

Introduction to Leaving Certificate Applied for TY students and parents



Newpark Comprehensive School

People talking this evening

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LCA overview



Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

*Curriculum

What will I be learning about?

*Assessment

How will I be graded?

*Future opportunities

What can I study and work at later?

LCA

- Completely different programme to LCE and LCVP
- Designed to facilitate students who are more practically or vocational orientated
- **Applied** as opposed to **theoretical** – so LCA allows students to *apply* their learning and experiences to practical educational tasks at school, in the workplace and in the community
- 4 work experiences done over 2 years

Who takes LCA?

- I'm more practical than academic
- I learn better through *doing* than *studying*
(Think Jamie Oliver, Richard Branson...)
- Continuous assessment will suit me better than terminal exams
- Higher Education isn't a priority for me *right* after school. I'd prefer first to do a Further Education course, a traineeship/apprenticeship or go straight on to work

Students sometimes invited to consider, but never 'told'...

Curriculum

What will I be learning about?

There are **3 sections** to the LCA course

1. Vocational preparation

2. Vocational education (specialisms)

3. General education

1. Vocational Preparation

- **English & Communication**
Preparing for work (CV, letters etc); language skills for business; media; novel; play; short story; film.
- **VPG (Vocational Preparation & Guidance)**
Jobsearch; Enterprise; Community work; Careers Education
- **Work Experience**
4 two week placements over both 5th and 6th year

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- Mathematical Applications
Budgeting; Invoices; Household bills; VAT; Payslips; Measurements
- Information & Communication Technology
Computer skills – word processing, spreadsheets, databases; Graphics; New technologies
- Hotel, Catering and Tourism (HCT)
International food; Menus; Special dietary requirements; Preparing and serving a group meal (task); Hotels and restaurants; Tourism
- Active Leisure Studies
Outdoor education (hill walking, camping, orienteering, climbing), fitness plans; coaching (swimming, football); health & safety in sport
- Engineering (Fabrication, skills/techniques)
- Craft & Design (2D surface design, 3D design)

Active Leisure Studies outing



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- **Gaeilge**

Conversation skills; Culture; History of the language; Arts

- **Spanish**

Conversation skills; Useful Spanish (travel arrangements, directions, food); Greetings; Culture and the arts

- **Leisure and Recreation**

PE within the year group

- **Social Education**

Social & health education; Understanding your community; Contemporary issues (Task); Taking Charge (banking, insurance, renting etc)

- **Electives**

Four over two years choices to date include Hairdressing & Beauty, Music, Horticulture/Agriculture, Science and Childcare

Electives – four modules any combination ie focus on one or try out any four (non exam)

Work Experience Video



LCA – Assessment

How will I be graded?

- School based work – less homework, emphasis on project work, etc
- Approx 30% marks awarded for attendance and key assignments
- 35% marks awarded for 7 student tasks (completed over the 2 years)
- 35% marks awarded for exams at end of the second year
- So 2/3rd's of your LC done before June 2020!

Future Opportunities

1. Further Education

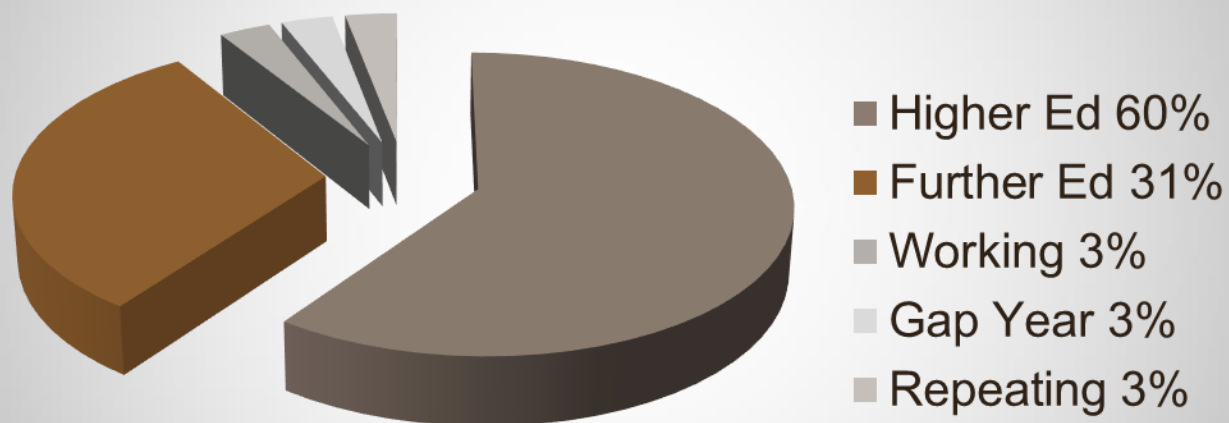
PLC courses in Blackrock, Dun Laoghaire, Bray etc

