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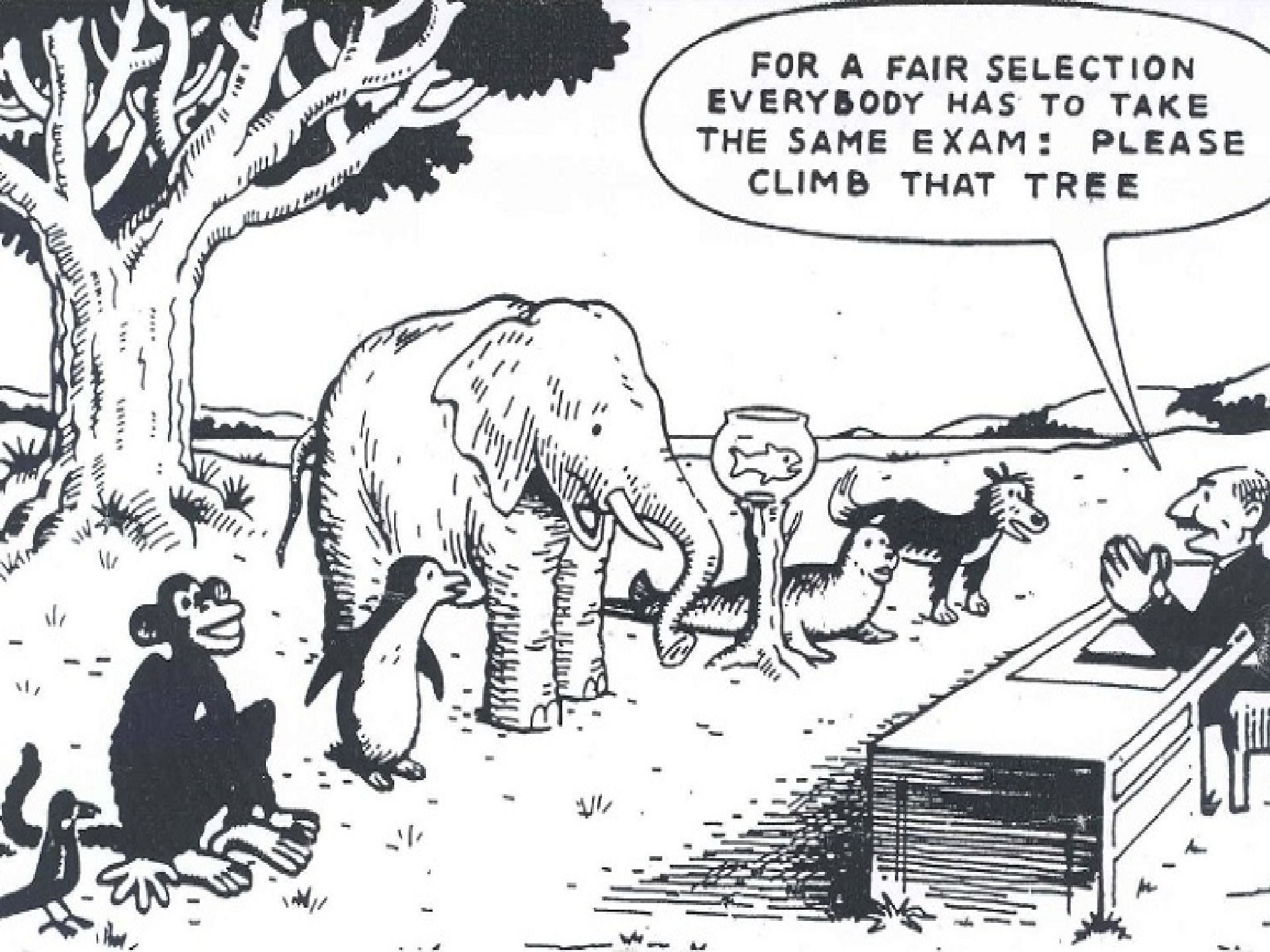
Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

