

Careers Newsletter May 2018

The very best of luck to all our 3rd and 6th Year students sitting the state exams and also to our 1st, 2nd and 5th years sitting house exams.

Dates to note:

- **SUSI** online grant applications may be made for new applicants from now until 12th July.
- **Tuesday 1st May:** DCU Open Day for TY students (100 students to attend)
- **Saturday 5th May:** C.A.O. change of mind facility opens.
- **Sunday 1st July:** Close of C.A.O. change of mind facility.
- **Wednesday 15th August:** Leaving Cert results will be issued.
- **Monday 20th August:** Round one offers will be issued by the C.A.O.
- **Friday 24th August:** Deadline for acceptance of Round One offers.
- **Wednesday 29th August:** Round 2 Offers will be issued.

Summer Schools:

June 11th-15th: Maynooth Summer School for 5th Year Students- book online from now - www.maynoothuniversity.ie/summerschool

June 5th - 8th: UCD Summer School for 5th Year students- booking open now.

Open Days: Please see below a list of the main upcoming open days. We would strongly encourage 5th and 6th years to attend at least 2-3 open days as it will be of great benefit to them when it comes to finalising their CAO applications. In order to make the most of their open day experience students should check the college websites in advance for timetables, maps etc. It is vital that they plan their day. Also please note some colleges are taking bookings for campus accommodation so please check college websites for information.

Attendance: Full school attendance is absolutely essential as teachers will be working until the end of term both to complete and revise courses.

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.

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 from now until July 12th.

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.

Open Days:

26 th June:	DCU Summer Open Day
23 rd June:	Maynooth University Summer Open Day

NB: This is not a complete list- check Qualifax and College websites for more information.