



8th May 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

We hope you and your families are all well. We wish the 6th Year students the best of luck as they prepare for their graduation. We would also like to wish them every success in their future studies. Below please find some information that may be of help to you and your daughter(s) over the coming months.

The **CAO change of mind facility** is now open and will remain so until the 1st of July 2023, which is the final closing date. This allows students to review and amend their course choices. It is important that students have their CAO application and course choices correct and in their genuine order of preference by 1st July.

The students should receive a **Statement of Application Record** email from the CAO in May. It is vital that all correspondence from CAO is read and checked carefully and all instructions from CAO are followed. Failure to follow the instructions could result in students missing out on an offer. More information about the Statement of Application Record can be found on https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=aboutStmt

It is also worth noting that, following the 1st round of CAO offers, there may be a limited number of available place courses listed on the CAO website which students may apply to at that time.

Many students have applied and gained an offer to study at a **Further Education - Post Leaving Certificate (PLC)** college. It is important that students read carefully any correspondence they receive from their chosen college and follow any instructions given. Many colleges require payment of a deposit to secure a place. Once the results are released students should, if they wish to take a place in a PLC college, pass the details of their results to their chosen college and hopefully they will be in a position to take up their place. Applications for many **PLC courses and Apprenticeships** are still open and students can apply for these courses anytime between now and September 2023 if they wish to do so.

The college grants scheme, administered by SUSI opened for applications in April and will remain open until July 2023 for priority processing. Students are advised to apply as early as





possible using the online application on <u>www.susi.ie</u>. SUSI grants are available for students completing both CAO and Further Education - PLC courses. If your household income is below €100,000, it is worth checking if your daughter may be eligible on the <u>www.susi.ie</u> website.

We are all waiting for further information on the date of the Leaving Certificate results, CAO college offer timetable, LC Appeals process and starting times for college courses and once this information is available we will be in contact with you again.

If you and/or your daughter have any questions about the above or would like assistance with their college applications. Please feel free to contact us.

We will be available to meet and assist students around the days of the Leaving Certificate results, CAO college offers and as they accept their CAO or Further Education - PLC courses. Please contact us by email - <u>lporter@olschool.ie</u> or <u>fbannan@olschool.ie</u> or ring the school - 01 4903241 if you have any queries. We wish your daughter every success in her future careers.

Your sincerely

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