

A summary of the key points of the LC 2021 as per information available 05 March 2021

Students have the option of getting accredited grades for each subject they are studying and/or sitting the exam for each subject.

So they can obtain an Accredited Grade for a subject **AND** do the exam for that subject and they receive the **best result** on the Leaving Certificate.

They can also select to only obtain an accredited grade in a subject and not sit the exam for that subject.

On Wednesday March 10th from 12pm the students can go online to a portal.

They log in using their **PPS number**

1. They select the subjects that they wish to get Accredited Grades for: **They should select accredited grades for ALL their subjects. This means that if for any reason they cannot do the exam they still get a grade.**
 - a. They must also select the level (Higher, Ordinary or Foundation: They should select the level they have been working at and agreed with their teacher)
2. They select the subjects that they wish to sit the exam for. We recommend they select exams for all subjects.
 - a. **NOTE: If you opt NOT to sit an exam at this time you cannot add it later. So it is better to opt to sit all exams at this time.**
 - b. They must also select the level (Higher, Ordinary or Foundation: They should select the level they have been working at and agreed with their teacher)
3. The portal will close on **Tuesday March 16 at 6pm.**
4. The Portal will be **reopened** at the end of April/start of May (date to be confirmed). At this time students can opt to not to sit an exam. They can also change their levels.

NOTE: After this time, they cannot change the level for the accredited grade. They can however take a different level in the exam on the day.

What is an Accredited Grade?

- The student's teacher for this subject estimates a grade the student would achieve in the exam.
- This must be supported by student work over **5th and 6th year and up to May 14th**.
- Work that is considered for the estimated grade includes: classwork, homework, class tests, project work, summer exams and Christmas exams.
- **Attendance in school from now to end of year is very important**
- The estimated grade cannot be signed off by the principal unless it is supported by evidence.

How are the exams different this year?

- The written exams start on June 9th. This is a link to the timetable.
<https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-EX-46337197.pdf>
- There will be less questions to answer in the same amount of time. This allows for time missed in school.