

6th YEAR End of Year Advice

CAO Applicants NB

You must read literature sent to you by the CAO – If you ignore it you could lose a place. The documents contain the following:

1. Checking Statement of Application Record – check if you have “ exemption from Irish and/ third language”
2. Making changes to Course Choices – use website www.cao.ie to change. Opens on May 6th. Closing date July 1st
3. Offers of places – Viewing and acceptance Round 1 offers Thursday 15th August
4. Common errors and omissions which may lead to loss of a place

CAO offers of places

May 2019	June 2019	July 2019
1 May 5:15pm – closing date for late applications 6 May - online change of mind facility becomes available (Free) Before End of May - Statement of Application Record sent to all applicants	Leaving Certificate Examinations	1 July 5:15pm - change of mind closes

August 2019	September 2019	October 2019
Early August - Leaving Certificate results issued 15th August (expected date) – Round 1 offers 23rd August (expected date) – Round 1 Acceptances 5:15 pm. 28th August (expected date) – Round 2 offers 30 th August – Round 2 Acceptance	Early September - HEIs begin registration Mid September – Vacant places available on CAO website	Early October - Results of Leaving Certificate appeals released Mid October 5:15 pm - Offer Season Ends

.Contacting CAO at the offer stage

- **Email enquiries may be made by using the Contact Us facility on the CAO website (best option)**
- You could try the **telephone** but it will be very difficult to get through 091 509800

Vacant places

At the beginning of September there may vacant places on certain courses which were not filled. You can apply for these through the CAO website and use the Vacant Places Facility.

PLC places

Places on PLC courses also become available in beginning of September. It is very important to contact the colleges and check availability. For information on PLC courses check www.qualifax.ie and click on PLC courses. The demand for courses will be very high this year so it will be very important to apply early as all vacant places will be snatched up quickly. PLC colleges in Limerick include LCFE.ie, CCL.ie

Option to View Marked Examination Scripts

After getting your leaving certificate results you decide if you wish to view a particular script you must complete an application form which can be obtained from school.

Appeals for the Leaving certificate

If you think there is an error in the marking of your script you can have your examination script re-marked through the appeals process. This is done through the school.

What happens during the Appeals Process? Your script is sent to an appeal examiner for re-marking. This examiner is different from the examiner who originally marked your work. In some subjects involving practical/project work it may be necessary for an appeal examiner to visit the school to re-mark work stored by the school. Check booklet leaving certificate booklet 2019 (will be given out in school).

GRANTS - SUSI

The student grant is the main source of financial help available from the Irish State for students in full-time Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLCs) and full-time higher education undergraduate courses. Support is available to eligible students in most colleges in Ireland as well as eligible Irish students in many colleges in Northern Ireland, the UK and other EU States. Consult www.studentfinance.ie for information on eligibility and to apply use www.susi.ie - this is the new SUSI system - **Online Student Grant Application System**

Guidance Counsellors

If you are having any difficulties, we are here to help you. The Guidance Counsellors will be available in school at the end of August. Prior to that if you need assistance contact the school secretary who will then contact us and we will contact you. Best wishes to you always, Peter Maloney, Caroline Coughlan and Ita Danaher.

Excellent Guide for parents : link to the 'Aiming Higher' Guide:
www.ul.ie/careers/aiminghigher