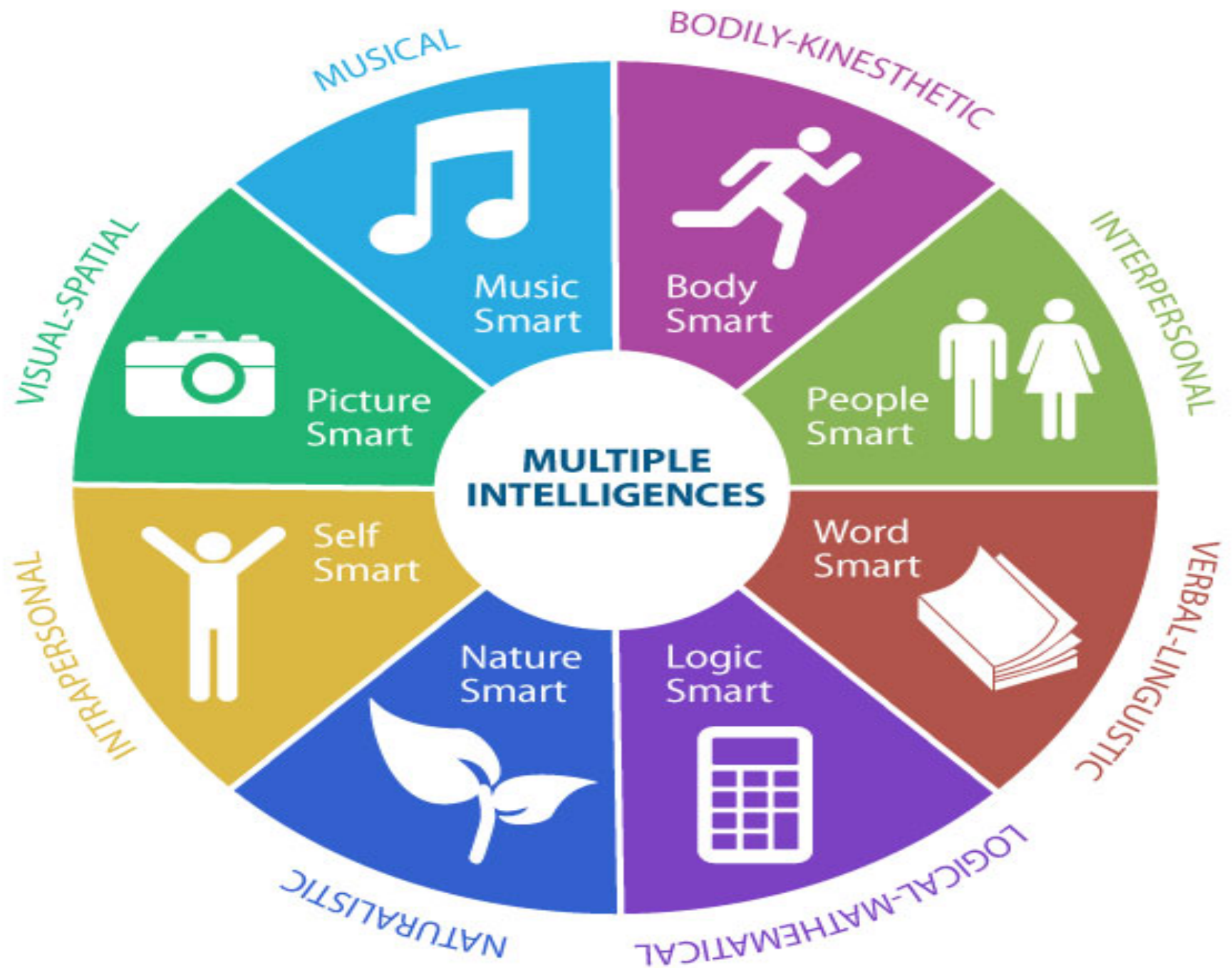


What is LCA?

