

2 May 2024

Ms. Lydia Murphy LCA Co-Ordinator and Student Health Officer Presentation Secondary Wexford

Dear Ms. Murphy,

Thank you for your recent letter about the introduction of the Leaving Certificate Applied programme in Presentation Secondary School, Wexford this coming September.

I know that Presentation Secondary School provides a supportive, inclusive environment with the highest standards of teaching and respect for all members of your school community. This commitment to excellence ensures a comprehensive, accessible education for students of every ability, in a positive, safe and encouraging environment.

Congratulations to the students for having secured places on the new programme. I'm sure you are all looking forward to getting started, after the summer holidays though of course!

The great benefit of the LCA programme is that it recognises the individual talents of students and provides opportunities for developing personal responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge. It will be a significant addition to your school curriculum and will improve access to education and training for those of you who are looking for an alternative to the traditional pathways.

A special word of acknowledgement to your Principal and teachers for their commitment to this programme. The support they will offer to the participating students will be crucial to its success.

Last, but not least, can I wish all students taking the new LCA programme in September the very best for the two years ahead and indeed in whatever the future holds for you. I have no doubt that it will an exciting two years for both yourselves, your school and the students coming behind you as they watch your progress.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Harris T.D.

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