

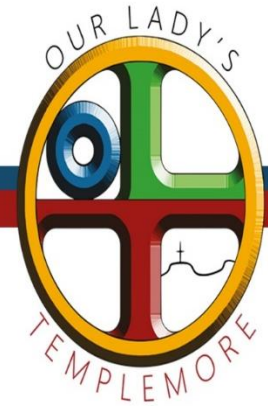


Information Session

Programme & Subject Choice

19th March 2025

Senior Cycle



A lot of decisions

LC & Subject Choice

LCA

TY

Preparation for Next Year



- Ms Boland & Ms Fogarty – speaking with students
- Form sent to parents to indicate preference
- VsWare open until **28th March** for subject choice at 5th Year
- Teachers have been speaking with students about options next year
- Programme Choice by **21st March**

Programme Information



1. Introduction
2. Leaving Certificate & Subject Choice
3. LCVP
4. Transition Year Programme

Ms Butler

Ms Boland

Ms Fogarty

Ms Fogarty



Leaving Certificate

Ms Boland

2 Year Programme - 7 Subjects



- 3 Core - English, Irish, Maths
- + 4 Additional Subjects
- LCVP (additional extra)

Subject Choice



+4 (5 required on Vsware Options)

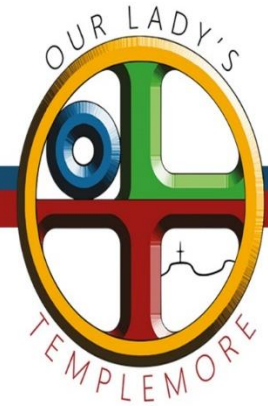
- French, German
- Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Ag Science
- Accounting, Economics, Business
- History, Geography, Home Economics, PE, Religion
- DCG, Engineering, Construction Studies
- Art, Music

LC Subjects and Projects



- Construction – Practical 25% Project 25%
- Engineering – Practical 25% Project 25%
- DCG – 40%
- Ag Science – 25%
- Art – 50%
- Music – 50%
- Home Ec – 20%
- Geography – 20%
- History – 20%
- PE – 50%
- Economics – 20%
- French Oral – 25%
- German Oral – 25%
- Irish Oral – 40%
- LCVP – 60% Portfolio 40% exam
- Business – 40%*
- Physics – 40%*
- Chemistry – 40%*
- Biology – 40%*

Things to Consider



Interests

Future

Strengths – Exam
Results
&
CAT

Interest Test Results



1. Realist – Practical, active
2. Naturalist – Outdoors, animals,
3. Enterprising – Business, managing
4. Social – People first
5. Investigative – Science
6. Administrative – Organisation, office
7. Creative – Design
8. Linguistic – Communication, languages

www.careersportal.ie

Implications for the future



Requirement V Foundation

Entry to third level

- College and Course Requirements
- Points
- Interview, Portfolio, Assessment



College Requirements



- Vary from one Higher Educational Institute to another
- English, Maths + 1 Language
- Additional requirements depend on the College & course
- Certain subjects are required while others are desirable.

College Requirements & Languages



- The National Universities of Ireland (UCD, UCC, Maynooth University and University of Galway) require a third language for many courses especially in the Arts, Law, Business, Health science, Medical and Social Science areas
- Language also required by RCSI and to join the Cadets in the Defence Forces
- Required for 162 courses, not required for 1375
- In addition to this, a European language gives students an advantage when seeking work placement or travelling in 3rd level and beyond



College Requirements & Languages



- Having a third language to LC also gives students a life skill which they may draw on in the future



College Requirements - Examples



- A Science subject is required for entry into a broad range of courses including courses in Sport, Health, Engineering, Science etc.
- 126 third level courses currently require a science subject and an additional 91 may require a science subject

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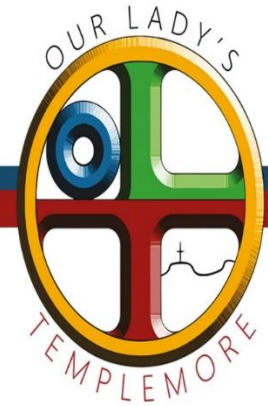
College Requirements - Examples



