

DGS Careers Bulletin – October 2017

State Examinations 2017

Congratulations to our Leaving and Junior Certificate students who attained a great set of results. Many of our Leaving Certificate students received their first preference course choice from the CAO, with UCD being the most popular destination among the Irish Universities. Well done to everyone and we wish them every success in their future studies.

UCAS 2018

A significant number of our Leaving Certificate students are in the process of applying to colleges in the U.K. and specifically Scotland. Presently thirty-two students have applied, which is double the figure recorded last year. As Scotland still operates a free tuition fee policy, the net cost of attending college there would see a saving of roughly €2,000 per annum, compared to living and studying in Dublin. The school deadline for UCAS applications is Friday 17th November.

Edmodo Class Groups

I have set up an Edmodo career class groups for all our 5th and 6th year students. The purpose of the each group is to communicate college information, e.g. Open Day events, application deadlines and other useful resources. Please ensure you sign up in prior to half-term.

Guest Speakers

One of the difficulties often expressed by our students in their career planning relates to the lack of specific information around job descriptions, tasks, roles and responsibilities. While some of the guidance websites profile a number of different occupations, nothing comes close to providing students with the opportunity to speak directly to professionals working in specific disciplines. With this in mind I would welcome any parent, who might be willing to speak about their own career area, into the school to chat with some of our senior students. If this is something that you may be willing to do please feel free to contact me by telephone through the school office or by simply e-mailing guidance@dgs.ie.

Open Days in October

6th & 7th – The National University of Ireland Galway
14th – University College Cork

Visiting Colleges to DGS this month

16th & 18th - Colette O'Beirne from DCU
18th & 25th - Judith Caffrey from Maynooth University.