

DGS Careers Bulletin – January 2019

UCAS

A total of 23 Leaving Certificate students have indicated their intention to apply to UCAS, with the vast majority having already submitted their application prior to Christmas. Scotland again appears to be the main destination for prospective students with the possibility of the free fees scheme still being in place irrespective of the Brexit outcome. A gentle reminder to a small number of outstanding applications that the UCAS **deadline falls on Tuesday next 15th January.**

CAO

Many students have already activated and completed their CAO application forms. Two CAO deadlines are fast approaching, firstly the discounted deadline rate of 20th January (5.15 p.m.). Applying before this deadline costs the applicant **€30**, however after the 20th January and up to the final CAO deadline of the 1st February will cost **€45**. For the vast majority of applicants course choices can be finalised ultimately up to 1st July, so there is no reason to panic. Only those 6th years applying to Restricted courses, (courses that have additional forms of assessment requiring the student to present for audition, suitability test, portfolio assessment and those applying for Medicine) must have indicated these courses on their CAO form by 1st February. Visit <https://www.cao.ie/> for all details and resources.

Study Skills Workshops

The Student Enrichment Team visited the school on Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th January this week to deliver study skills methods and techniques to our 3rd & 5th Year students. Our 3rd Years took part in a full-day programme while the 5th Year student completed a re-fresher course, building on the techniques that they learned from the programme they would have completed back in their junior certificate year. The feedback from students was really positive and we encourage them now to implement some of the strategies and techniques they learned without delay.

PLC Applications

Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLC) provide students with a valuable opportunity to explore a particular course area before committing to a specific discipline at I.T. or University. Most PLC courses are of one-year duration and also allow students to score the equivalent of 385 Leaving Certificate points. We have two local PLC colleges at O’Fiaich Institute Dundalk and Drogheda Institute of Further Education. Both offer a wide range of course areas from Pre-University Arts 7 Law to Pre-Nursing and e-Business. Applications to Drogheda Institute are currently open for 2019 and O’Fiaich will open for application by the end of January. Students can apply directly online and the only real key piece of information required is the Public

Service (PPS) number. I would encourage each 6th year student to apply to a PLC course as a back-up for August. Application is free.

Guest Speakers to DGS in January

- 10th – Dublin Business School (Charlotte Hickey)
- 17th – National College of Ireland Dublin (NCI)

Career Events & Open Days this month

- 12th – Open Day **University of Limerick**
- 16th – Open Day **DBS**
- 16th – CAO Open Evening **DCU**
- 16th – Open Evening **UCD School of Engineering**
- 19th - CAO Information Morning **DKIT**
- 19th – Open Day **IADT Dun Laoghaire**
- 20th – HPAT Ireland **Test Registration closes**

Health & Well-Being Resources

1. <https://spunout.ie/opinion/article/new-year-self-love-and-acceptance>
2. <https://spunout.ie/education/article/5-ways-make-studying-easier>
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyQAKcWYtsk>

Happy New Year Everyone!