- Chemistry is currently required for 7 courses
- Medicine in Trinity requires H3 + H4 in two laboratory Science subjects
- Aeronautical Engineering in UL requires H4 in Maths & O6/H7 in a Science Subject or Construction or Engineering or DCG
- Human Nutrition & Dietetics in TU Dublin requires H4 in Chemistry

SEE WWW.QUALIFAX.IE & WWW.CAREERSPORTAL.IE

Points



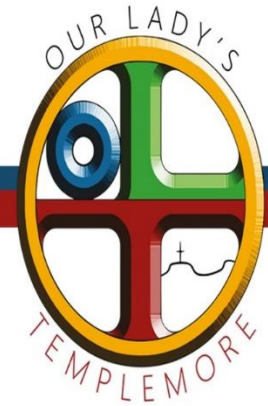
- Calculated on the six highest grades in the Leaving Cert
- Higher & Ordinary Level
- The points for College courses change each year and depend on the demand for the course



Leaving Cert Points Table

CAO Points Table					
	%	HL Points	OL Points	LCVP	
H1/O1	90 – 100	100	56	Distinction	66
H2/O2	80 – 89	88	46	Merit	46
H3/O3	70 – 79	77	37	Pass	28
H4/O4	60 – 69	66	28		
H5/O5	50 – 59	56	20	HL Maths	
H6/O6	40 – 49	46	12	+ 25 for H6 or above	
H7/O7	30 – 39	37	0		
H8/O8	0 - 29	0	0		

What is next?



- Discuss results of Interest Test & CAT test
- Research content of subjects on www.careersportal.ie
- Check entry requirements on www.qualifax.ie
- Speak to teachers and friends
- Ask for help if required

Conclusion



- Subject Choice - Keep your options open
- Choose subjects that you will enjoy and that you can do well in
- Research!
 - www.careersportal.ie
 - www.qualifax.ie

A screenshot of the Qualifax website. The header is black with the Qualifax logo on the left and navigation links (Courses, About Us, Information Hub, Calendar, News, Help, Q) on the right. The main content area has a green background with a white zigzag pattern. It features the text 'Qualifax: every course explained' and a search bar with a 'Search' button. Below this, there is a white box with the text: 'When it comes to your learning journey, the possibilities are endless. But it can be a little overwhelming. Qualifax can help you discover your pathway.' At the bottom, there is a small paragraph: 'Our comprehensive database of up to 15,000 courses is here to help students, jobseekers, parents, guidance professionals and graduates explore their education and training options. So whether you're a student looking for a CAO course or an employer interested in recruitment for that next promotion.'

A screenshot of the Careers Portal website. The header is blue with the 'Careers Portal.ie' logo on the left and navigation links (COMMUNITIES, EXPLORE, MEDIA, TOOLS) on the right. The main content area is white. It features a 'School' section with links to 'All Leaving Cert Subjects', 'Useful Subject Tips', 'Guide to Choosing Subjects', 'Subjects by Grade Explored', and 'FAQs'. Below this is a 'Leaving Cert Subjects' section with a sub-section for 'Practical Group' and 'Science Group'. The 'Practical Group' section includes links for 'Construction Studies', 'Engineering', and 'Technology'. The 'Science Group' section includes links for 'Agricultural Science', 'Applied Maths', and 'Biology'. On the right side, there is a small profile picture and a partial text box.

