

Fis Foghlaim Fhorbairt

PDST
Professional Development Service for Teachers | An tSeirbhís um Fhorbairt Ghairmiúil do Mhúinteoirí

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Leaving Certificate Applied

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- Introduced in 1995
- 355 Schools/Centres Currently
- 130 of these are Deis schools
- It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past

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Embraces Deis Objectives

Attendance/ Retention

- Mandatory Attendance
- Varied and Practical Curriculum
- Student Teacher Relationships
- Active Methodologies Approach
- Improved Self-esteem
- Opportunity For Progression To Further Education

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Literacy/Numeracy

- Key Principles of the Programme
- Whole Team Approach to Literacy/Numeracy
- Buys Time for Students to Develop Skills
- Links with Resource Dept

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Challenges

Profile of the programme (students/parents and teachers)

Cutbacks militating against smaller classes

Most challenging students tend to enrol

Teacher Turnover

Curriculum out of Date

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What might we be doing now...

- More Time for Structured Team Meetings
- Tighter Teaching Teams
- Continuity of Teaching Teams
- School Self Evaluation (Senior Cycle)
- Build the profile of the programme

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