

6th Year Parents Information January 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Happy New Year and I hope you had a good Christmas and are all keeping well. We understand the return to online learning and the current situation is challenging for our 6th Year students. We are here to help and support the students and please encourage them to reach out to us if they have difficulties, queries or need support. Below please find some information about college applications. There is further information on this and upcoming virtual career events on the students' career google classroom.

CAO Applications

All students who are applying to CAO should now have opened their CAO accounts. Reminder that the closing date for the discounted application fee is **20 January at 5.15pm**. The closing date for applications is **1 February at 5.15pm**. Students must have their application completed by this date including their course selections in the correct order of preference. Students will be able to change their courses, free of charge, during the change of mind dates from **5 May to 1 July**. All restricted application courses must be applied for by **1 February** and cannot be added later using the CAO the change of mind facility.

DARE/HEAR

Closing date for final completion of the DARE/HEAR application is **1 March at 5.15pm but we strongly advise students to complete their application earlier**. DARE/HEAR supporting documentation must be sent to CAO by the deadline of **15 March at 5.15pm**. Obtaining this information from outside agencies can take time. **Students are strongly advised to gather this information well in advance of the deadline**. For DARE applicants who need to provide a Evidence of Disability form, completed by the students consultant, this form is available to download here: <http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2021/EDF.pdf>

Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) Applications

Most PLC colleges are now open for online application on their websites. Students are recommended to apply early. Please encourage them to complete the online application if they wish to apply. They may need their PPS number to apply.

Assistance with their Applications

Students who have any queries or would like assistance with their applications should contact Ms. Costello (mcostello@olschool.ie) or Ms. Porter (lporter@olschool.ie) by email. We will also hold some google meet drop in sessions to assist students with their application queries.

Details of Google Meet drop in sessions for college applications:

Thursday 14th January 12.45 - 1.00 CAO applications

Link to meet: <https://meet.google.com/cej-ubgd-waw>

Monday 18th January 12.45 - 1.00 CAO applications

Link to meet: <https://meet.google.com/nvh-nbrx-xhy>

Thursday 21st January 12.45 - 1.00 PLC applications

Link to meet: <https://meet.google.com/dbr-jtwr-esb>

Other upcoming closing dates

The UCD Ad Astra Elite Sports & Performing Arts Scholarships closing date 31 January

The Lir Academy for Acting courses closing date is 1 February

HPAT

Registrations close for the HPAT at 5.15pm on 20 January. The HPAT-Ireland 2021 exam is being held via online proctoring on 20 & 21 February 2021. Please refer to the HPAT-Ireland Information Booklet for further information. Link to booklet:

https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/files/HPAT-Ireland_2021.pdf

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards

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Guidance Counsellors