

Leaving Certificate Applied Admission Procedure Policy

Athy College offers the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme (LCA) as a two year programme post Junior Cycle.

Aims of the programme

The aims of the LCA Programme reflect those specific to the guidelines published by the Department of Education and skills, namely:

1. Education that recognises the talents of all students and helps them apply what they learn in the real world.
2. Education that provides opportunities for development in terms of responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge

Curriculum

The LCA curriculum follows the LCA curriculum framework and module descriptors as specified by the Department of Education and Science. Subjects and electives will be decided each year based availability within the school.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

1. An information evening for parents on what the LCA Programme entails
2. LCA Application Forms will be made available to all interested students from the Deputy Principal. Accompanying this form will be the application process, clearly detailing the application process for LCA.
3. Completed application forms must be returned to the Deputy Principal by the specified closing date. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Completion of the application form does not guarantee a place on the programme.
4. External applicants may fill in the Enrolment Form for Athy College and may request to complete a LCA Application form. On doing so these students are then subject to the same applications process as all other students.

LCA Programme Application Process

Athy College management recognises the right of all students to apply for the LCA Programme.

It is important to note however, that due to varying curricular needs of the school, places on the programme are limited.

Athy College will have one class of 5th Year LCA with a maximum of 15 students. This will primarily depend on the resources available to the school. This will be reviewed annually.

The following criteria will help ascertain suitability for the Programme:

Level of interest indicated by the candidate at interview.

Willingness to participate fully in all elements of the LCA Programme.

Student's satisfactory attendance record in school.

Student's behavioural record over the three years of Junior Cycle in Athy College, or in the case of an external candidate, the student's previous school.

An assessment of the student's competence and value to be derived from participation in key elements of the LCA programme.

Assessment of the contribution the applicant can make to the LCA Programme.

The applicant's pastoral care needs as communicated by the Year Head, HSCL, Guidance Counsellor and/or other professionals in the school

The Interview will be conducted and marked according to the following Marking Scheme:

Attendance 30

Interview 20

Behaviour Record 20

Personal Achievements to Date 10

Overall Suitability 20

Total 100

Letters

Athy College will endeavour to send out offer letters to all successful and unsuccessful applicants within 10 school days of the final interview.

Following final selection by the Selection Committee, successful candidates will be offered a Provisional Place on the Programme and their Parents/Guardians will be informed by letter.

This provisional place on the programme will be subject to their signing the LCA Contract. Students who return a signed LCA Contract are considered accepted to the LCA Programme of Athy College.

Appeals

Appeals must be made in writing to: The Principal, Athy College, Athy, Co. Kildare within 5 school days of the date of letter sent to unsuccessful applicants. Appeals must state clearly your reason for appeal.

Please Note: The applicants age will not be considered as a reason for appeal.