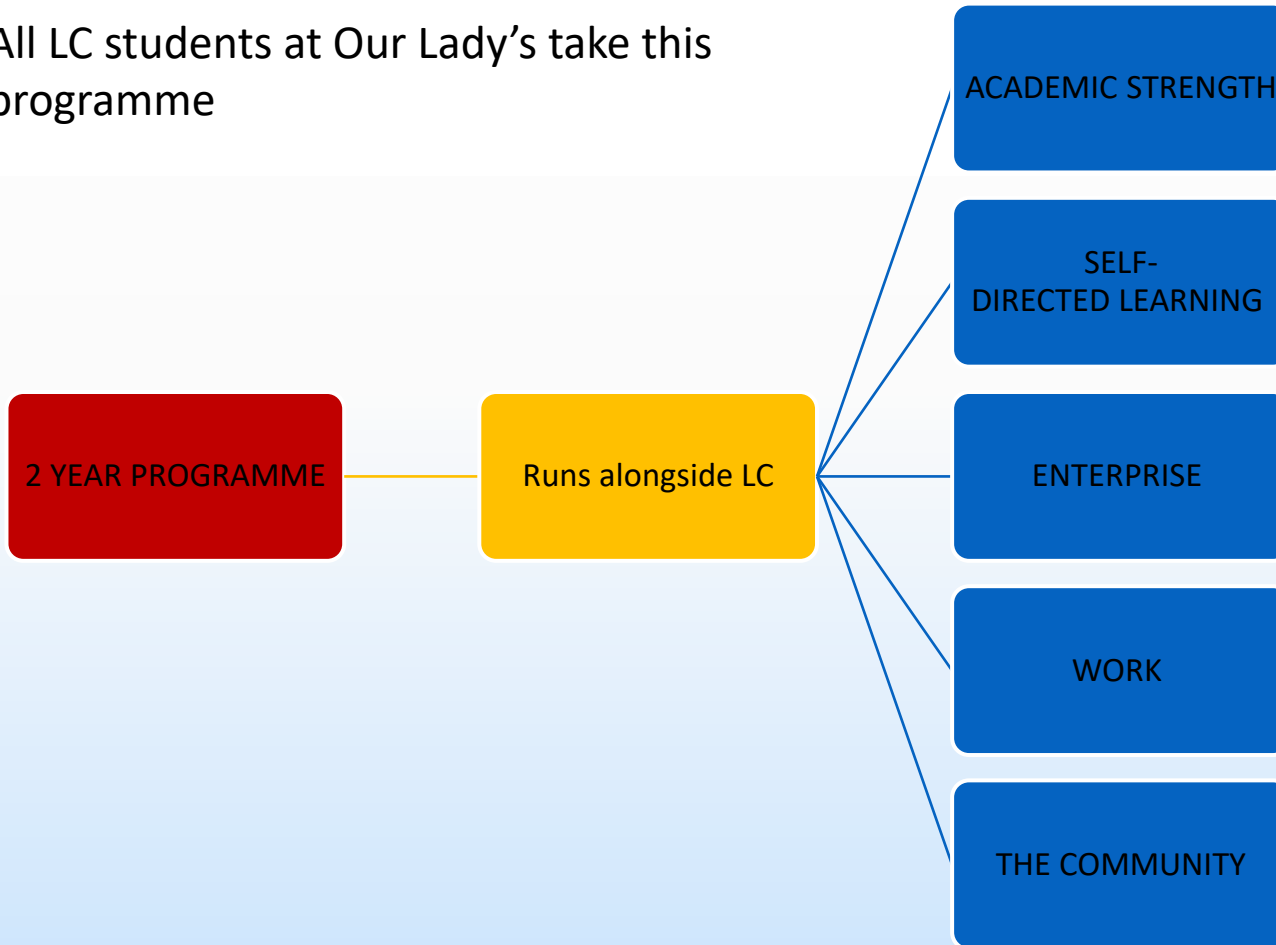


Leaving Certificate
Vocational
Programme
Ms Emma Fogarty

Leaving Cert Vocational Programme



All LC students at Our Lady's take this programme



Leaving Cert Vocational Programme



Portfolio

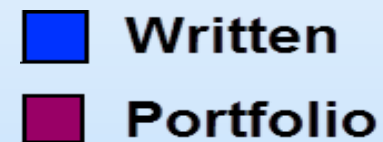
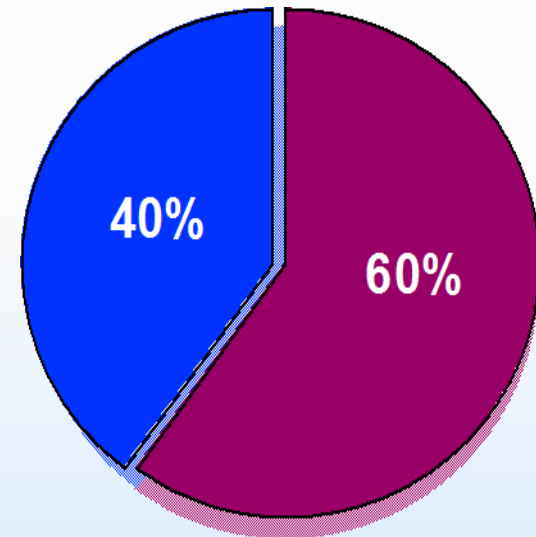
- Curriculum Vitae
- Enterprise Action Plan
- Career Investigation
- Summary Report

2 of the following -

- Diary of Work Experience
- Enterprise Report
- Recorded Interview
- Report on My Own Place
- Work Experience Feb 2026

Assessment –

Completed by May of LC year



Work Experience



- All LCVP students will complete 3 days work experience in 5th year.