2. Apprenticeship/traineeship

3. Employment

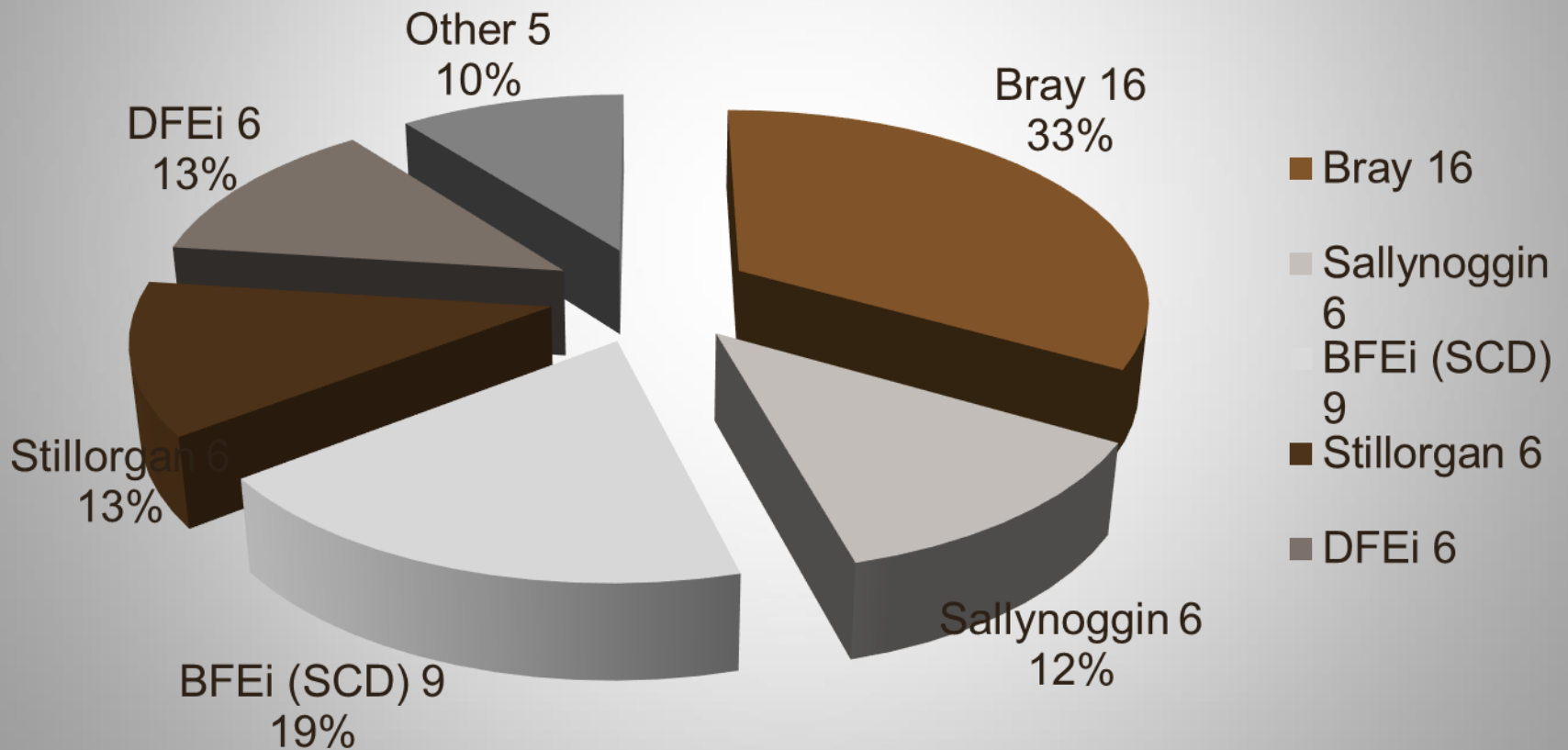
Higher Education Universities, Institutes of Technology