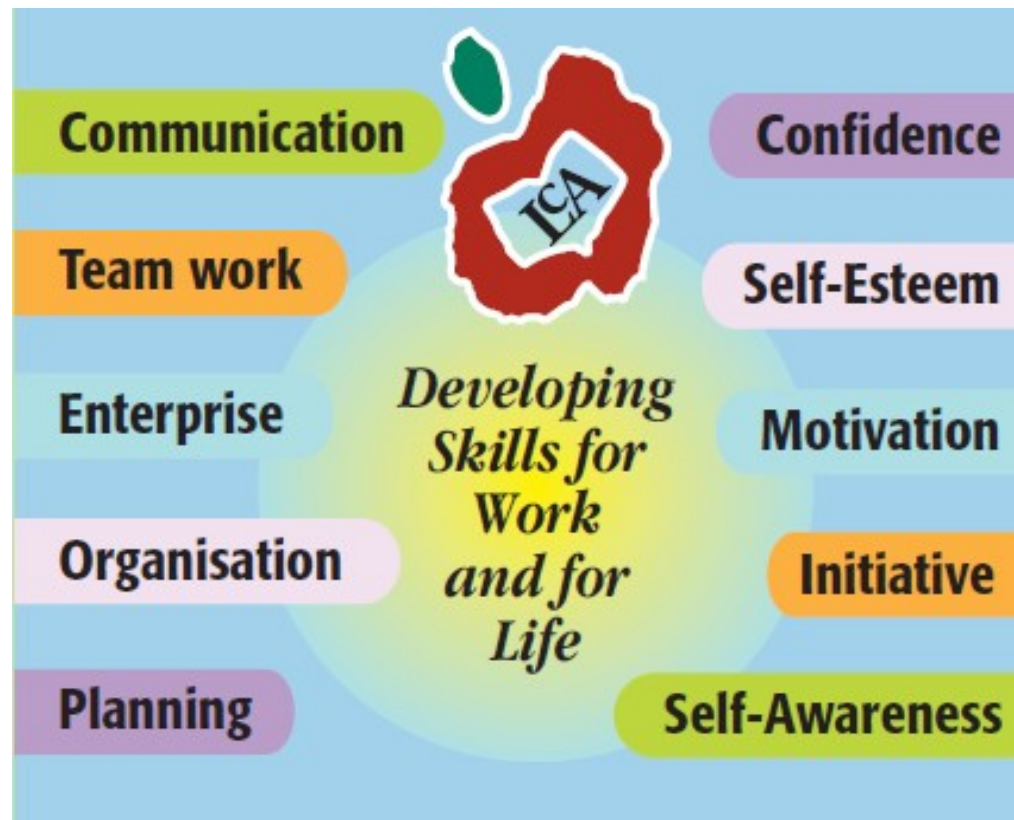
- It is a distinct, self-contained, two year Leaving Certificate Programme.
- One of its primary aims is to prepare students for adulthood and the world of work.
- It offers alternative methods of learning and assessment for your son or daughter.

FOR A FAIR SELECTION
EVERYBODY HAS TO TAKE
THE SAME EXAM: PLEASE
CLIMB THAT TREE

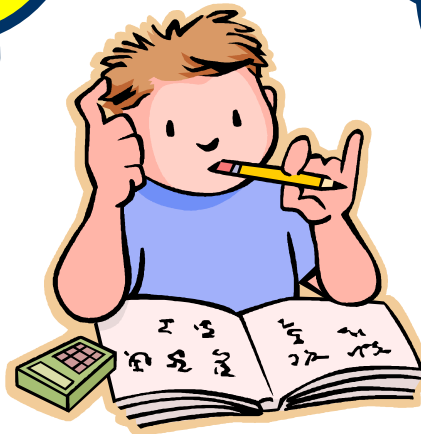




What can it do for me?



Is LCA suitable for your child?



What are your son's/daughter's dreams/ambitions for his/her future?

Try to answer the following questions.
HONESTLY!

Question	Answer
Is your son/daughter interested in study?	NO
Does he/she intend going on to an I.T. or University immediately after school?	NO
Does he/she rely on external pressure to complete tasks?	NO
Is he/she absent from school frequently?	NO

Structure of LCA

**You accumulate 200 Credits in
4 Sessions over the 2 years in 3 ways:**

- **The completion of each of 44 Modules.** (62 Credits)
- **90% Attendance & Key Assignments.**
- **By completing 7 Tasks.** (70 Credits)
- **Completing 7 written exams over June of Year 1 and 2.** (68 Credits)

These results are combined to give your a Leaving Certificate Result.