Transition Year

Ms Emma Fogarty

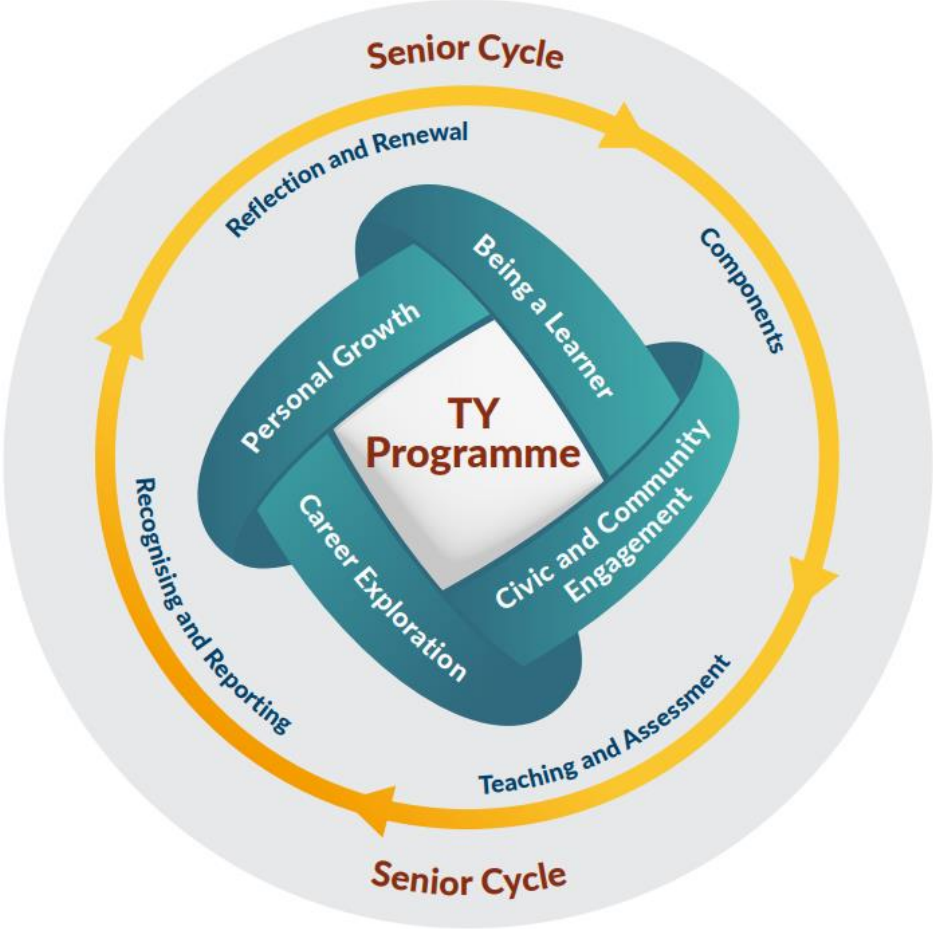
What is TY?



- The new TY Programme Statement is designed around the development and learning of students moving from junior cycle into senior cycle, and as they prepare for their future lives as local, national and global citizens.



Aims of Transition Year



Why opt for TY at OLT?



