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LCA ADMISSIONS POLICY

Presentation Secondary School offers the Leaving Certificate Applied programme to students who wish to pursue an alternative Senior Cycle curriculum to that of the traditional Leaving Certificate.

The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is a distinct, self-contained two-year programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life. The programme puts an emphasis on forms of achievement and excellence which the traditional Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past.

It is an innovative programme in the way students learn, in what they learn and in the way their achievements are assessed. The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is intended to meet the needs of those students who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes or who choose not to opt for such programmes. The advantage of the Leaving Certificate Applied programme is that it focuses on the talents of each individual student and helps students apply what they learn in the real world.

The two-year programme consists of four half year blocks called sessions and achievements are credited in each of these sessions. For acceptance to the Leaving Certificate Applied programme, the school must be satisfied that a student is capable of benefiting from participation in the Leaving Certificate Applied programme and, equally, that their participation will not prevent any other student(s) from benefiting from participation. Interested students should apply using the procedure outlined below.

1. Application Procedures

In the second term of 3rd Year/TY, the LCA Coordinator and TY Coordinator will visit all 3rd Year/4th Year classes. They will outline the choices available to them after Junior Cycle/TY and give them LCA application forms.

The LCA and TY Coordinator will liaise with the Deputy Principal and the 3rd year and 4th year Year Head to identify possible students.

Information on the LCA Programme may be given at the TY subject fair.

In the second term of 3rd Year/TY, the LCA Coordinator will host an information meeting on TY and the Leaving Certificate Applied programme. Attendance at this meeting by BOTH the prospective Leaving Certificate Applied Student and a Parent/ Guardian is essential and expected. The qualities and disposition essential for successful participation in the Leaving Certificate Applied programme will again be fully outlined to students at this presentation.

Students apply for a place by completing the LCA application form signed by their parent(s)/guardian(s). Applications will be considered valid only if they are fully completed and submitted to the LCA Coordinator's Office within the specified deadline.

The Leaving Certificate Applied Admissions Committee will be responsible for assessing applications and offering places. The Committee will comprise of the Leaving Certificate Applied

Coordinator, the Deputy Principal, The Guidance Counsellor and Year Heads of 3rd Year and TY.

The Leaving Certificate Applied Admissions Committee reserves the right to interview students, and communicate with their parents in relation to their applications and their suitability for participation. Shortlisting of applications for interview will be based on the admission criteria set out below.

The Leaving Certificate Applied Admissions Committee reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place, and accommodate the student in traditional 5th Year or Transition Year, as appropriate.

A decline of offer form will be completed by any parent and student who do not wish to accept a place in LCA.

Admissions Criteria

Each application will be considered on its own merit. In addition to the level of serious commitment

and Transition Year.

Once Students have replied and accepted the place, both the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) are expected to give an undertaking to arrange work-experience placements.

External Applications:

Any application to transfer to Presentation Secondary School from another school will be considered strictly under the terms of the school's Admissions Policy in relation to such transfers.

Signed: John Cullane
Chairperson

Date: 9/4/24

Signed: Jimmy J. Lee
Principal

Date: 9/4/24

