



**OUR
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TERENURE



September 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As your daughter is now in her final year in school, we would like to inform you about the guidance programme in 6th Year. In the coming year students will have to make important decisions in relation to their future. The following programme is provided to facilitate students to make the best possible choices as well as accurate and effective applications.

Career Classes

Students attend careers classes, on rotation, until the end of January. During these classes students will learn about the different opportunities open to them and the details of various application procedures.

Individual Consultations

We will meet with students for an individual consultation to discuss their personal choices and applications and follow up with further consultations as required.

Small Group Work

Work will be done in small groups where a number of students are making common applications, for example, applications to the UK colleges.

The 6th Year Parent Teacher Meeting on Tuesday 1st October any parents who wish to have a call or meeting with us are welcome to do so. This can be arranged by emailing Fionnuala Bannan - fbannan@olschool.ie for students in C6 & M6 or Lesley Porter - lporter@olschool.ie for students in B6, L6 & P6. Once an email is received a suitable time will be arranged with you.

Visiting Speakers

A number of representatives from the colleges will make presentations to students on the options available in their colleges. We will also invite past pupils later in the year, to make presentations to 6th Year students and share their experience of starting college.

College Information & Open Day Events

Many both in person and virtual career events and college open days are due to take place over the coming months. A list of these events is available on the following links.

<https://www.qualifax.ie/events>

<https://careersportal.ie/media/index.php>

We would encourage students to engage with these events in order to gather as much information as possible about their courses and colleges of interest enabling them to make informed decisions.

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We wish to inform you of two access routes available into Higher Education. The **HEAR** and **DARE** programs may assist students, who meet certain criteria, to access college. Information on both is available on www.accesscollege.ie or feel free to contact us for further information.

Information on financial support and scholarships for college is available on

www.susi.ie

https://careersportal.ie/school/student_supports.php?parent=2006&ed_sub_cat_id=429

www.studentfinance.ie

We advise early application.

The 6th Year Students and Parents career information event will be online on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 5.30pm. We will provide an online presentation on CAO college applications. We will also provide information on Further Education/PLC (post leaving certificate) courses, apprenticeships, SUSI grants and access routes to college (DARE & HEAR). We will provide you with more information about this event prior to the date. We would encourage both 6th year students and their parent(s) to join this information meeting. Should you have any queries regarding any of the above, do not hesitate to contact us.

Please see below a timetable of career events for the year.

Yours sincerely

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Important Dates 2024/25

UK COLLEGES	UCAS
15th October 2024	Application to UCAS (UK equivalent of CAO) should be made for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary medicine. This is also the closing date for applications to Cambridge and Oxford .
19 September 2024	UCAT Registration Deadline (Medicine and Dentistry)
Start October 2024	UCAS Conservatoires Application for Music courses
29 January 2025	All other UCAS Applications Due OLS Applications completed by November 2024
	Medicine-Ireland
Nov./Dec. 2024 19 January 2025 February 2025	HPAT Ireland registration Opens HPAT registration Closes HPAT TEST
	CAO
Early November 2024	CAO on-line Application Facility Opens
20th January 2025	Early Deadline for On-line CAO Applications (Reduced Fee)
1st February 2025	CAO Closing Date
1st February 2025	Deadline for applications to DARE and HEAR by applying to CAO and applicants must complete the online sections of HEAR/DARE by 1st March 2025
Early February 2025	NCAD Art & Design Portfolio submission followed in March by other Art and Design Colleges
15th March 2025	Deadline for Documentation to reach CAO for HEAR & DARE applications
1st May 2025	Opening of the Change of Mind facility
1st July 2025	Final Closing date for the CAO
June 2025	Leaving Certificate Examination
August 2025	Leaving Certificate Examination Results

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Following week	CAO Offers Round 1
	Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLC) & Apprenticeships
Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb	PLC Applications (Apply online directly to colleges following varying opening dates) Apprenticeships (various deadlines see www.apprenticeship.ie)
	EUNICAS (Colleges in Europe)
Oct. onwards	Eunicas applications open (check various college and country dates, deadline for some Netherlands colleges is 15 Jan.)

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