Grading in LCA

Award Title	No. of Credits required	Overall Percentage
PASS	120 – 139	60% - 69%
MERIT	140 – 169	70% - 84%
DISTINCTION	170 - 200	85% - 100%

Subjects studied in LCA

- Vocational Preparation & Guidance
 - English & Communications 📖
 - Mathematical Applications 📖
 - Information Technology
 - Technology 📖
 - Hotel, Catering & Tourism 📖
 - Leisure & Recreation
 - Visual Arts
 - Social Education 📖
 - Religion
 - Irish & German 📖
- 📖 Written exam

Work Experience

Students go out on Work Experience one day each week over the two years.

It is expected that students will find their own work experience.

Key words

- Module
- Unit
- Session
- Key Assignment
- Task
- Task interview
- Personal Reflection
- Learning outcomes
- Integration / Cross Curricular



KEY ASSIGNMENTS

MODULE 1: GUIDANCE

Example

CHECKLIST

As part of a group, I designed, carried out and reported on a survey on some aspects of working life.

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I presented a report on an investigation which I carried out on a particular career or field of work.

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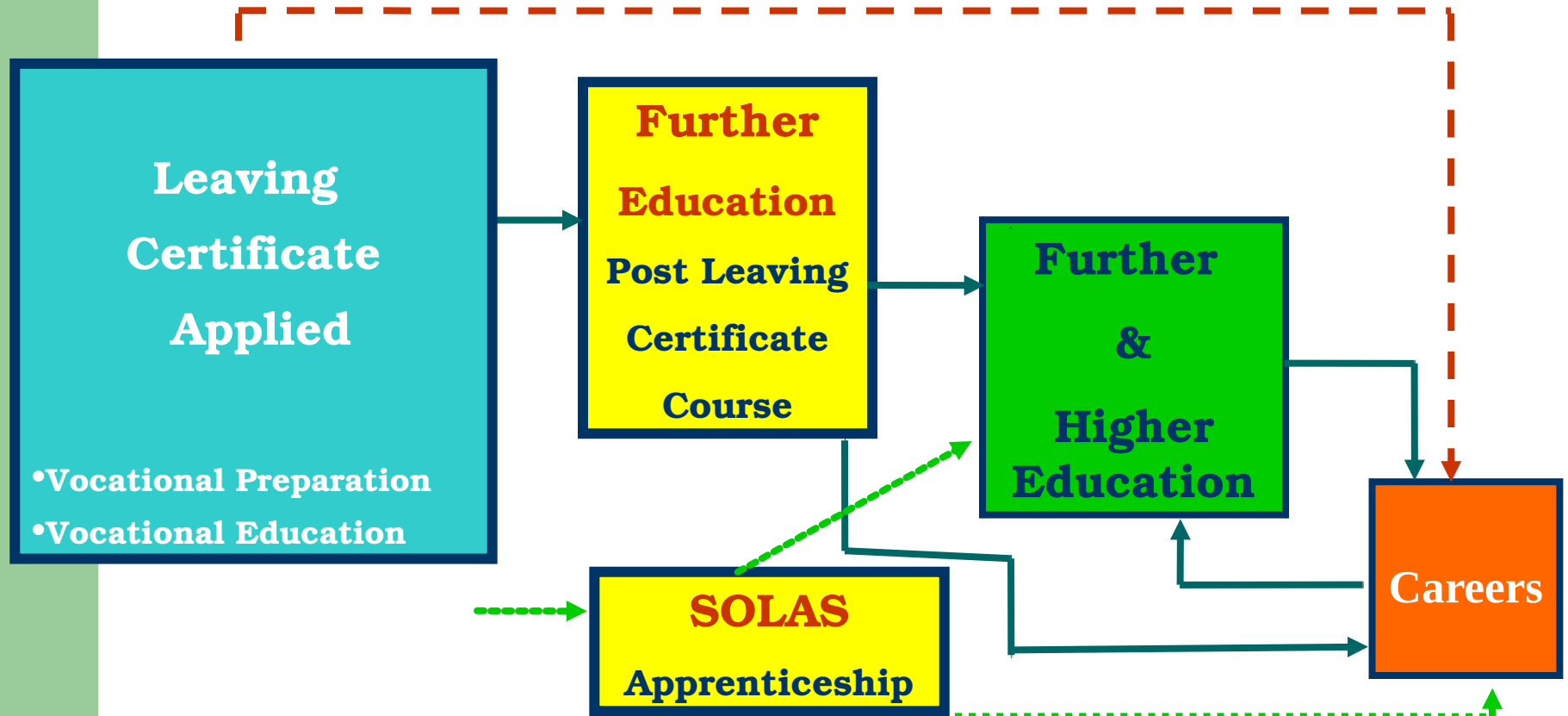
I reported on my learning from a visit to a careers exhibition, college, training centre or place of employment.