MATURITY



INDEPENDENCE
AND MORE
RESPONSIBLE
ATTITUDES



LEARN NEW
SKILLS



MAKE NEW
FRIENDS



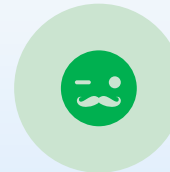
SAMPLE AND
DISCOVER NEW
SUBJECTS



DISCOVER MORE
ABOUT CAREER
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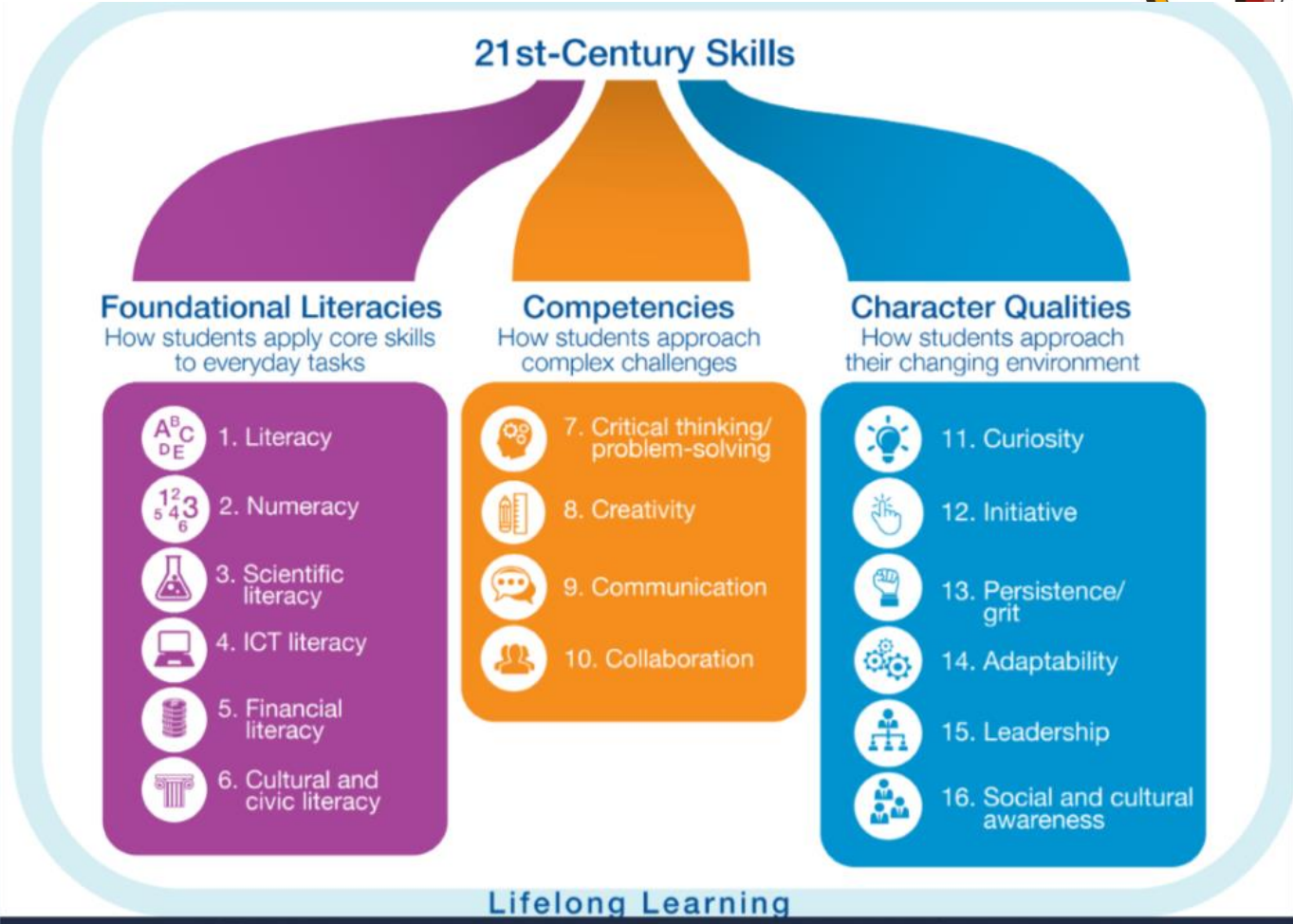
EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES
AND CHALLENGES



DISCOVER MORE
ABOUT PERSONAL
STRENGTH'S



21st Century Skills -OECD



Subjects/Modules



Core Subjects

Modules

TY Specific Modules

IT Training

Competitions such as Student Enterprise, Scifest, Angus Beef, EPAS and Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador Programme

