

# DGS Careers Bulletin - November 2017

## **CAO**

The CAO opened its online application facility for 2018 college entry on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Students can set up and activate an account by paying the online fee by debit/credit card. Key dates & fees to note - €45 for a standard online application up to the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Discounted application fee of €30 up to the 20<sup>th</sup> January (5.15 p.m.). Late Application fee of €60 up to 1<sup>st</sup> May. Visit [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) for a range of resources for students and parents.

## **DARE & HEAR Schemes**

Students intending to apply to college through these supplementary application schemes are reminded to check the eligibility criteria and the supporting documentation required. This has been flagged to parents prior to the summer holidays (June 2017) in the event that reports/assessments need to be updated. For further details please visit [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie)

## **College Alert Lists**

Throughout the school year participating colleges in the CAO are constantly amending course titles, entry requirements and highlighting new programmes on offer. It is crucial that students keep up to date with this information as it may have an impact on their course choices. College alert lists are published and updated on the main CAO website.

## **UCAS 2018**

Over forty 6<sup>th</sup> Year students are in the process of submitting applications to colleges in the United Kingdom. This is a record number with the majority confining their choices to Scotland, given that the free fees scheme continues to operate. All applicants are reminded that the School UCAS deadline is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## **TY/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Year Careers Edmodo Groups**

As stated in the October Bulletin I have set up class groups for each of the above Years. The purpose of these is to forward information, relating to college and career events, directly to students. If you have yet to sign up to a group please speak to me in order to obtain the class code.

## **Open Days - November**

7<sup>th</sup> - NCAD Portfolio Information Sessions (2 days)

9<sup>th</sup> – UCD Mathematics & BAFS Open Evening (Online Registration Required)

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - Dundalk Institute of Technology

14<sup>th</sup> – UCD Physics Open Evening (Online Registration Required)

16<sup>th</sup> - Carlow IT Open Day

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Dublin City University (DCU) Open Days

21<sup>st</sup> - UCD Chemistry Open Evening (Online Registration Required)

23<sup>rd</sup> – DIT Portfolio Clinic

24<sup>th</sup> – GMIT Letterfrack Open Day

28<sup>th</sup> – Pulse College (Dublin Campus) Open Day

29<sup>th</sup> - National College of Art & Design (NCAD) Open Day

- National College of Ireland Open Day

## **House Exams**

The Christmas Exams commence for senior cycle students on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The exams provide students with a useful benchmark to gauge their progress at this early stage in the year. The results can also assist students in making decisions going forward relating to subject levels and their subject loading. We wish each student every success in the weeks ahead.

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