

6th Year Information January 2025

CAO Applications

All students who are applying to CAO should now have opened their CAO accounts. A 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 your courses in the correct order of preference. Students will be able to change their courses, free of charge, during the change of mind dates from **6 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 student's consultant, this form is available to download here:

<https://accesscollege.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Section-C-Applicant-Statement-Form-2025-v3B-2.pdf>

Irish/Language Exemptions

All students who do not study Irish and/or another language should now have applied for their language exemptions as instructed by the CAO and have received confirmation that their exemption was granted. If you have not completed this process or have not received confirmation please let us know so that we can assist you with this. It is vital to have these in order prior to the college offers.

Further Education & Training - PLC Applications

Most PLC colleges are now open for online application on their websites. Students are recommended to apply early. Please complete the online application if you wish to apply. You may need your PPS number to apply. Information can be found on the college websites and www.fetchcourses.ie Please check your emails regularly and follow any instructions given by the colleges following your application.

Applications for Apprenticeships

Information about applying to an apprenticeship can be found on 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 your Applications

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

Tuesday 7 January 12.42 room 36

Thursday 9 January 12.42 room 36

Thursday 16 January 12.42 room 36

Other upcoming closing dates

Registrations close for the **HPAT** at **5.15pm on 17 January**

The **UCD Ad Astra Elite Sports & Performing Arts Scholarships** closing date **31 January**

The **Lir Academy for Acting** courses closing date is **1 February**

Upcoming Careers Events

Please see the link below to Upcoming Career Events

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

Please check PLC college websites as more open day events may be added.

The **DARE Application Information Sessions 2025** will take place in various colleges on Saturday 11 January at 10am-2pm.

Register below

<https://accesscollege.ie/dare/news-dare/2024/11/25/dare-hear-national-information-day-saturday-the-11th-of-january-2025/>

The **HEAR Application Information Sessions 2025** will take place in various colleges on Saturday 11 January from 10am-2pm

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We wish students well with their applications.

Kind regards

Ms. Bannan and Ms. Porter

Guidance Counsellors