

# **Policy On LCVP**

**Coláiste Bríde  
Enniscorthy  
Co. Wexford**

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**Secretary,  
Board of Management**

### **LCVP AIMS TO ENABLE EACH STUDENT TO:**

- Take responsibility for her own learning
- Become more innovative and enterprising
- Communicate her thoughts and ideas effectively
- Investigate and plan her career options
- Develop key skills for the modern working environment
- Work well with others as part of a team
- Network with people in business and the community
- Access and use of computers

### **HISTORY OF LCVP**

Mrs. Acheson and Mrs. O'Halloran Leacy introduced LCVP to Coláiste Bríde in 1994 and at present there are a total of 55 students taking the programme. Students opting for the programme require three class periods per week including Career Guidance class.

### **PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS**

LCVP students must take a minimum of five Leaving Certificate subjects including Irish and a Modern European language. Two of these subjects must be selected from a list of Vocational Subject Groupings (see overleaf) and with our large range of subject choices, generally interested students automatically end up with a suitable group. Cross-curricular links i.e. using knowledge from different subject areas is a necessary requirement in preparing final exam material. Students are advised to pick their subjects first and if this results in the appropriate grouping then opt for LCVP.

### **CURRICULUM**

Students study two link modules over two years namely:

#### **(i) Preparation for the World of Work      (ii) Enterprise Education**

These are activity-based modules so there is very little extra study involved as students take LCVP as an extra subject. Students interact with business and the community in order to acquire the practical knowledge to be enterprising. In a rapidly changing, technological world, employers want their new employees to be well educated in the broadest sense, adaptable, multi-skilled, good communicators, capable of making decisions and potential lifelong-learners.

### **ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION**

Assessment comprises two elements:

- (i) **Portfolio of Coursework** – This is assembled over two years and represents **60%** of the total marks. It must contain 6 items of work e.g. CV, Career Investigation, etc. and is submitted in May of 6<sup>th</sup> Year for assessment.
- (ii) **Written Examination** – This takes place in May of 6<sup>th</sup> Year before the general Leaving Certificate starts in June. It involves a two and a half hour exam and represents **40%** of the total marks. This exam includes an Audio-visual presentation, a case study (received in advance by students) and General questions, all relating to Link modules studied.

Students will receive the results, along with the results of their other subjects in August as Distinction (80-100%) or Merit (65-79%) or Pass (50-69%). Universities and Institutes award 70 points for a distinction, 50 points for a merit and 30 points for a pass. Students can select LCVP as one of their 6 subjects for their point count for CAO courses.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR NOTICE**

Students wishing to do LCVP must have the following subjects.

Eng, Irish, Maths and German or French along with one of the following combinations.

1. Home Economics and Biology
2. Home Economics and Art
3. Accounting or Business or Economics (any two)
4. Physics and Chemistry
5. Biology and Chemistry or Physics
6. Home economics and any 1 of 3 business subjects
7. Art and any 1 of the 3 business subjects
8. Music and any 1 of the 3 business subjects

Students opting for LCVP will be studying 8 subjects in total.

Any queries regarding LCVP to Mrs. Acheson

## LCVP

Students are expected to study both Irish and a continental language if taking LCVP along with a combination of

### Exemptions

#### **Irish:**

The student must be taking Irish unless she has an official exemption from the Department. This exemption is granted through the official channels of office.

(Has happened that student registers for Irish and does not present herself for Leaving Certificate exam paper)

#### **German/French and Irish:**

If a student has been granted an exemption from Irish an application may be made to the Department for an exemption from the modern language component of LCVP. This application must be accompanied by a report from a qualified psychologist and a medical specialist, where relevant.

#### **German/French and not exempt from Irish:**

The student not taking German/French for LC will be covered for LCVP requirements if she follows a school ab initio course (no proscribed Dept. course) which consist of 1 class period/week for 2yrs or 2 classes/week for 1yr. An inspector may call to inspect. There is no official exam or certification for ab initio course. This data re student will be recorded on the October returns form – student's column.

#### **Repeat Student:**

A student repeating 5<sup>th</sup> year must qualify as normal.

A student repeating 6<sup>th</sup> year qualifies under 5<sup>th</sup> year conditions. Her portfolio, submitted the previous year, is used for assessment but the written exam is repeated. It is not necessary for a repeat year to have VSGs e.g. may not be repeating