

L.C.V.P. Link Modules (Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.)

The student studies their subjects for the Leaving Certificate as normal and takes one new subject – think of it as the traditional leaving cert “enhanced” with a new subject called Enterprise.

This subject “Enterprise” is made up of 2 areas which give a link between all their other subjects. This subject teaches a range of skills not catered for by other subjects e.g. computer skills, interview skills, research skills.

The 2 areas are called:

1. Preparation for the World of Work;



- Investigations of local employment opportunities,



- Job seeking skills
- CV presentation,
- Interview techniques;
- Work experience
- Career investigations



2. Enterprise Education; Students will be involved in

- organising visits to local business and community enterprises;
- interviewing entrepreneurs
- focusing on communication skills
- improving computer skills.



How do you get the grades in the subject Enterprise?

60%- Portfolio or folder is typed in I.T. class

40% is for a final written paper.

The grades for Enterprise are; *Distinction* (80-100%) *Merit* (65-79%) *Pass* (50 - 64%)

Note: All other subjects are examined as normal in the Leaving Certificate and are marked on the normal way e.g.H1/H2/H3 etc.

What's it worth? Points:

The C.A.O. recognises L.C.V.P. and points are awarded for the subject **Enterprise** by all 3rd level colleges as follows:

Distinction =H4 66 points

Merit =H6/O2 46 points

Pass =O4 28 points

2 steps to qualify for Enterprise:

1) You must take a minimum of **5 subjects** for your leaving cert as follows:

Irish English Maths Modern Language Enterprise

2) **and** you must pick two other subjects- *as they are grouped below:*

1. Physics / Chemistry /Biology (any 2)
2. Accounting/Business/Economics (any 2)
3. Home Economics & Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
4. Art & Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
5. Music & Accounting **or** Economics **or** Business
6. Agricultural Science &Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
7. Agricultural Science & Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Biology
8. Home Ec. & Biology
9. Home Ec. & Art
- 10.HomeEconomicsandAgriculturalScience



Example of how a student picks their subjects.

Student A

Irish

English

Maths

French

Enterprise

*Art

*Business (link no 4)

Student B

Irish

English

Maths

Italian

Enterprise

*Biology

*HomeEconomics(link no. 8)

F.A.Q.

1. I have an exemption from Irish can I take LCVP? Yes
2. Can I take Polish as my language? No, the dept. says it must be a modern European language i.e. French/ Italian
- 3 I didn't do French for my Junior Cert- can I do LCVP? Yes-as long as you only take 7 subjects. You will have to do a conversation language class. You will not have to sit a Leaving cert paper in this language- you just have to attend the classes.
4. Can I take history (or geography)? Yes, but only if she is willing to take on 8 subjects for her exams which is a lot.
5. I want to do History and Geography; can I still do Link Modules? No. It would mean doing 9 subjects.
6. Can I mix link subjects eg take Physics (link 1) and Accounting (link 2)? No
7. Can I do honours Enterprise? No Enterprise the subject is offered at Common Level only- however you can take your other subjects at Foundation/Ordinary or Higher level.
8. So do I just do 1 subject for my Leaving then? No! You do a minimum of 7 subjects- one of which happens to be Enterprise.



“despite the value of the rote learning system, (i.e. me getting into college), its usefulness to me now that I am here is miniscule. **The “spoon fed”, “read - remember - repeat” basis of secondary school learning is of very little use.** However, it very quickly became apparent to me that the skills that would be of benefit to me would be those **skills that I picked up as a result of completing the LCVP Enterprise Link Modules.** Some of the skills that I am referring to here are skills of **self-motivation, the ability to research topics, report writing, and above all the confidence to formulate your own ideas and to express them through any media.**

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