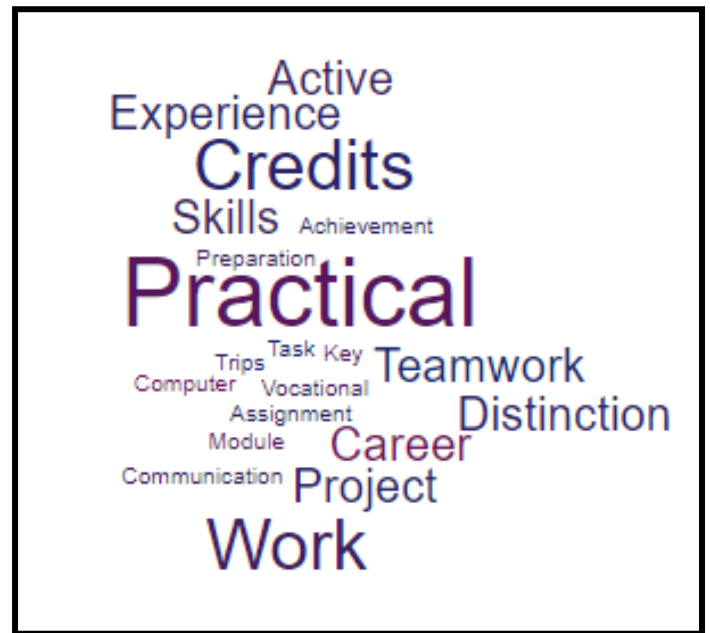


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Welcome

The students of 5L and 6L would like to welcome you to the first ever LCA newsletter. 'LCA Today'. In this edition you will find interesting articles about LCA such as our trips, our work experience that we attend every Wednesday and the different modules that we study throughout the year.

You can also read about the tasks that we complete and events that we are involved in. We hope reading this newsletter may help you decide if LCA is the right choice for you.

By Conor, Evan and Ryan 5L

LCA Newsletter Committee



6L Celebrate their Year One Results!

A very well done to our 6th year Leaving Cert Applied Students who received fantastic Year One Results.

We are all very proud of you.

Ms Mills
LCA Coordinator

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- Evan Talt 5L
- Ryan Boyle 5L
- Hannah Moloney 5L
- Lee O'Brien 6L
- James Deane 6L
- Chantelle Olivier 6L
- Ms Lamont
- Ms Mills
- Ms Palmer



Trip to the Technological University of the Shannon, Athlone .



On the 4th of October 5L and 6L went on a trip to the Technical University of the Shannon in Athlone. When we arrived at the college we met Dr Anthony Johnston from the Faculty of Business and Hospitality. He gave us a tour of the college and showed us the leisure side of the college and the catering side. We then split into a group of two and half of us went into the kitchen to help with the food preparation. After a little while we swapped and we then went into the bar



side and students from the Bar Management course made us milkshakes and smoothies. After that we all got seated. The trainee chefs made us food and we all had our lunch and then got to walk around the college campus for a little while.

It was nice to get the opportunity to go there and learn if we would like to do Catering or Bar Management in our future career.

Hannah Moloney 5L

Cinema and Bowling Trip



Fifth and Sixth year LCA students went to Whitewater Shopping Centre in Newbridge and made our way to the Odeon Cinema. We got our popcorn or whatever we wanted and went in to watch the movie. We watched Home Alone. It was lovely to watch this movie on the big screen.

Then we got food in the Food Court. After that we got on the bus again and went bowling and we all got put into teams and we played for an hour. Then we got on the bus again and went back to school for home time. I really liked this trip because it was a day off school and I really enjoy watching movies.

Ellah-Katie Wilson 5L

Winter Packs for the Homeless



I wrote a letter to the Student Council to ask permission to have a non-uniform day to raise money to buy winter packs for homeless people as part of my Contemporary Issues Task. We bought all the items we needed from the money we had raised from the Non Uniform Day including socks, scarfs, gloves, hats and toiletries. We then donated the items to P.A.T.H. to distribute.

James Deane 6L

Coffee Morning in Aid of Alzheimer's Association



For my Contemporary Issues Task Action, I decided to run a Coffee Morning in school for the teachers and staff. I did this because I wanted to raise awareness and I wanted to raise money as well for the Alzheimer's Association of Ireland to help make a generous donation.