Where do Newpark students go?



Further Education students by institution, 2017

48 students in total



Further Education

- Vocationally orientated courses
- Fantastic variation of courses available
- Traditionally geared towards employment
- Can be used as a route to enter institutes of technology & universities (although progression not guaranteed)
- Shorter term commitment (1 or 2 years)
- Can be used for art portfolio preparation

When we said fantastic range...

MOODLE | EMAIL



BRAY INSTITUTE OF FURTHER

HOME

FULL TIME

PART TIME

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STUDENT AREA

APPLY NOW



ART

Art Portfolio Preparation
Art, Craft & Design
Fine Art

DESIGN

Fashion Design
Fashion & Textiles
Graphic Design
Architectural Technology
Furniture Design
Furniture Making & Restoration
Garden Design
Horticulture
3D Computer Design
Sustainable Construction Technology
Jewellery & Art Metal Craft

MEDIA & PERFORMING ARTS

Acting for Theatre & Film
Acting - Advanced for Stage & Screen
Dance Foundation Course
Dance - Advanced
TV & Film Production
TV/Film — Moving Image
3D Game Design
Games Development
Sound Engineering
Music Production
DJ Techniques & Music Production

SOCIAL, COMMUNITY & HEALTH STUDIES

Beauty Therapy
Fashion Theatre & Media Make-Up
Nursing / Midwifery Studies
Early Childhood Care and Education
Social Studies & Community Care
Supervision in Childcare
Holistic Health Studies
Health Care Assistant
Animal Care & Husbandry
Animal Care Co
Animal Science
Youth & Community Studies
Health Services Management
Science — Pre-University

SPORT & SECURITY

Sport & Gym Instruction Studies
Personal Trainer & Leisure Management
Soccer & Gym Instruction
Outdoor Sport & Recreation
Security Studies
Gaelic Games & Gym Instruction

OPEN UNIVERSITY

Psychology
Social Sciences
Health & Social Care

TOURISM

Tourism, Reception & Event Management
Tour Guiding, Cultural and Heritage Studies
Travel & Tourism Advanced Cert.

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Business Management & Administration
Management — Advanced Certificate
Accounting Technician
Arts Administration

COMPUTING

Information Technology with networking
Networks & Software Systems
Information Systems with Digital Marketing

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAL & STENOGRAPHY

Stenography
Office Administration & Computer Applications
Legal Executive Secretary
Office Management & IT Executive Secretary
Medical Secretarial Executive

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Repeat Leaving Certificate
Adult Leaving Certificate

