

# Students' Guide to Senior Cycle Redevelopment

## I begin fifth year in....

## Changes to the Leaving Certificate Examination

### **I am Leaving Certificate Applied student/I will be a Leaving Certificate Applied student**

You may now access LCE Mathematics and an LCE Modern Foreign Language (MFL), subject to your school's timetabling

You may study LCE Mathematics either in addition to LCA Mathematical Applications, or instead of LCA Mathematical Applications.

You may study an LCE MFL in addition to the LCA programme.

An updated LCA Programme Statement reflecting these changes is available at [curriculumonline.ie](http://curriculumonline.ie) .

### **I am a Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme student/I will be a Leaving Certificate Vocation Programme student**

The changes outlined above may apply to you as an LCVP student, depending on the year you are due to begin fifth year.

You can now access the LCVP Link Modules (Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education) without meeting the vocational subject grouping criteria or the Modern European Language (MEL) requirements set out in Circular Letter 0040/2013.

All other requirements for participation in the LCVP continue to apply, including the Irish language requirement.

An updated LCVP Programme Statement reflecting these changes is available at the following link: [curriculumonline.ie](http://curriculumonline.ie)



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### I began fifth year in 2023 or will begin fifth year in 2024

If you began fifth year in 2023, or are due to begin fifth year in 2024, the Minister's announcement of 20 September 2023 will not impact you. You can find further information on the current Leaving Certificate curriculum on the National Council of Curriculum and Assessment website [curriculumonline.ie](https://www.curriculumonline.ie)

### I begin fifth year in 2025

The following subjects will have a revised curriculum (called 'specifications'): Business, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Arabic, Latin, and Ancient Greek (Tranche 1 subjects).

These subjects will feature additional assessment component(s) (AACs)

AACs will not be a traditional written exam.

AACs will be externally assessed by the State Examinations Commission.

Two new subjects will be introduced to a network of schools in 2025. For later years, it will be introduced to more schools on a phased basis. These subjects are (1) Drama, Film and Theatre Studies, and (2) Climate Action and Sustainable Development. If your school becomes part of a network of schools to offer either of these subjects, you may be able to avail of them.

### I begin fifth year in 2026 or later

The following subjects will have revised curriculum (called "specifications"): Business; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Arabic, Latin, and Ancient Greek (Tranche 1 subjects) and Accounting; Construction Studies; Engineering; English; Geography; LCVP Link Modules and Physical Education (Tranche 2 subjects)

These subjects will feature an externally assessed additional component(s) (AACs).

AACs will not be a traditional written exam.

AACs will be externally assessed by the State Examinations Commission.

Two new subjects, first launched in 2025, will continue to be introduced to a network of schools on a phased basis. These subjects are (1) Drama, Film and Theatre Studies, and (2) Climate Action and Sustainable Development. If your school is in the second or later phase of schools to offer either of these subjects, you may be able to avail of them



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