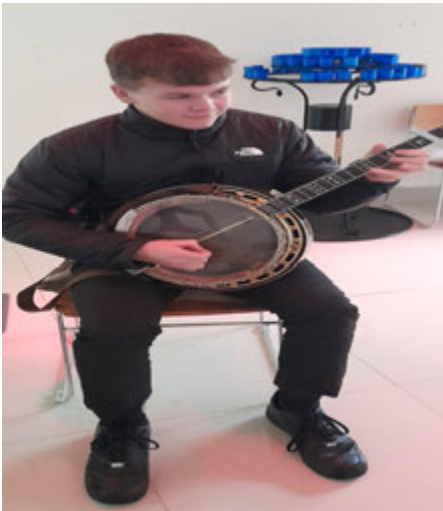
I choose this issue because it's very important and personal to me and my family.

It was an outstanding success as we raised over €300 as lots of people showed up to give their support.

By Amy Tyrrell Brosnan 6L



Art Exhibition



5th Year Leaving Cert Applied students held a very successful Art Exhibition in December. Students created self portraits and other images based on the theme of Individuality and Identity. The Exhibition was visited by a number of students, teachers and parents. All who attended were very complimentary of the fantastic art on display.

Entertainment was provided by 5L musician Enda Byrne who played the banjo.

Refreshments were also prepared and served by the students.

It was a very successful event enjoyed by all.

Hannah Moloney 5L



I picked the Sydney Opera house because I love the layout and shape of it, I think it's very interesting and I think it's a very unique shape for where it's located. I wanted to challenge myself to something that is different to what I would normally do.

Megan Rhodes 5L



Selection Box Collection for PATH

I wanted to do something active for my Contemporary Issues Task Action that would really support people that are homeless. I decided to collect selection boxes for PATH to give to homeless families. Christmas time can be a very difficult time for families and I thought it would be nice for the children to get a selection box. So many people donated and it was a great success.



Breakfast Time

In Hotel, Catering and Tourism Class we got to cook a full Irish Breakfast for the whole class and sit down and eat it together. Each person had a job to do and we all worked really well together. We all really enjoyed eating the breakfast.
Enda Byrne 5L



VPG Task Mini-Company



Anonymous Eggschange: 5L Mini Company

This year the 5L class of 2022/23 were tasked to create a mini company in the Vocational Preparation and Guidance class. We went through multiple different stages of ideas but in the end we decided on our business idea which was to anonymously deliver Easter eggs to teachers, staff and students.

The service would cost two euro for a bag of mini sized Easter eggs. We would take orders over a three day period. There was an order form where you would write down the name and class of the person you wanted to deliver the eggs to with the option of writing them a message. The service was called Anonymous Eggschange.

Our goal was to make a profit and also surprise people randomly throughout the day. The business was a huge success, we delivered over 70 orders and everyone was chuffed. In the end, we made a profit and the whole experience was great fun.

Ryan, Conor and Tom 5L

PATH Guest Speaker

For my Contemporary Issues Task I choose the topic of Homelessness. For my action I decided to contact PATH who are a local charity who work with the homeless and invite them to come into school and talk to my class about this issue and the work they do. PATH helps over 500 homeless people on the two nights each week they visit Dublin. They give out hot meals, Tea, Coffee, Water, Chocolate, Taytos and sweets. They also give food packs to families and items of clothing.



James Deane 6L

Hotel Catering and Tourism

I really enjoy the Hotel and Catering class with Miss O'Malley as we get to work with each other and cook interesting foods such as pizza, brown bread, jam, popcorn chicken, cakes, muffins, brownies, burgers etc.

For our HCT Task we have to create a product that could be sold in a farmers market.

Enda Byrne 5L





Parents Coffee Morning

LCA PARENTS MORNING
9th SEPTEMBER

Supporting your son/daughter in LCA

It was fantastic to get to meet the parents of 5th and 6th year LCA students in person on the 9th of September.

Parents got the opportunity to meet with teachers, look at students' project work and enjoy a cup of tea. A number of teachers spoke with the group about key information for each subject

area and how best parents could support their son/daughter in the Leaving Certificate Applied programme.

It was a great way to start the year and look forward to a successful year for all of our LCA students.

Town Hall Tour and Movie "An Cailín Ciúin"



We walked to Kilcullen Town Hall to watch the movie An Cailín Ciúin in the theatre. We had read this book at Junior Cycle.

I love to watch movies we have already read about to see if the characters in my imagination match with the film characters.

After the film our class got to stay back and Ms O' Sullivan gave us a tour of the Town Hall. I really liked it because it's not very often we get to discover and see the things in our hometown. I found it helpful and interesting because I discovered new things about the town I live in.