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I have compiled a personal action plan in relation to work/education/training covering at least the next year.

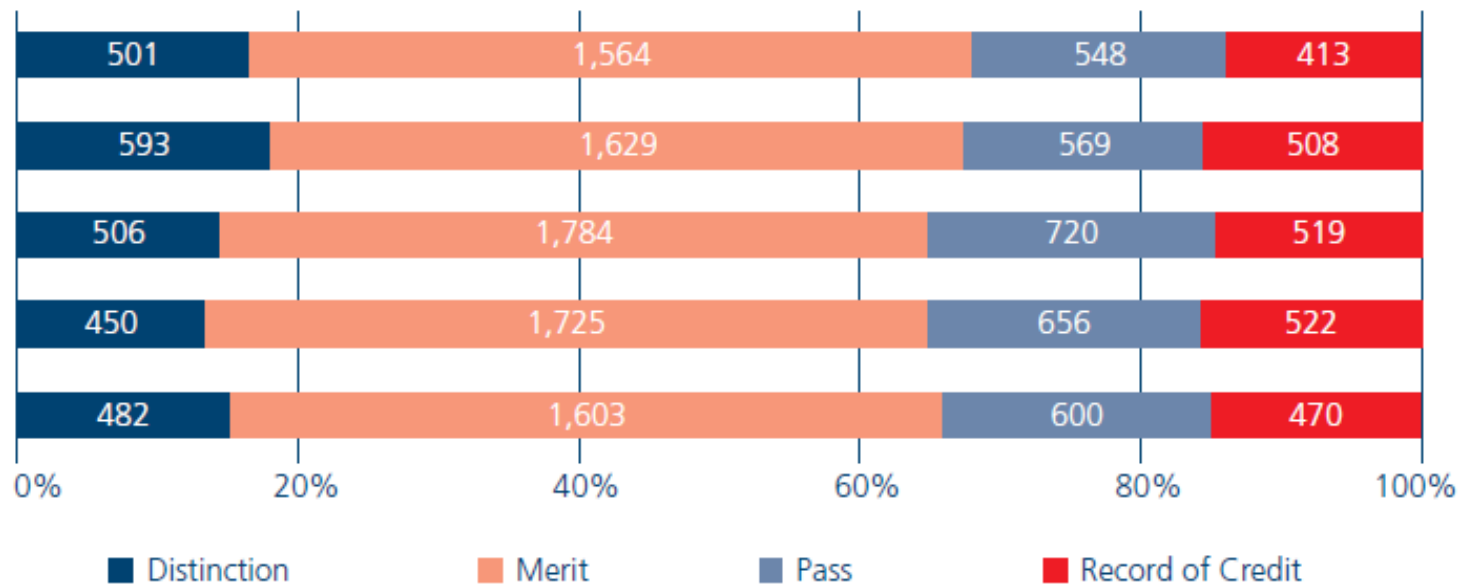
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The LCA Route Map



What are the results like?

Figure 4.6 Leaving Certificate Applied Results,



Source: State Examinations Commission

What next?

All 3rd year students will be informed about ALL of their options.

Each interested student will be asked to complete a simple application form which you must sign.

Each student will be interviewed, with a parent.

The views of teachers who have taught your son or daughter will be sought to see if the LCA programme suits him/her.

A decision will then be reached on what students will be accepted into the Programme as places are limited.

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Additional Information

www.pdst.ie

