Leaving Certificate Applied

- 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

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

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- Curriculum out of Date
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