By Hannah Moloney 5L

Why I chose LCA

I missed most of 3rd year and 4th year so I hadn't done much regular school work since 2nd year so I thought LCA would be better for me because of how it's graded on tasks instead of essays and tests and how we got to do work experience every week. I was excited for the Work Experience because it was something that would prepare me for working in the future.

By Conor Melinn 5L

I am now in the final 3 months of the LCA Programme in 6th year and I have genuinely enjoyed doing the LCA Programme as I think it's a great way for me to finish School and I decided to continue the family tradition as my older brother had done LCA.

The Trips we have been on so far such as Naas, Newbridge, Athlone and the RDS were really educational as it would help us decide on what we would like to do after we graduate School and the trips are also a lot of fun too.

LCA is much more beneficial I believe than the regular Leaving Cert as some subjects are more accessible as there's more help given and since LCA is usually a small class group, it allows the teacher more time to help the students.

Overall I genuinely believe that LCA is an excellent programme and should be done by more students as it's very accessible. LCA also makes School much enjoyable as it is a very beneficial programme.

By Lee O'Brien 6L

Practical Achievement Task

The Practical Achievement Task takes place in the first half of 6th Year. Students complete a practical challenge over 10 weeks outside of school time. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn a new skill and I am immensely proud of the work that the students do every year for this Task. We have had some fantastic Tasks in recent years including card-making, learning to play the piano, typing skills, Sign Language, First Aid, carpentry skills and calligraphy.

Ms. Lamont

For my Practical Achievement, I chose to do Sign Language because I thought it would be a very interesting new skill for me to learn. I love languages, communication and signs and I thought Sign Language was a Skill that really suited me. The lessons were once a week for 10 weeks and each lesson lasted for 1 hour.

Before doing the Task, I knew a little bit about Sign Language but I was only able to sign my first name and that was about it. Now after the Task, I am able to sign Names, Family Members, Places, Food, Greetings and Numbers through Sign Language.

I'm very proud of myself for learning it. I had received very positive feedback from my Sign Language teacher as she was very proud of the progress I had made.

My advice for the future LCA students

who end up choosing Sign Language for their Practical Achievement Task is always try your best and be patient. It is not that easy at the start but throughout the 10 weeks it'll get easier and you'll get better at the skill with the more you practice.

Lee o Brien 6L



For my Practical Achievement, I chose card making. I really enjoyed this because I got to do something creative. I also wanted to do something special for the teachers for my last year at school. Every teacher got a card at Christmas.

Amy Tyrrell Brosnan 6L

For my Practical Achievement Task I decided to learn more about woodwork due to missing out in 3rd year because of Covid-19. I chose to make a functioning tower crane, which I took pictures of from start to finish.

Tadhg Havelin 6L



Work Experience

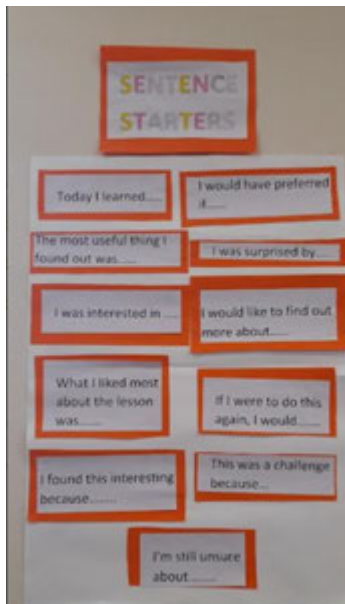
- ♦ For my work experience I go to a motor factors shop. My job there is to stock the shelves with products that come in for the shop. I really enjoy working there as my co-workers are nice to me and show me where things are if I can't find where they go. I like to work there as I am kept busy doing work so the day goes by fast. The customers are nice as they are patient with people as the shop is busy. We get plenty of time to eat our lunch so we don't get hungry during the day. That's why I enjoy working there.
Evan Talt 5L
- ♦ For my work experience, I went to a charity shop. I mainly worked at the back of the shop, unpacking clothes and other second hand items sent in.
Conor Melinn 5L
- ♦ For my work experience I went to a fast food restaurant. I was trained up on all the stations including Grill and Batch Fried. It gets very busy especially around lunchtime when school buses arrive. Ryan Boyle 5L
- ♦ My work experience started in September working in the hairdressers , doing little bits around the salon , organising trolleys and cleaning around the salon. I feel this is really good for everyone to have the opportunity to try different types of work as it helps you decide on your career. I then changed work experience and went to a toy shop where I did click and collects where I'm getting the orders from people online , picking their items and returning them to the click and collect room, it's really enjoyable having the opportunity and it makes the weekdays goes really quick as you have a break in the week.
Hannah Moloney 5L

Hotel Catering and Tourism Tasks

5L students were tasked with creating a product to sell at a farmers market for their HCT Task. They all did an amazing job!

