

DGS Careers Bulletin – November 2018

Publication Dates of L.C. Results, CAO Offers & Appeals to Change for 2019

Following on from the High Court action taken by Leaving Certificate student Rebecca Carter in August of this year and the recommendation of the court to the SEC to review the entire Leaving Certificate Appeals procedure and timeline, it is reported that changes have been agreed by the SEC in conjunction with the CAO and all the Higher Education Authorities. This will see the Leaving Certificate results 2019 issued a day earlier, Tuesday 13th August, CAO offers issued on Friday 16th August and decisions on Leaving Certificate Appeals communicated to students between 18th – 20th August, almost three weeks earlier than the current Appeals system.

I believe these changes will be welcomed by students and parents, especially given that students had to wait five full days from the issuing of results to CAO offers under the old system whereas now they receive them within three days. In addition students who are upgraded following a subject appeal and are entitled to a new college offer will have missed less lecture time. Full details can be found at the following link <https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2018-press-releases/PR18-11-01.html>

CAO 2019

A reminder to all 6th year students that the CAO Application Cycle for 2019 opens on Monday 5th November at 12 noon. All students received their CAO Handbook back in early September. It is often the case that since its publication in the summer many changes can follow relating to new courses being sanctioned, changes to existing course titles as well as courses that may be withdrawn by colleges. Updates on changes made by individual colleges are highlighted on Alert Lists published on the CAO website. This information can be found at <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=alertlists&bb=studentresources>

Our students use the online application facility and this can be done at home or with my assistance in school. Please note that the discounted application fee of €30 applies up to 20th January (5.15 p.m.) Applications after this date and up to the 1st February cost €45. With the mock exams on the horizon on our return after Christmas I would advise all students to set up their CAO Accounts before we break on 21st December. Further information including a Demo application form can be found at <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=studentresources>

Finally a reminder that the CAO Information Evening for Students & Parents takes place on Tuesday 6th November at 7.00p.m. in the Day Pupil Canteen, Harper Building. Everyone is most welcome.

UCAS

Currently twenty-three students have applied to colleges in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Many students are in the process of drafting their personal statements and finalising their course choices. A gentle reminder that the **school deadline for UCAS applications is Friday 16th November.**

Open Days-Open Days & more Open Days!

November is always the busiest month in the careers calendar for college open days. All the main Dublin Universities and colleges will host their events over the next few weekends. I would really encourage our TY, 5th & 6th Year students, and their parents, to consider attending one or two of these. They are invaluable in terms of giving you a real physical sense of the college campus as well as forensically examining the detail of individual courses by talking with lecturers and students.

November Open Days

3rd – UCD Open Day

6th – NCAD Portfolio Information Sessions (2 Days) Booking required!

8th – National Maritime College of Ireland

9th & 10th – DKIT Open Days

10th – Trinity College Dublin Open Day

16th & 17th – DCU/Marino/Mater Dei Open Days

23rd & 24th - Maynooth University Open Days

30th – Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) Open Day

Guest Speaker(s) to DGS in November

8th & 16th – Judith Caffrey (Maynooth University)

Health & Wellbeing Articles & Resources

Guided Imagery – Forest Walk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgSbF_xH9LU

DCU – Guide to Health & Wellbeing

<https://www.dcu.ie/counselling/wellbeing/overview.shtml>

“Let’s Talk about Our Mental Health” Article – Spunout.ie

<https://spunout.ie/opinion/article/lets-talk-about-mental-health>

Sean Moncrieff: “Is this a Great Time to be Young?” Article – The Irish Times

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/sean-moncrieff-is-this-a-great-time-to-be-young-no-1.3651841>