

Guidance Newsletter April 2017

6th Years please note:

SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) now open for grant applications-
www.susi.ie

SUSI Talk (GRANTS): Coláiste Bhríde Carnew, Wednesday April 26th @ 7pm

Bray IFE Open Evening Wednesday 5th April 4-6pm

DIT Cathal Brugha Street Open Day Saturday 26th April- Hotel Management, Event Management, Culinary Arts, Food Science

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Revision courses which are running over the Easter holidays:

1) National College of Ireland:

Wednesday 12/04- Higher English - FREE

Thursday 13/04- Ordinary Maths - FREE

Text subject & your name to 51155 (if you don't receive a confirmation text email
karen.campbell@ncirl.ie)

2) Griffith College Dublin:

Saturday 08/04- Ordinary Level Maths - FREE

Sunday 09/04- Higher Level Maths - FREE

Monday 10/04- Higher & Ordinary Level Music - FREE

Apply online: www.griffith.ie/offices/schools/services/mathsrevision

3) Carlow IT Wexford Campus (5 Euro per day):

Tuesday 11/04 - Ordinary Level Maths

Wednesday 12/04 - Higher Maths

Wednesday 19/04 - Ordinary English

Thursday 20/04 - Higher English

Places are limited so apply now!!

Bord Na Gaeilge UCD Scholarships- apply now - www.ucd.ie/bnag

ESB Apprenticeships- apply now!

EIR Apprenticeships - apply now!

PLCs: Please apply to any courses of interest as soon as possible.

Naughton Foundation Scholarships: Valued at €20,000 each these scholarships are open to students studying at least 2 of the following subjects for the Leaving Cert- Maths, Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Ag Science, Engineering, Technology, DCG. In addition you must be applying for degree courses in Science, Technology, Maths or Engineering.

Closing date: Sunday 14th May

See www.thenaughtonfoundation.ie for details.

Intel Women in Technology Scholarship- introduced for female students applying to study Science, Technology or Engineering. Grant valued at €3000 and an intern placement at Intel Ireland. See www.intel.ie/womenintechnology

Dates to note:

Easter Holidays: Ordinary Level Maths Revision Course- See Mr. Sunderland for details (places strictly limited).

Friday 5th May: C.A.O. change of mind facility opens.

Saturday 1st July: Close of C.A.O. change of mind facility.

Wednesday 16th August: Leaving Cert results will be issued.

Monday 21st August: Round one offers will be issued by the C.A.O.

Please check dates of open days/evenings on college websites in case of any changes.

Post Leaving Cert Courses (FETAC Level 5 Courses)

P.L.C. courses are a great option for students who are not sure what they would like to study or who feel they are not ready for third level. Students who do not get the points for their desired course and who do a P.L.C. can apply to the CAO the following year as their results can be used to apply to many third level courses. Further information on qualifax.ie.

Some courses fill up quickly so early application (directly to the college) is strongly advised. Check college websites for open days, interview dates etc.

Apprenticeships: See the new SOLAS website for all information on apprenticeships- www.apprenticeship.ie.

Important changes to 3rd language requirement at Maynooth University:

With immediate effect applicants to the Maynooth University Business, Law, Accounting and Finance programmes will NOT require a 3rd Language. Students may add any of these courses to their CAO application before February 1st or from May 5th - July 1st.

Portfolios, Interviews, Practical Exams: If you have applied to any restricted application courses (clearly highlighted in the CAO booklet) you may receive emails from the college. Please check your emails daily (including junk/spam folder) as you may not receive an accompanying letter. If you have applied to NCAD you will not receive notification of the portfolio submission deadline- it is Friday 10th February at 4.30pm.

Scholarships: Students are advised to check college websites for closing dates. (girls rugby scholarships now available at Maynooth)

Accommodation: Again, keep an eye on the college websites- UCD and Maynooth offer on-campus accommodation via their website in early May and interested students need to apply on that date as availability is very limited.

Study: Students should be spending *at least* 3.5 hours doing homework and studying and they should be doing this 6 times per week.

Super Generation study codes (help me study better, faster, smarter):

Free for our students, normally cost 47 euro.

To sign up: www.helpmestudynow.com - Enrol Now - Individual—Checkout—enter code SUPER20162017.

Attendance: Full school attendance is absolutely essential.

Part time work: We would strongly advise against students working part-time. Studies have shown that part-time work has a significant negative impact on Leaving Certificate grades. Preparing for the Leaving Certificate is a full time job!

Lifestyle: Sleep, Eat, Exercise: The Leaving Cert can be a stressful time for students. Please keep an eye on sleep patterns, diet, lifestyle. We suggest keeping the bedroom a technology free zone at night as it has been proven that sleep patterns are effected by over use of screens, especially in the 2 hours prior to bedtime. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter don't hesitate to contact the school.

Research: There are several websites which students can use to conduct career research. The most useful are cao.ie, qualifax.ie and careersportal.ie, unibrowse.ie

HEAR & DARE: Please see www.accesscollege.ie for details of the Higher Education Access Route and the Disability Access Route to Education. Students may be able to gain entry to third level courses on *reduced points* if they qualify for either of these programmes. HEAR is based on economic need and DARE is for students with any type of disability. It is the responsibility of students and parents to ensure all relevant documentation reaches the CAO on time. If you have any queries please see the website for contact details of the relevant University or Institute of technology. NOT ALL COLLEGES ARE PART OF THE HEAR & DARE SCHEME. Carlow I.T. have a separate access programme (similar criteria to HEAR and DARE)- closing date February 1st. *Strict deadlines apply for the submission of relevant paperwork to accompany the application.*

Language Exemptions: If your son or daughter is exempt from Irish or a 3rd language and is applying to college they may need to obtain an exemption from the college. It is the students responsibility to inform their Guidance Counsellor of their exemption so that we can assist them in applying to either the NUI or relevant university for the exemption to be recognised.

Grants: SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) administer grants for all third level and FETAC level 5 courses. Applications to SUSI may be made online at www.susi.ie after Easter (we will notify students and parents when the system opens). Early application is advised.

Eunicas: Students who are interested in studying in another EU country (through English) should register with Eunicas.com. Entry requirements can be lower and grants may be available, depending on where the college is located.