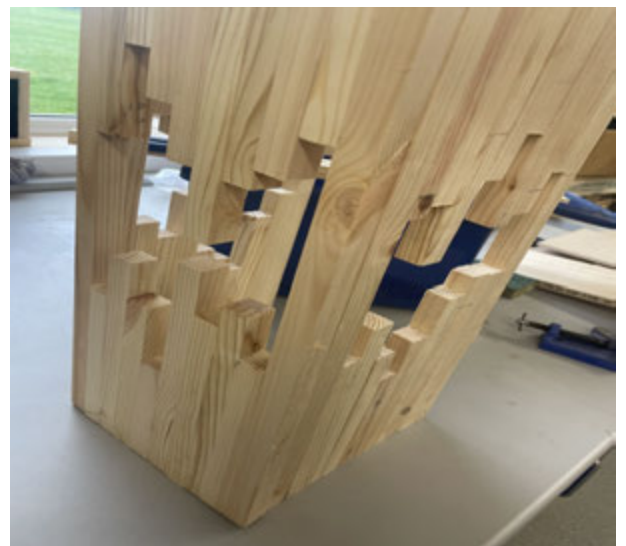


Personal Reflection



This Task takes place over the 2 years of LCA. The Reflection Module/Task allows the students to reflect on learning experiences and understand the value of reflective practice. It also affords students the opportunity to plan for their future.
Ms Lamont

Graphics and Construction Projects



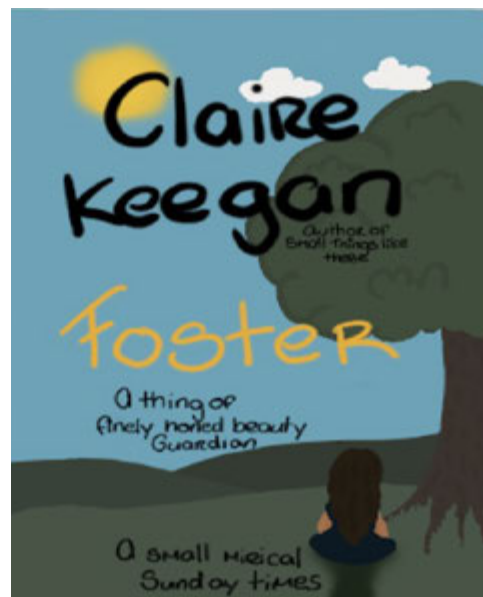
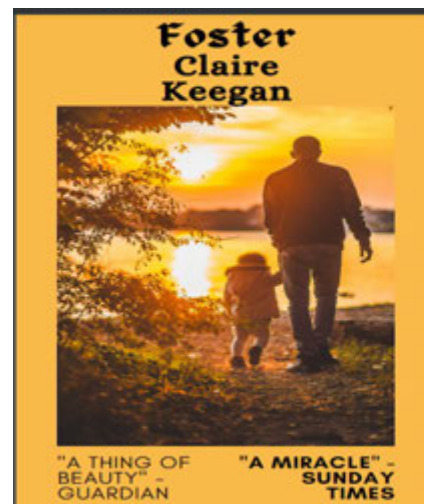
In Graphics and Construction we are currently making table lamps. We could design our lamps in whatever style we wanted to. These photographs show our progress so far.
Hannah Moloney 5L

5L Students Design Book Covers - English Class

For our English module we read a book called 'Foster' by Claire Keegan

This book was a really interesting and emotional book. It was a really good book for our class to read as it comes across to me as you never know what is going on behind closed doors.

When we finished this book we made a book cover. We could design our book cover online on a website or else hand draw them. I found doing this was a great way to finish off our module and felt it's really helpful for exams as you can always remember by thinking of the book cover and knowing what we all had on our book covers.



