

# LC Results & College Offers 2020

Dear Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you and your families are all well. I wish all the students the best of luck in their results and college offers. Below is some information that should be of help as you receive the results and deal with college offers.

## Schedule

Results of Leaving Certificate calculated grades will be issued on 7th September

CAO round 1 offers – 11th September from 14:00

Details of how to appeal will be available via Student portal - 14th September

Reply date round 1 - 16th September by 15:00

CAO round 2 offers – 23rd September from 10:00

Reply date round 2 – 25th September by 12:00

## Account Numbers & Passwords

You will need the following numbers and passwords.

1.	<b>Examination Number</b>	
2.	<b>Student Portal Password</b>	
3.	<b>P.S.S. Number</b>	
4.	<b>C.A.O. Account Number</b>	
5.	<b>C.A.O. Password</b>	

## How Do I Get My Results?

The final Calculated Grades will be available on-line via Student Portal on education.ie at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 7th September. Exam number, student portal password, and P.P.S. number will be needed. The estimated mark given by the school and the class ranking, (but not the ranking of other students), will not be available until Monday 14th September (via Student Portal).

## Appealing Grade/s Awarded by Dept. of Education

- On Monday 14th September the appeals process opens in the Student Portal.
- Instructions and details of how to appeal will be available in the Student Portal.
- Also on Monday 14th September, the estimated mark given by the school and the class ranking, (but not the ranking of other students), will be available in the Student Portal.
- If a student is not happy with the C.A.O. offer based on the final grades achieved, the grade/s can be appealed.
- The appeal process only assesses if the data was correctly entered by the school and correctly processed by the Dept. of Ed.
- The appeal process does not involve a review of the actual data/marks given to students by schools or standardisation made by the Dept. of Ed.

- If the student is upgraded and is eligible, they will receive a higher offer from the C.A.O.
- The student may be able to take up this new offer for the year 2020/21 depending on the time-frame, or the student may need to wait until 2021/22 to start the course.

## Sitting the Leaving Certificate Exam in Nov. 2020

- If a student is not happy with the final grades received and/or the C.A.O. offer, a student may choose to sit the Leaving Certificate exam/s commencing Monday 16th November.
- A student can sit as many or as few subjects as they wish.
- Students can then combine their result/s from a mixture of the best grades obtained from the original Calculated Grade/s awarded and the new grade/s obtained for sitting the Leaving Certificate exam.
- If this new combination of grades results in an improved offer from the C.A.O. the student can take up this college offer in 2021/22.
- If a student has already started a course in 2020/21 and opts to take up the new offer for 2021/22, fees and grants will not be affected.
- The Leaving Certificate will commence on Monday 16th November 2020, subject to public health advice and engagement with stakeholders. The examinations will be scheduled for evenings and at weekends.
- The Leaving Certificate Examinations will take the form of written examinations only. The written examinations will be based on the normal question paper format, content and structure as in previous years. Students taking the postponed examinations will be graded on the basis of their written papers.
- The State Examinations Commission (SEC) is currently working with the Department of Education on arrangements for the postponed examinations, which include the Leaving Certificate Established, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) and the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA). Following this engagement, the SEC will issue detailed information regarding the arrangements for the postponed examinations. This will include details of the Examination timetable The venues where exams will take place How to register/ apply to take an exam/s The final arrangements will be determined in part by the number of students who opt to sit the examinations.
- In the case of five subjects, the SEC will also mark coursework which had been completed prior to school closure and these marks will be included in the grading of these subjects. These are: Home Economics (already marked by the SEC); LCVP Portfolio; Design and Communication Graphics; Physical Education (PE) Physical Activity Project; Engineering. In all other subjects, candidates will be awarded grades solely on the written papers. An earlier arrangement, communicated in March, that full marks would be awarded in respect of oral language and music performance tests, was cancelled when the summer examinations were postponed in May and the system of Calculated Grades was introduced. Candidates are not being automatically awarded full marks in respect of any examination component in the Calculated Grades system. The Dept. of Education will not conduct examinations in oral or practical components, or to try to complete unfinished coursework.

- Some students applied for, and were deemed eligible to, apply for a college place through the DARE and/or HEAR scheme for entry in September 2020. If such an eligible student then applies again for college entry in September 2021, both the DARE and/or HEAR eligibility is carried over from the 2020 application to the 2021 application provided a new C.A.O. application is made through the C.A.O. by 1st February 2021 and the instructions highlighted at that time are followed.
- Some students may have applied for entry to Medicine in September 2020. The normal rules state that the minimum subject requirements and points must be obtained in the same sitting of the Leaving Certificate. If a student combines some of the Calculated grades with grades from sitting the written Leaving Certificate in November 2020, this is deemed to be one sitting of the Leaving Certificate. If a student obtains, what would ordinarily be sufficient Leaving Certificate points in 2020 to gain entry to medicine, but an insufficient score in the HPAT taken in 2020, the HPAT can be repeated in 2021 and the Leaving Certificate points from 2020 can be carried over for entry in 2021. However, if a student did not obtain sufficient points in the Leaving Certificate 2020 and repeats the Leaving Certificate in 2021, they will also need to repeat the HPAT exam in 2021 as the rules state that the HPAT score used must be from the year of admission to the medicine course.