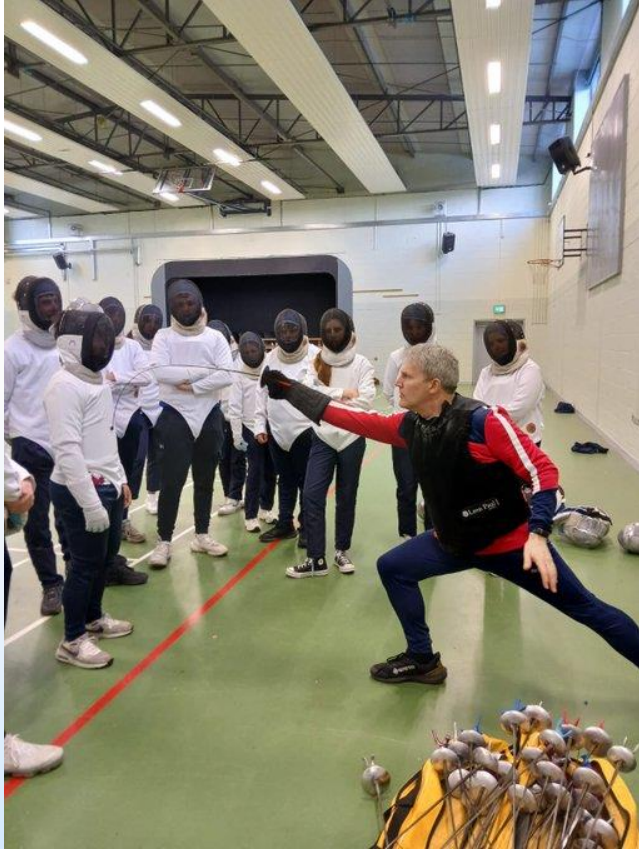
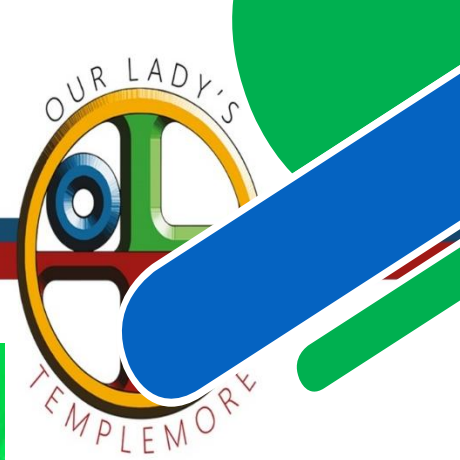
Work Experience



- Every Friday
- Maximum of three work experiences over the course of the year.
- Work Experience is evaluated and attendance checked
- Appeal to interests and future career choices



TY Activities & Trips



Sample Calendar of Events



2025		March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
24	25	26	27	28 Work Experience	01	02
03 Start module 3 rotation LCVP Portfolio Due	04 Garda College Event	05	06 TY Trip Dublin	07 SEA County Final TUS Thurles and Angus Beef Final Croke Park	08	09
10	11 Dance Class Kasia	12 TY OSCARS	13	14 Work Experience	15	16
17	18	19 Parent Information evening TY and Senior Cycle	20 Active Retirement Group MS Dreamspace. EPAS Soccer Event	21 Work Experience	22	23
24 Fire Station Group 1	25 Fire Station Group 2	26 SCI FEST	27 Fire Station Group 3	28 Work Experience	29	30

Cost of TY Activities

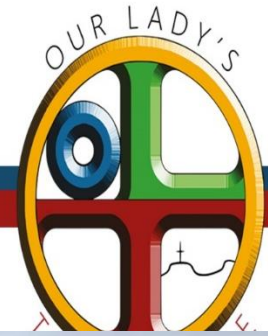


€600

- **Instalment Payment Dates**
- €200 11th April
- €200 6th June
- €200 29th August
- Payment can be made via Vsware



Optional Foreign Trip



Rome

Feb 2026

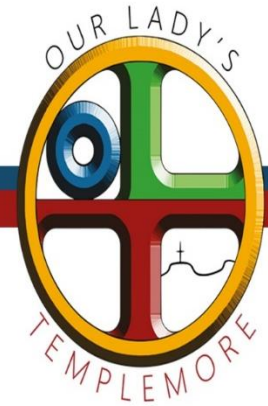
Cultural Tour

Approx. cost €900 (TBC)

Letter will issue to all 2025 TY
Students in April 2025



How is TY Assessed at Our lady's



Digital Portfolio

Work Experience Evaluations

Interview

Projects/Class Assignments

Oral language Tests

Christmas and Summer assessments in English Irish and Maths.

