

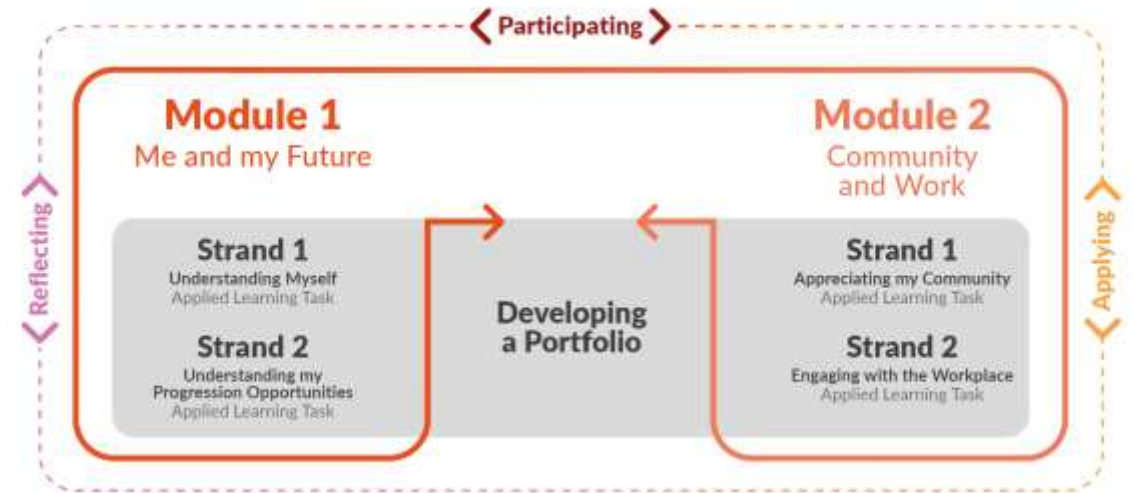
An introduction to LCW (formally LCVP) in Athboy Community School.

Life, Community & Work {LCW}



What is LCW?

- This is an optional add-on programme for students taking the traditional Leaving Certificate.
- An enhanced Leaving Certificate
- The specification is composed of two integrated modules:
 - Me and My Future
 - Community & Work



Module 1: Me & My Future

Strand 1

- Personal Development {Goal setting}
- Values [aptitudes, interests, achievements]
- Skills {transferable skills, technology}
- Personal Statements {CV/Cover Letter etc}
- Applied Learning Task {Development of Personal Statement}

Strand 2

- Career Progression Opportunities
- Career Investigation
- Work & Employment (Employment rights & responsibilities)
- Applied Learning Task {Career Progression Plan}



Module 2: Community & Work

Strand 1

- Community {Volunteering, Community Groups}
- Enterprise {Forms of enterprise, Entrepreneurial competencies}
- Design Thinking, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Collaborative problem solving to respond to real-life community issues & Presentation
- Applied Learning Task {Reflective piece}

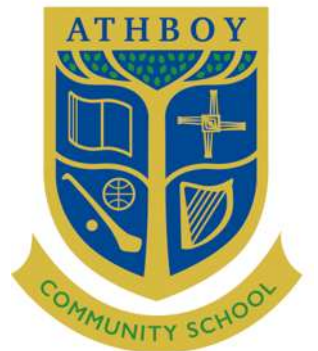
Strand 2

- Job Applications {Competency based applications}
- Engaging with the workplace {Garda Vetting, Social Media presence}
- Work Shadowing/Work Experience.
- Career Interviews
- Applied Learning Tasks {Goal Setting & Career Planning}



Work Experience

- All students will be required to complete three days of work experience or work shadowing for LCW.
- It is a mandatory element of the programme.



LCW and the Common Points Scale

LCW Points

LCVP Link Modules Grade	LCVP Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28

Leaving Certificate Points

Higher Grade	Points	%Marks	Ordinary Grade	Points	%Marks
H1	100	90 - 100			
H2	88	80 < 90			
H3	77	70 < 80			
H4	66	60 < 70			
H5	56	50 < 60	O1	56	90 - 100
H6	46	40 < 50	O2	46	80 < 90
H7	37	30 < 40	O3	37	70 < 80
H8	0	< 30	O4	28	60 < 70
			O5	20	50 < 60
			O6	12	40 < 50
			O7	0	30 < 40
			O8	0	<



Certification

- Distinction 80% - 100%
- Merit 65% - 79%
- Pass 50% - 64%



60%

AAC: Portfolio in Action

- A student's portfolio is an individual and unique collection of evidence and reflections of their engagement with the learning outcomes of the specification.
- The AAC will provide students with an opportunity to reflect on, refine and use the work from their portfolio in **year two of the course**, in response to a **brief, which will be issued annually by the SEC.**
- The brief will provide a context for students to demonstrate the work of their portfolio which they have developed over two years. Upon completion, **students produce an individual, multi-modal submission in a format prescribed by the SEC.**



Terminal Examination Paper

1st Wednesday in May in 6th year

- 40%
- The written examination will consist of a range of question types that will be designed to assess:
 - Learning described in the four strands of study
 - Application of cross cutting themes (participating, reflecting, applying)
 - Application of their engagement with the Applied Learning Tasks



LCW Recognition

- Students can use the LCW as one of their 6 subjects when calculating points for college
- The Universities and Institutes of Technology are awarding the following points:

Distinction	66 points
Merit	46 points
Pass	28 points

Typical LCW Activities

- Prepare a portfolio of work
- Inviting visitors to the classroom
- Conducting out - of - school visits
- Working in teams
- Investigating the local community
 - Organising enterprise activities
 - Actively preparing for work
 - Experiencing the world of work
 - Making presentations
 - Using ICT



LCW... some other benefits

- Developing key “Transferable skills”
- Access and use of ICT’s
- Report Writing Skills
- Career Investigation
- Job Seeking Skills
- Work Placement / Work Shadowing
- Interview Skills

