunities, develop job seeking skills such as letter writing, CV presentation, interview techniques; gain valuable practical experience of the world of work; interview and work shadow a person in a career area that interests them

### **Link Module II – Enterprise Education**

Students will be involved in organising visits to local business and community enterprises; meet and interview enterprising people on site and in the classroom; plan and undertake interesting activities that will build self-confidence, creativity, initiative and develop teamwork, communication and computer skills.

Information and Communications Technology

During 5th and 6th Year students will develop skills to:

- Enter, edit, store, retrieve and print information
- Word process CVs, letters, reports and create illustrated documents
- Send and receive e-mail messages.
- Access and use relevant information from the Cloud, memory sticks, passports, and the Internet

## **Teaching and Learning**

Experiences such as work placement, career investigation, mini-enterprise, business and community visits are an integral part of the programme. Vocational relevance is enhanced by putting in place opportunities for students to plan, organise and engage in active learning experiences inside and outside the classroom.

- Conducting Investigations – businesses, community enterprises, agencies
- Arranging visits out of school to sites of interest in the context of conducting investigations.
- Inviting visitors to the classroom -adults other than teachers as resource visitors
- Working in teams – on projects and investigations
- Organising Enterprise Activities – setting up projects as vehicles of learning
- Actively preparing for work – career investigation, job search, practice at interviews
- Experiencing the world of work, work experience, work simulation, work shadowing
- Making presentations to adults and peers
- Using Information and Communications Technology – to access, store, communicate and present information.

## **Assessment of the Link Modules**

LCVP students follow the same subject syllabi and are assessed in the same way as their peers in the Leaving Certificate.

For the Link Modules they are assessed by Written Examination (40%) and by Portfolio of Coursework (60%).

The written examination takes place in May of the Leaving Certificate Year. The examination is of two and a half hours duration and consists of three sections which are outlined below.

### **The structure of the Written Examination is as follows:**

Section A Audio Visual Presentation  
Section B Case Study (received in advance by students)  
Section C General Questions (4 out of 6)

The Portfolio of Coursework accounts for 60% of total marks. Students assemble the portfolio over the two years of the programme and it is assessed at the end of the final year of the Leaving Certificate.

***The Portfolio and Written Examination are externally assessed by the Department of Education & Science.***

## **LINK MODULES - PORTFOLIO OF COURSEWORK**

### **CORE ITEMS**

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 Vocational Specialist Subject Groupings at St. Dominic's College Ballyfermot**

A student must be studying one of the following combinations to do LCVP:

1. Home Economics **AND** Biology
2. Home Economics **AND** Art
3. Accounting **AND** Business
4. Biology **AND** Chemistry
5. Home Economics **AND** Accounting **OR** Business
6. Art **AND** Accounting **OR** Business
7. Music **AND** Accounting **OR** Business