Speaker on Eating Disorders



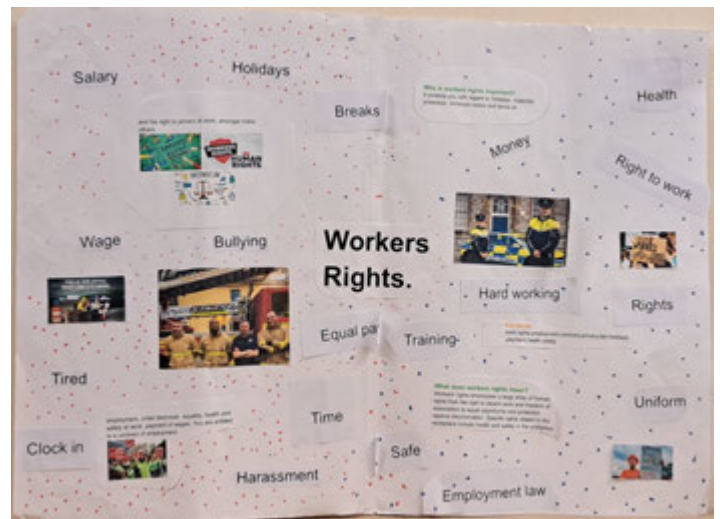
I decided to do my Contemporary Issues task on eating disorders. I wanted to make people more aware of this topic and to educate people more on how to help others. I invited a speaker to talk to my class about this issue.

We learned all about the different types of eating disorders and the signs to watch out for. We also learned about how to help someone and support them and where they can get help.

By Tadhg Havelin 6L



Human Rights Posters - Social Education



In Social Education class we learned all about Human Rights. We got into groups to learn more about and research one Human Right in detail and then make a promotional poster for that right. The posters included the Right to Life, The Right to a Fair Trial, Workers Rights and the Right to a Nationality.

It is very important that each person know their Human Rights and understand what they are entitled to.

Hannah Moloney 5L

Interview with past LCA student

What year did you graduate from CPC? I completed LCA in 2020 unfortunately Covid-19 disrupted the year for us.

Do you think doing LCA was a good choice for you? Yeah I feel like doing LCA was better for me because I was with my friends and made new friends in LCA. My whole class was very close because it was a small class and we learned a lot together.

What did you enjoy about LCA?

I enjoyed going on the trips not because it was a day away from school but you were enjoying it and learning new things. I also really enjoyed Hotel and Catering because we got the chance to cook once every week and learn new foods we thought we'd never like.

Did LCA benefit you in any way?

I feel in LCA I got to show a better side of me as I had way more understanding of all the work and I feel I did way better in these two years than I did in the other school years.

What is your career now ?

I work for BOC gases in Dublin Monday to Friday.

Meet our 5th Leaving Cert Applied Students



Conor Melinn enjoys Photography, and he would like to go to NCAD (National College of Art and Design) after school.



Enda Byrne loves to sing and play the banjo.



Katelyn Hogg likes all things beauty and fashion related.



Miguel O'Connell loves to play all types of online video games.



Ryan Boyle likes filmmaking and made a movie in transition year. It won best picture at school Oscars .



Ryan Dunne likes football and enjoys music and singing.



Hannah Moloney enjoys etching in art class and loves working in a toy store.



Conor Melinn, Miguel O Connell, Ryan Boyle, Ryan Dunne, Shayne Corp Heffernan, Darragh Lambe, Hannah Moloney, Katelyn Hogg, Enda Byrne
Absent from the photograph Daniel Baars, Sean Keegan Tracey, Ellah Katie Wilson, Tom Brennan, Megan Rhodes, Evan Talt, Caitlin Delaney.

Meet our 6th Leaving Cert Applied Students



Amy Tyrrell Brosnan

My interests are space, astronomy, nature, plants and animals. When I leave school I want to be a florist.



Robyn Butler Joyce

Next year I am looking to do a Beauty Therapy course in Carlow Institute of Further Education I enjoy all things that have got to do with beauty .



Lee O'Brien

My big interest is in films. I have recently been offered a course in Carlow College for Film & TV Production .



Holly Noone

I really like tattoos and I am hoping to apply for a Music PLC course when I finish school.



Tadhg Havelin
I can't wait to take up a Plumbing apprenticeship, I have a big interest in the construction industry.



Hallie Aspell
I am applying for a PLC course in Carlow Institute of Further Education.



James Deane.
I enjoy playing sports and doing physical activities. I am hoping to take a year off next year. I am taking this year to go traveling. In the future I hope to work in cyber security.



James Deane, Lee O'Brien, Robyn Butler Joyce, Amy Tyrrell Brosnan, Hallie Aspell, Holly Noone.
Absent from the picture Tadhg Havelin and Chantelle Olivier.

