

## DGS Careers Bulletin – March 2019

### **Mock Exams 2019**

All state examinations students will have received their scripts, grades and feedback from subject teachers following this year's mock exams. Reports are being finalised and will be posted home very soon.

It is important to take on board the advice of teachers at this crucial stage. There is lots of time still available to students to target specific areas through focused and consistent revision. Practice of exam questions from past papers will help perfect exam timing and technique. Many students find Studyclix an invaluable resource to plan and revise in these final months. Visit <https://www.studyclix.ie/> for more information.

### **UCAS Offers**

Applicants in 6<sup>th</sup> year to UCAS should note the reply dates to their conditional offers. Once all decisions have been communicated by the Universities students are encouraged to indicate their Firm Choice (1<sup>st</sup> Preference) and Insurance Choice (2<sup>nd</sup> Preference). All other offers must be declined. Follow the link <https://track.ucas.com/> to reply to your offers.

### **Scholarships**

Leaving Certificate students are very busy preparing now for orals and practicals as well as finalising project work in many subjects. It is also important to be mindful of many scholarship schemes which will be advertised over the coming few weeks. Some that come to mind include the UCD Irish Language Residence Scheme, <http://www.ucd.ie/bnag/en/teachnagaeilge/studentresidenceschemescholarships/> and The Naughton Scholarship, for students interested in studying STEM courses, <https://www.thenaughtonfoundation.com/apply> . For details of many other scholarships visit <https://careersportal.ie/scholarships/index.php>.

### **On-Campus Accommodation 2019/20**

A reminder of some Opening and Closing dates for this year.

**NUI Galway** – all places have been filled but students can apply to go on their waiting list.

**DCU** – lottery system for campus accommodation closes on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**UCD** – opens 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Maynooth** – opens 1<sup>st</sup> May @ 2.00 p.m.

## **Transition Year Subject Choice for Senior Cycle**

Sincere thanks to the many parents and students who attended our recent Subject Choice Evening for Senior Cycle. For those who were unable to make it a copy of the main PowerPoint can be viewed on the parents section of the school website, <https://www.dgs.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/5th-Year-Subject-Choice-2019.pdf>.

Individual Subject Choice interviews with all TY students will commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The official Subject Choice Form for 5<sup>th</sup> Year 2019/20 will be available to students on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March and this must be returned to the **school office on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April (8.30 a.m.)**.

## **Guest Speakers To DGS**

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Digital Futures Talk (Dell Corporation)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – O’Fiaich Institute (Martina O’Reilly)

## **College Open Events (March)**

- 13<sup>th</sup> – Gurteen Agricultural College
- 15<sup>th</sup> - O’Fiaich Institute Open Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Maynooth University Bachelor of Music (MH103) Entrance Test
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Galway-Mayo IT – (Galway Campus) Spring Open Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> April - Deadline Supporting Documentation for DARE & HEAR to CAO

## **Health & Well-Being Resources**

- **5 Podcasts that May help with Anxiety**  
<https://spunout.ie/opinion/article/5-podcasts-help-soothe-anxiety>
- **Making Study Easier**  
<https://spunout.ie/education/article/5-ways-make-studying-easier-1>
- **Support Groups for Young People Affected by Cancer**  
<https://spunout.ie/health/article/support-groups-for-young-people-affected-by-cancer>