Credit System – students are awarded Pass, Merit or Distinction on completion of TY



You reap what you sow.





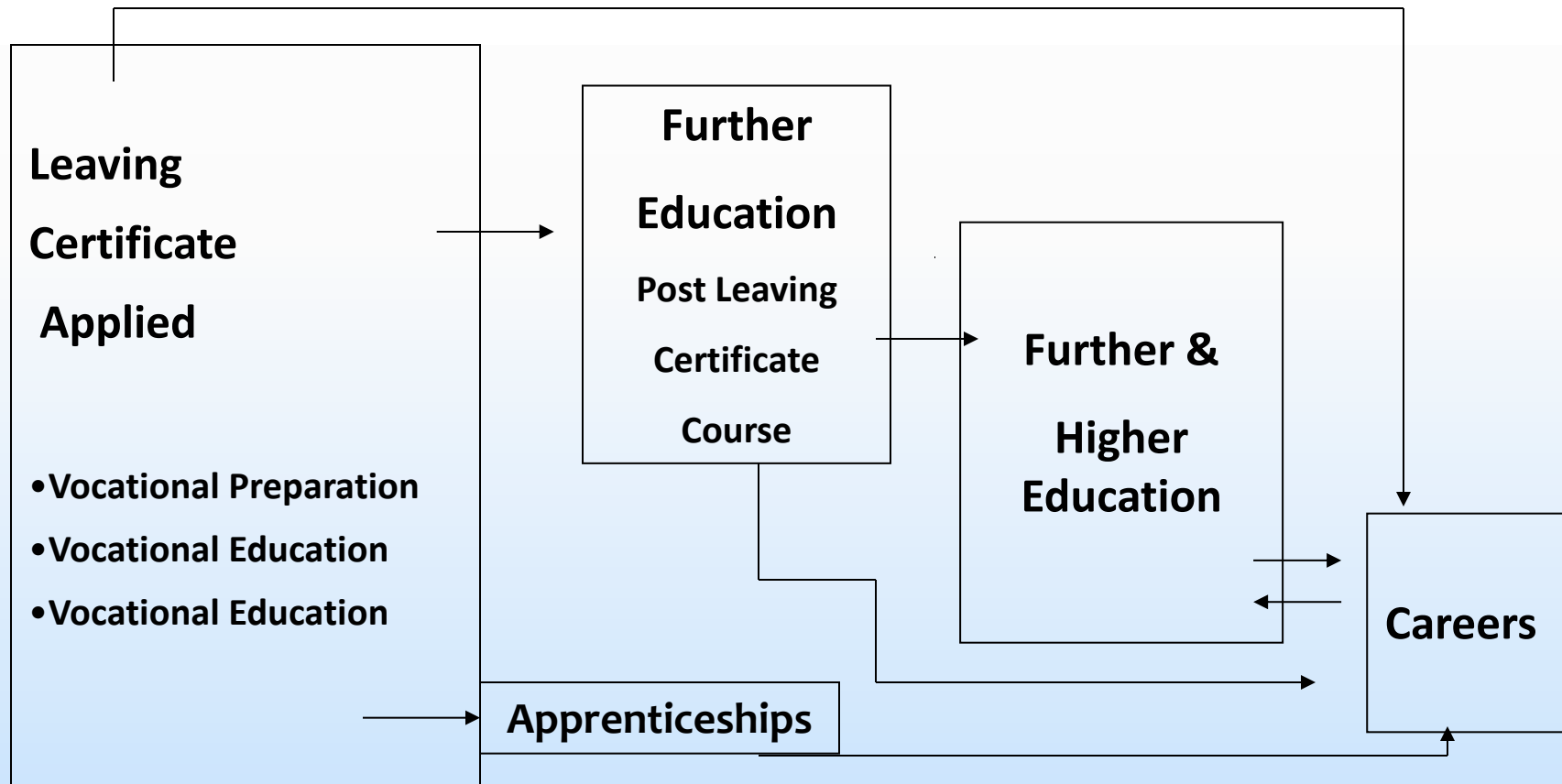
Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore