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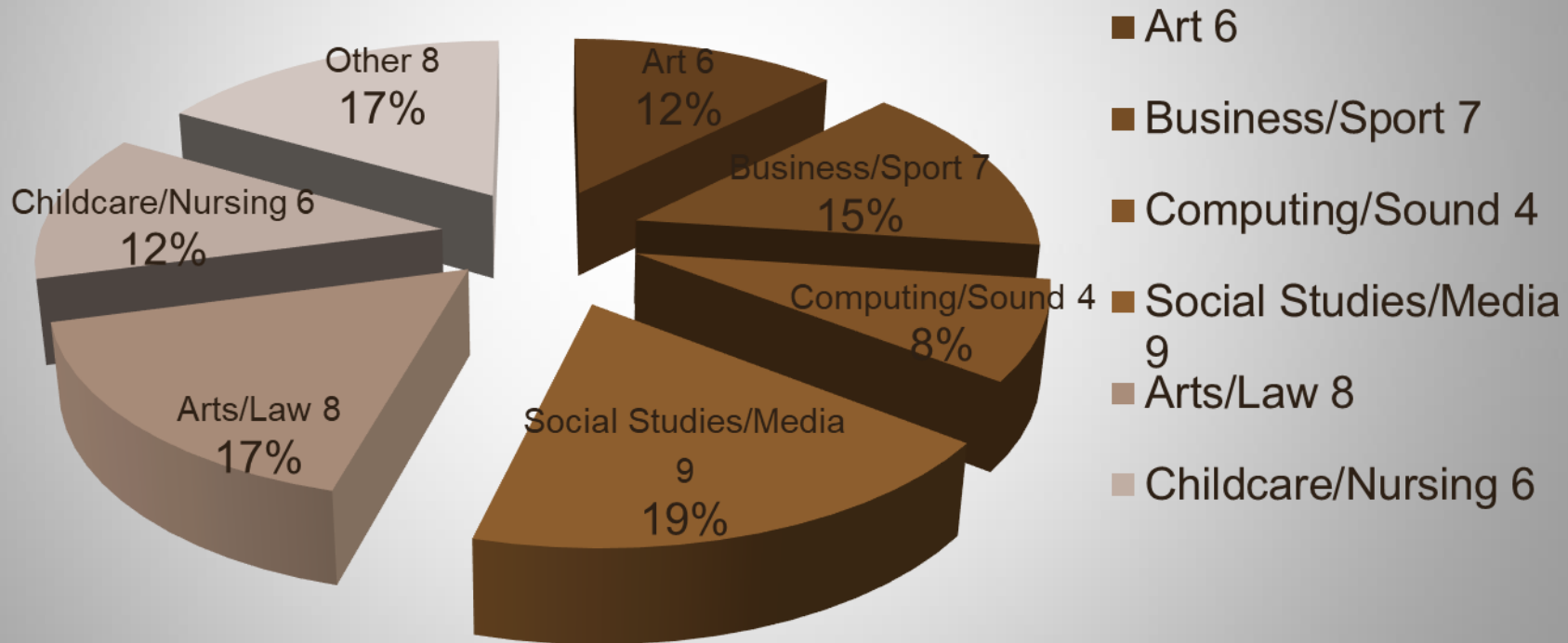
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We are located on Novara Avenue, Bray; 150 metres from the town centre and within walking distance of the Dart station. The Institute is just a short journey from Dublin City Centre.