## CAO Offers

Please note that, due to Covid-19 workplace restrictions, there will be no postal offer notices this year. Any offers you may receive can be viewed and accepted online via the 'My Application' facility. You will also receive an email and an SMS text (if you have selected this option) alerting you to an offer. Separate emails/texts will be issued in respect of Level 8 offers and Level 7/6 offers.

### Round 1 offers

Round One offers for applicants will appear on the CAO website from 14:00 on Friday, 11 September. The Reply Date for acceptance is Wednesday, 16 September at 15:00

Please note the following important points for Round One Offers:

- On 11 September, you should receive either an email from CAO containing details of your offer(s), or a Statement of Application email if you have been unsuccessful. Level 8 and Level 7/6 emails/texts will issue separately. If you have not received an email/text and your friend/classmate has, please note that due to the large number of messages being distributed, emails/texts will be arriving with applicants at intervals (from approx. 13:00). In the absence of an email/text, you should still log in to your account from 14:00 on 11 September to check for and accept an offer.

- Due to the large number of people awaiting offers in Round One, please expect heavy traffic and possible delays on the CAO website when trying to access your CAO account for a short period after 14:00 on 11 September. If there is a delay

please be patient and try again later. You will have until 16 September at 15:00 to accept an offer.

-The CAO and colleges will work to deal with applicants queries and you can contact CAO by sending an email from the Correspondence section of your CAO account.

## **How Do I Receive And Accept An Offer?**

You can log into your C.A.O account and view the offer/s and accept one offer only using the details in the account. You will need your C.A.O. account number and C.A.O. password. If you have two offers, one from level 8 and one from level 7/6, accepting one offer automatically declines the other offer. Your offer must be accepted by the relevant acceptance date. If an offer is not accepted by this date it is automatically withdrawn. If you receive a 2nd round offer and do not wish to accept it, do nothing, it will automatically lapse on the closing date and the CAO will view this as you preferring your 1st round offer. If you wish to accept your second round offer, doing so automatically removes the 1st round offer.

## **Round 2 offers**

Round Two offers will be available on the CAO website from Wednesday, 23 September at 10:00. The Reply Date for acceptance of Round Two offers will be Friday, 25 September at 12:00.

Remaining offers will be issued on a weekly basis until the offer season closes. For more information about the Offer and Acceptance dates and process go to [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).

Please note:

- When you accept a CAO offer you will receive a confirmation email.
- Please ensure you have your correct password and log in information for your CAO account so you are able to access your account on the day of the offers. If you need to you can log in to your account to check that you have the correct password and log in information prior to the offer dates.

## **College Registration & Start Dates- Late Sept./Early Oct**

College registration and start dates will vary depending on the college. Please see their websites for more information. Registration is important to ensure you get your subjects/modules. The CAO will inform the college that you have accepted the course and the college will make contact with you via the email address given to CAO.

## Accepting your PLC College Offers

Once you have your results. It is best to make contact with the PLC College to which you have applied in order to take up your place. Some colleges may have been or will get in contact with you by email. But if you do not hear from them, once you have your results, it is best to contact them. Please see their websites for details and try to contact them by email or phone. Please note some PLC courses are still open for new applications. Please see their website for details.

## Further Information & support

- **Guidance Counsellor support is available to students around the days of the LC results and CAO offers. Please contact [lporter@olschool.ie](mailto:lporter@olschool.ie) and individual support will be given by email/phone/Google Meet. Ms. Porter will also hold a drop in Google Meet for students at the following times: 8th September 3pm -4:30pm, 14th September 3pm -4:30pm These meets can be accessed through your Careers Google Classroom.**
- **There is a freephone Leaving Certificate Helpline - 1800 265 165**

Which operates on the following dates:

• Monday 7th September	11am – 8pm
• Tuesday 8th September	11am – 8pm
• Wednesday 9th September	11am – 2pm
• Thursday 10th September	11am – 2pm
• Friday 11th September	12pm – 8pm
• Saturday 12th September	11am – 5pm

Please see this link for more information on this helpline - <https://www.npcpp.ie/leaving-cert-helpline/>

- Please watch the CAO information video on the CAO Offers and Acceptance Process available at this link <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=video&l=102134759>
- For more details and to help to answer your questions please see the useful booklet - **The Class of 2020. The Results are out. What now? A guide for Students and Parents** published by the IGC and available on the school app and careers google classroom.
- Please see link to **Leaving Certificate Results- Next Steps** helpful sections on careerportal website - [https://careersportal.ie/parents/parents\\_whats\\_next.php](https://careersportal.ie/parents/parents_whats_next.php)

- There is a powerpoint presentation available on the Careers Google Classroom which contains more information about the offers and the various options open to you.
- Please note SUSI grants are still open for application for the 2020/2021 academic year. If you have experienced a change in circumstances relating to income that is not temporary in nature and is likely to continue for the foreseeable future, you may apply for your application to be assessed/reassessed under a change in circumstances. Please see [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) for more information about student grants and Covid 19

We wish all students the best of luck with your results and offers.

Kind regards  
Ms. Porter