

DGS Careers Bulletin – October 2018

Edmodo Groups

Similar to last year I have set up class groups on the Edmodo app for Transition Year, 5th and 6th Year students. This is a means of passing on information relating to career events, college entry requirements and other educational articles. I have also set up a Parents Group and this can be accessed by visiting the Edmodo site, signing up to create an account and then using the following group code **k2gx24**. Visit the attached link to create an account.

https://www.edmodo.com/parent-signup?source=landing_page&channel=landing_page&lp_variant=ask_mo_1&lp_test=ask_mo_landing_page_v2

UCAS 2019

Applications to colleges in Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales are well underway with 20 students currently registered. In total, from the Leaving Certificate Class of 2018, approximately 7 students accepted their UCAS offer. The burning question among students at the moment is the issue of Brexit and its potential impact on fees.

At present students attending University in Northern Ireland are subject to a fee of £4,160, while fees in Welsh and English Universities range from £7,000 to £9,250 Sterling.

Having contacted a number of Scottish Universities last week they informed me that provisionally, Irish students for entry in 2019, would be able to avail of the free fees scheme but a final decision on this will be communicated in March.

CAO

The CAO Application cycle for 2019 entry will open on Tuesday 6th November. Students received their CAO handbooks back in September and many are busy identifying and researching courses that may be included in their final selection. Parents are reminded that the CAO information talk takes place in the day canteen, Harper Building on Tuesday 6th November at 7.00 p.m. Visit the following link for more information <https://www.cao.ie/>

Eunicas

This is a website designed to assist students in identifying and applying to colleges in Europe. Currently a number of DGS students from the class of 2018 are studying in European countries including Poland and the Czech Republic. This is likely to become an increasingly attractive alternative given the low fee structure in many countries coupled with slightly lower entry requirements for broad based degree courses. Eunicas are holding an information event in Dublin at the end of this month. For further details on this visit <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/omg-were-going-dutch-4-dublin-tickets-45753852003>

Career Events in October

6th – NUI Galway Open Day

13th – UCC Open Day / Galway-Mayo IT Open Day

18th – University of Limerick /Sligo IT / Limerick IT Open Days

Career Events during October/November Mid-Term Break

3rd November - UCD Open Day

*A full list of career events for the year 2018/19 is posted on all Edmodo Class & Parent Groups.

Health & Well-Being Resources/Articles

- <https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/health-family/parenting/positive-well-being-health-rest-and-fitness-1.3440737>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7iBnp8T6nY>
- <https://spunout.ie/health/article/9-simple-ways-to-manage-anxiety>