Further Education students by discipline, 2017

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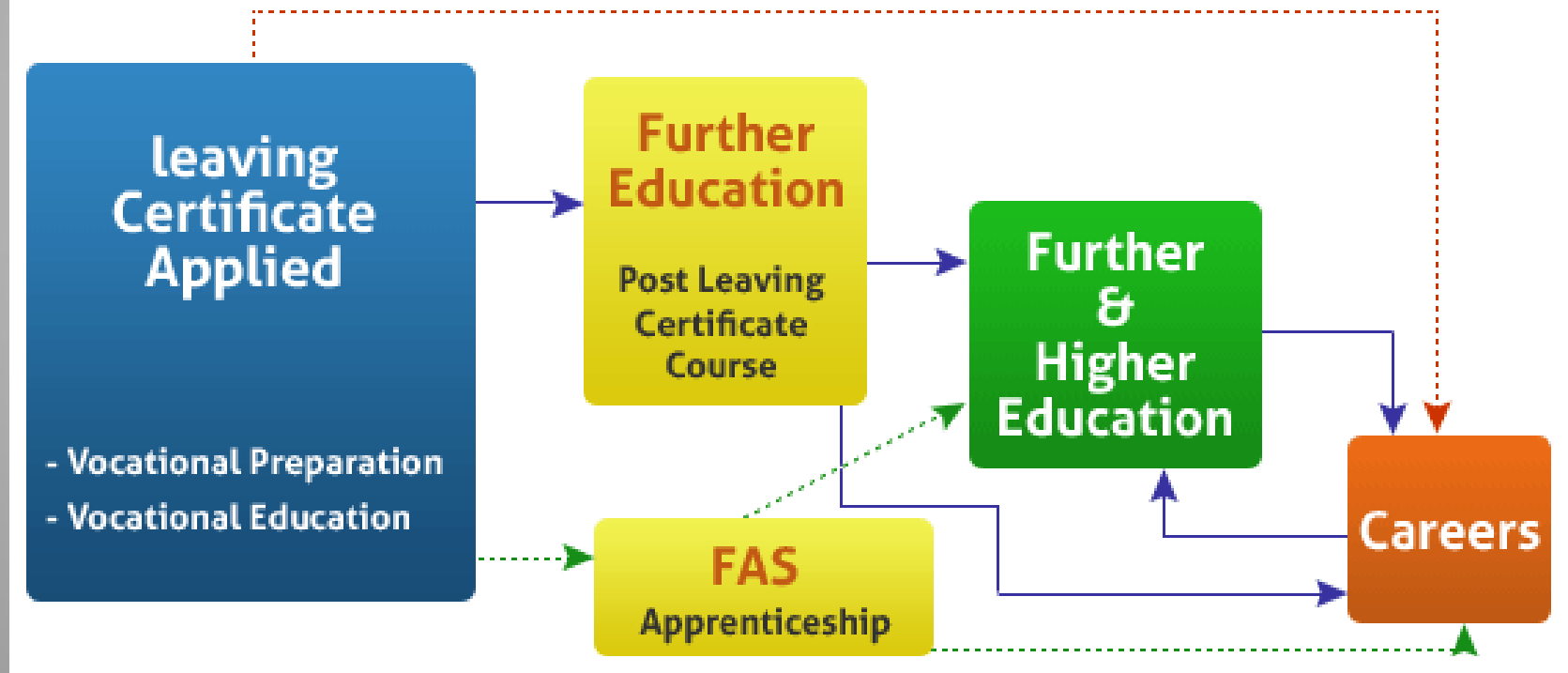


Options after an FE/PLC course?

