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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

I hope you and your families are all well. I know it has been a difficult end to your daughter's 6th Year and I am sorry that their studies have been impacted this way. I would like to wish them the best of luck 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 2020, 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 have received a Statement of Application Record email from the CAO recently. It is vital that all correspondence from CAO is read and checked carefully and all instructions from CAO are followed. 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 Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) college. It is important that students read carefully any correspondence they receive from their chosen college and follow any instruction given. 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 be in a position to take up their place. Applications for some PLC courses and Apprenticeships are still open and students can apply for these courses anytime between now and September 2020 if they wish to do so.

The college grants scheme, administered by SUSI opened for applications in April and will remain open until the 9th July 2020. Students are advised to apply as early as possible using the online application on www.susi.ie. SUSI grants are available for students completing both CAO and PLC courses.

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





I 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 PLC courses. Please contact me by email - lporter@olschool.ie if you have any queries at this time. We wish your daughter every success in her future careers.

Your sincerely Lesley Porter Guidance Counsellor