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Guidance notice to 6th Year May 2020

It is tough on you all how your 6th year and LC has been impacted by the current crisis and we all have empathy for you in having to deal with this. As you know from the Department of Education directions you cannot have contact with your teachers at present. We appreciate that this sudden end to contact with your classes and teachers may be difficult for you. This current crisis in the world is affecting many groups of people and we keep everyone who is impacted in our thoughts. We also send our thanks to those who work on the front line during this pandemic.

It is important to let you know that you are welcome to contact Ms.Porter or Ms. Keane and it is perfectly ok to do so. We are happy to answer your queries by email and/or to arrange a hangout call with you. We will update the Careers google classroom with information relating to college applications as it becomes available. We will also hold some class meets to discuss dealing with college offers and your transition into college/ training plus other topics that you request information on. These will be held later once more information becomes available.

Please note we are available now to work with you on any of the following;

- Dealing with stress/worry/anxiety at this time & minding your mental health
- Information and on various wellbeing and mental health services available to you
- Discussion and information to assist you with your college/course/training applications
- Information on Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses
- Information on the CAO process, CAO change of mind, and CAO college offers
- Information on Apprenticeships
- Discussing your SUSI(College Grants), HEAR and DARE queries
- Deferring a college place
- Study skills for preparing to take the LC at a later date
- Preparing for the transition to college
- Assistance on applying for scholarships
- Clarifying your future plans, organising your order of preference, having good back up plans
- Help with CV and Interview preparation



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- Applying to campus accommodation
- Information on UCAS and Eunicas applications
- Sourcing and discussing specific course information

The following guidelines have been given by the Department of Education: Guidance Counsellors are permitted to continue to provide guidance counselling support to 6th year students (1:1 and small group work). Guidance counselling support may be provided to students wishing to discuss their social personal, education and career concerns.

However, In advance of any planned interaction with students a clear statement must be communicated to students and parents/guardians that **the guidance counsellor will not** be engaging in discussions regarding the calculated grading process or potential marks awarded by teachers. Guidance Counsellors, teachers and students may not discuss the student's achievement in the subject over the past two years. Nor can they discuss the student's ranking in a class, or their estimated mark or the level at which an estimated mark is to be provided in a subject.

It is vital that you now reflect carefully on your applications and ensure that you are happy with them. **For CAO applicants you have until the 1st July 2020 to ensure your application is correct and your courses are in your genuine order of preference.** It is always a good idea to have a back up plan. If you have applied and have an offer from a PLC college that is great and just need to ensure you read any further information that you receive from the colleges carefully. It is also important to note that it is not too late to apply and PLC colleges are still accepting online applications. Application to apprenticeships can still be made also. If you need any help with any of the above please get in contact with us by email lporter@olschool.ie or akeane@olschool.ie

We wish all of you the best of luck with your applications and feel free to contact us.

Please see useful links below

Leaving Certificate 2020 Information and Resources

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2f07eb-leaving-cert-2020-information/#information-for-leaving-cert-students>

Wellbeing Information and Resources



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<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/256911-leaving-cert-2020-practical-supports/>

CAO

www.cao.ie

Careersportal - Information on careers, college courses (PLC & CAO) & training

www.careersportal.ie

Access College - Information on HEAR & DARE

www.accesscollege.ie

SUSI - Information on College Grants

www.susi.ie

Qualifax- Information on courses (CAO & PLC)

www.qualifax.ie

Apprenticeships

<http://www.apprenticeship.ie/en/SitePages/Home.aspx>

UCAS - Applications to college in the UK

www.ucas.com

Eunicas - Applications to colleges in Europe

www.eunicas.ie