Leaving Certificate Applied

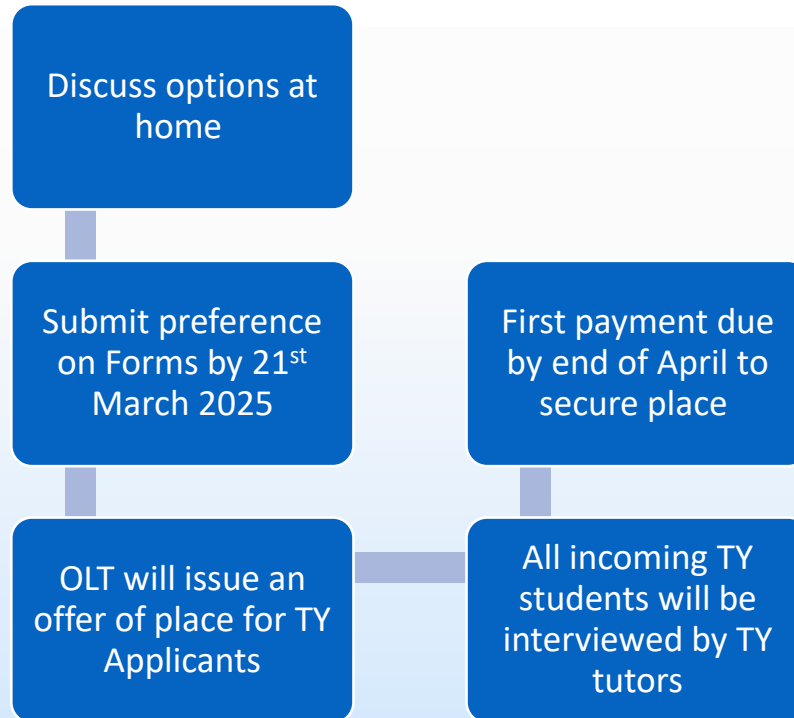


The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map

Assessment over 2 years



What Next? Students Going in to TY



WHAT NEXT? STUDENTS GOING IN TO 5TH YEAR



Discuss options at home



Submit programme preference on Form sent to parents via text message by 21st March 2025



Submit subject choice for 5th year on Vsware before 28th March



Parent Dashboard



Welcome to the Dashboard

This page is your one-stop-shop to view live notifications on your child's attendance, behaviour, reports and more. If you want to explore further, click into your child's profile.



Your Children



Your Contact Details



Notifications

Nothing to report!

Notifications related to your children will appear here when available.

Pick an area to explore



Attendance

Monitor your child's attendance at a glance, view records from an entire year or specific lesson.

[Learn More](#)



Assessment

View your child's full academic record, track progress over time and download term reports.

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Behaviour

Keep track of your child's behaviour, monitor progress & teacher feedback.

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Timetable

View your child's timetable, see realtime data for which lesson they are in at any given time.

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Personal Info

Overview of your child's key info. Ensure that this is up to date.

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Fees

Overview of school fees for the year, pay directly via card online.

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Student Options

Submit next year's subject preferences directly to the school.

[Learn More](#)

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Delete

Dear Parent/Guardian, Please select five subjects in order of preference from the list provided. Every effort will be made to assign student their top four choices. Please select the levels your son/daughter would like to opt for in Maths, English and Irish (If exemption exist select Curriculum Access) . If your Son/Daughter wishes to study LCVP, please select 'Enterprise Education', If not please select 'Social, Personal and Health Education'

On the table(s) below choose subjects in order of the highest priority of preference (1, 2, etc).

Closing date: 24/03/2021

Options

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▲
2	Geography
	French
	Agricultural Science
	Biology
3	Music
	Construction Studies
	Physics
4	Business
	Accounting
	Economics
5	Design & Communication graphics
	Chemistry
	Home Economics (New Syllabus - Scientific & Social)
	German
	Art (with Craftwork option)
	Physical Education
	History - Early Modern
	Engineering
	Religious Education

Maths Level

Preference

5	Select a subject ▼
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Maths Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▲ Select a subject Maths (Higher) Maths(Ordinary)

English Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

Irish Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

LCVP

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

Irish Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

LCVP

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▲ Select a subject Enterprise Education Social, Personal and Health Education

[Confirm](#)



What LC Programme has your son/daughter chosen?



Senior Cycle Programme
Selection-Third Year Students -
2025-2026



Conclusion



Questions