

## 6th Year Parents Information January 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Happy New Year and I hope you had a good Christmas and are all keeping well. We understand that completing college applications can be challenging for our 6th Year students. We are here to support the students. Please encourage them to reach out to us if they have difficulties or queries about their applications. 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**. The closing date for applications is **1 February**. 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 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**. 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/2022/EDF.pdf>

### Further Education & Training - 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. Information can be found on the college websites and [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie)

## **Applications for Apprenticeships**

Information about applying to an apprenticeship can be found on [www.apprenticeship.ie](http://www.apprenticeship.ie) and there is also a freephone number available for advice and support: 1800 794 487. Open 12pm-6pm Monday-Friday.

## **Assistance with their Applications**

Students who have any queries or would like assistance with their applications should contact Ms. Bannan ([fbannan@olschool.ie](mailto:fbannan@olschool.ie)) or Ms. Porter ([lporter@olschool.ie](mailto:lporter@olschool.ie)) by email. We will also hold lunchtime drop-in sessions to assist students with their application queries at the following times.

**Thursday 6 January 12.42 room 32**

**Thursday 13 January 12.42 room 32**

**Thursday 20 January 12.42 room 32**

## **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 21 January. The HPAT-Ireland 2022 exam is being held via online proctoring from 18 to 21 February 2022. Please refer to the HPAT-Ireland Information Booklet for further information. Link to booklet:

[https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/files/HPAT-Ireland\\_2022.pdf](https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/files/HPAT-Ireland_2022.pdf)

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

Kind regards

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