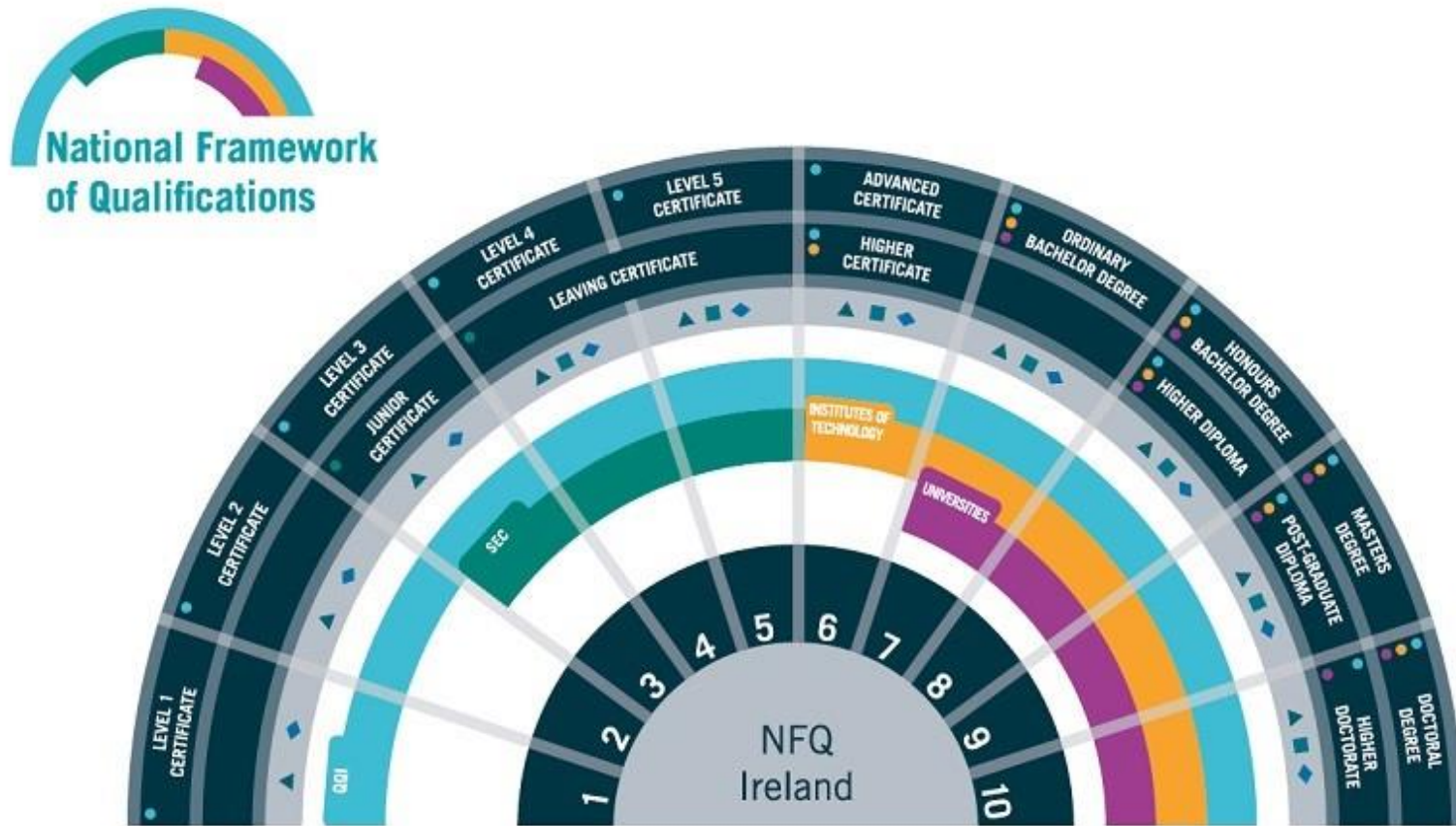
1. Seek employment
2. Continue in FE to a Level 6 'Advanced Certificate'
3. Apply to Higher Education

LCA progression

The LCA Route Map.



Apply to Level 5 first, with opportunities to progress to levels 6, 7 or 8 later



Apprenticeships/Traineeships

- **SOLAS Standards Based Apprenticeships** – Construction, Electrical, Engineering, Motor. Four year training with seven phases (4 'on the job', 3 'off the job'). Awarded a QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate Craft.
- **Hospitality apprenticeship** – Commis Chef. Two year training, three to four days 'on the job' and one to two days 'off the job'. Awarded a Level 6 Advanced Certificate Culinary Arts.
- **SOLAS Traineeship** - an occupational skills development programme which combines formal training with the ETBs and workplace coaching with an employer. These programmes are targeted at occupations which are not designated as apprenticeships but entail significant skill requirements which are best acquired through an 'on and off-the-job' training. Example traineeships are security alarm installation, jockey, hospital care skills.

Two apprenticeships, one traineeship

'While Ireland has one of the highest proportions of young people in the world going to third level education... Some educationalists have claimed there is a misplaced “snobbery” among parents and school-leavers who are focused on third-level at all costs.

This is in contrast to countries such as Germany, where a majority of school-leavers progress into highly rated apprenticeships.'

Irish Times, Oct 11, 2017

Examples of other training & employment opportunities

- An Garda Síochána
- The Defence Forces
- Fire & Ambulance
- Civil Service
- Banks
- Dublin Bus
- Teagasc (Forestry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Horses)
- Fáilte Ireland (Chef, Bartending, Tourism, Hospitality)
- Bord Iascaigh Mhara (Fishing, Aquaculture, Seafood)
- Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy (All major hair and beauty salons, private training etc)

Guest speakers, Past LCA students

Ciara Moffat
Class of 2012

Sarah Boate
Class of 2001

Thanks for your attention.

Questions?

More information available at pdst/ica