

Careers Bulletin – December 2017

- **CAO**

All 6th year students are encouraged to set-up and activate their CAO accounts prior to the Christmas Holidays. With the focus on mock exam preparation in January, this is something less to have to deal with on their to-do list. Visit www.cao.ie for a range of resources for both students and parents. It is important to highlight that the majority of courses, with the exception of those that are restricted, can be added to your form up to the 1st July.

- **UCAS**

A number of students have yet to complete their UCAS application and I would advise them that this should be done by Friday 15th December at the latest. A number of students have already received conditional offers and we wish those students attending for interview at Universities, including Cambridge, in the next fortnight every success.

- **SUSI 2018**

Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is the body established a number of years ago with responsibility for processing applications for college maintenance grants. Application for 2018 will open on 3rd April (provisional date) and I would just like to flag to students and parents that this year, prior to making an application students must have applied for and received their Public Service Card. For more information on SUSI, the grant application process and the eligibility reckoner visit <https://susi.ie/>. For information on the new Public Service Card visit <https://www.mygovid.ie/>

- **Guest Speakers to DGS in December**

4th – Joe O’Sullivan (Dublin Institute of Technology)
13th – Adam Baker (Quinn School of Business UCD)

- **December Open Events**

5th – Dublin Business School Open Day
9th – Trinity College Dublin Open Day (9.00a.m. – 3.30 p.m.)

- **Study Skills Workshops 2018**

Student Enrichment Services, <http://www.studentenrichment.ie/>, will visit the school in the first week of the new term to facilitate study skills workshops to all 3rd & 5th Year students. On Wednesday 10th all 5th years will take part while on Thursday 11th January all 3rd years will complete a full-day programme.

- **DGS Parents Edmodo Careers Group**

As mentioned in the October Careers Bulletin I have created career groups for our 4th, 5th & 6th years. This is used primarily as a means of communicating information relating to College Open Days and other events. Parents can join the group by going to <https://www.edmodo.com/home> and clicking on the join group tab and entering the group code. The Parents Careers Group code is wgx2qw.

- **Web Resources**

<https://www.courses.ie/> Database of all full and part-time courses.

<https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/> Information on the HPAT Exam for Medicine.

<http://www.dcu.ie/counselling/Mindfulness-Podcasts.shtml> - some mindfulness podcasts for exam students to try.



*Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas
& every good wish for the New Year.*

Alan Norton.

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