

Careers Newsletter November 2018

Dates to note:

- **Monday 5th November:** C.A.O. application process opens at 12.00
The Guidance Department will assist students with their applications in December. The early application fee is 30 euro. (20th January)
Closing date is February 1st (45 euro fee).
- **Thursday 18th January:** HEAR & DARE Information Clinic, Ferrycarrig Hotel Wexford, 2-7 pm
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 SCHEMES) Strict deadlines apply for the submission of relevant paperwork to accompany the application.**
- **Friday 1st February:** C.A.O. application deadline.
- **Wednesday 1st May:** C.A.O. late application deadline (60 euro fee)
- **Sunday 5th May:** C.A.O. change of mind facility opens.
- **Monday 1st July:** Close of C.A.O. change of mind facility.
- **Wednesday 14th August:** Leaving Cert results will be issued.
- **Monday 19th August:** Round one offers will be issued by the C.A.O.

Summer Schools:

June 10th-14th: Maynooth Summer School for 5th Year Students- book online.

June 4th - 7th: UCD Summer School for 5th Year students- booking open from late February.

Study: Christmas Exams take place from December 3rd-7th. 6th year students should be spending at *least* 3.5 hours doing homework and studying and they should be doing this 6 times per week.

Attendance: Full school attendance is absolutely essential as teachers will be working until the day of the Christmas holidays 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.

CAO Applications: We will be assisting 6th years with their CAO Applications from December. However they may register from 5th November (students applying to medicine should register early so that they can book their HPAT exam). Please note the early application fee is 30 euro (apply by 20th January). The fee can be paid by debit/credit card or in a bank using the Bank Giro form (available from CAO) Please note that students do not need to finalise their CAO choices until July 1st 2019 except if they are applying for restricted application courses (eg medicine, drama, music). *These courses must be added by February 1st.* They can be removed at a later date.

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.

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.

Open Days:

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| 5 th October: | NUI Galway |
| 10 th October: | Trinity College Dublin |
| 13 th October: | UCC |
| 18 th & 19 th October: | University of Limerick & Limerick IT |
| 19 th October: | St. Angela's Sligo (Home Ec on Teaching) |
| 3 rd November: | UCD Open Day |
| 15 th November: | IT Carlow Open Day (school attending) |
| 22 nd November: | IT Carlow (Wexford Campus) open day |
| 17 th November: | DCU Open Day |
| 17 th November: | Marino Institute of Education (primary teaching) |
| 24 th November: | Maynooth University & Pontifical Maynooth (Theology) Dunlaoghaire, IADT Waterford I.T. Open Day |
| 29 th November: | National College of Ireland, NCAD |
| 1 st December: | DIT Open Day |
| 9 th December: | Trinity College |
| 4 th January: | Royal College of Surgeons (pre-registration necessary) |

NB: This is not a complete list- check Qualifax and College websites for more information. If an open day is being held on a Friday and Saturday (eg Maynooth, DCU, DIT) students are expected to attend on the Saturday.

PLC College Open Days take place after Christmas.

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