

DGS Careers Bulletin - March 2017

Mock Exam Results

Since our return Junior and Leaving Certificate students have been receiving results and feedback from their subject teachers based on the recent mock exams. The results provide a really useful benchmark to gauge student progress across all subjects and a base from which to plan detailed revision in areas that may require additional attention.

It is important to point out that there is a significant block of teaching time remaining during which courses will be completed and students will begin revision and focus on exam technique.

Particularly for our Leaving Certificate students can I stress how important it is to be in school right up until the end of May. Following the Easter break some students feel that they are better staying at home and studying. From our experience this is not the case and in fact can prove detrimental in terms of the students overall performance in State Exams.

Exam papers provide a useful resource in targeting revision and some students also find <https://studyclix.ie/> really useful in comparing their answers to the exam marking schemes.

Finally all the exam preparation over the next few weeks must go hand in hand with balance and mindfulness. Eating well coupled with regular exercise and sleep, while taking some down time, is essential in order to be fully ready for the 7th June.

CAO Application Trends 2017

The CAO has just published its data based on first preferences courses applied to for 2017 entry as of 1st March. It appears that courses in Agriculture/Horticulture, The Built Environment and Law are showing significant increases while many of the Health Science courses including Pharmacy, Medicine and Dentistry indicate a decrease or no change in first preference applications. For detailed information go to <https://careersportal.ie/careerplanning/story.php?Heading=CAO+Application+Trends+2017&ID=2501202446#.WME4oO-mnIU>

Scholarships & Apprenticeships

The following scholarship and apprenticeship applications are now open

- The ESB Apprenticeship Scheme 2017 – closing date 30th March
<https://careerservices.ie/e-s-b>
- The Naughton Foundation Scholarship - closing date 17th May
<http://www.thenaughtonfoundation.com/application-form>
- Intel Women in Technology Scholarships – closing date 2nd October
<http://www.intel.ie/content/www/ie/en/women-in-technology-scholarship-program-leixlip.html>
- UCD Irish Language Residence Scheme –closing date 31st March
<http://www.ucd.ie/bnag/en/irishlanguage residencescheme/>

Guest Speakers to DGS in March

6th - Dublin Inst. of Technology (Joe O’Sullivan)

7th - Dublin Business School (Colette Ryan)

Open Days/Events in March/April

15th – Gurteen Agricultural College

16th – O’Fiaich Institute of Further Education

24th - UCAS Deadline for some Art & Design Courses

25th – Maynooth University Music Entrance Test

1st April – Maynooth University Sports Scholarship Deadline

1st April – Maynooth University Spring Open Day

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