

Career information updates

Dear parents/guardians,

Please find enclosed important career dates relating to upcoming career events.

Please note that parents and students can stay updated on all National career events by signing up to a Newsletter through Careers News <https://careersnews.ie/>

Upcoming career events. Please check dates before travelling in case of date changes

- 1) **Higher Options 2022:** *This event will provide an opportunity for senior cycle students or parents to speak with representatives from third level institutions in Ireland, the UK and Europe, further and higher education bodies and information organisations.*

The event will run over three days – **Wednesday, September 21st to Friday, September, 23rd**. There are two sessions each day. They run from 9am to 12 noon and from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. **Entry fee is €10.**

Note: some of our 5th and 6th year students are attending the National Ploughing Championships on Wednesday 21st September. Therefore, if not attending the ploughing championships, Wednesday 21st Sept would be an ideal time for 5th and 6th year students to attend the Higher Options career event. Otherwise Friday 23rd would be a suitable alternative.

- 2) **College Open days:** *students and parents are advised to attend college open days for colleges of interest. Learn about potential courses, talk to lecturers, take a tour of the campus, book on-campus accommodation. There is No entry fee for these Open Days.*

- Kildalton Agricultural College: 7th October 2022 and 3rd March 2023
- NUIG: Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October 2022
- UCC: Saturday 8 October 2022
- UL: Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October 2022
- MIC (Limerick): Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October & 21st January 2023
- TUSE Carlow: Thursday 27th October 2022 (10am – 2pm)
- Carlow College, St Patrick's: 27th October 2022
- Trinity: Saturday 5th November from (10am - 5pm)
- UCD: Saturday 12th November from 10am-4pm
- MIC (Thurles): Saturday 12th November
- TUSE Carlow (Wexford): Thursday 17th November 2022 (10am – 2pm)
- DCU: Friday the 18th & Saturday the 19th of November, **2022**
- IADT (Institute of Art, Design and Technology): 19th November 2022
- NCAD (National College of Art and Design): 23rd November 2022
- Maynooth: Friday and Saturday 25th and 26th November

- TUSE Waterford: Friday, 14 and Saturday, 15 January 2022 (10am – 2pm)
- 3) **CAO applications:** At Coláiste Abbáin our 6th years are presently preparing for their CAO application. The timetable of important dates can be found at cao.ie <https://www.cao.ie/?page=timetableevents&bb=importantdates>
The CAO online application opens on November 5th 2022. It costs €30
In preparation for CAO applicants, all parents are invited to a CAO presentation on Tuesday 15th November at 5.30pm. The presentation will include the CAO application process, SUSI grant, HEAR/DARE access programmes and PLC applications and apprenticeships
 - 4) **Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) Courses:** applications for PLC courses is directly to the colleges in question. Some PLC colleges encourage application through a student's CAO application.
<https://www.enniscorthyccfe.ie/>
<http://www.selskarcollege.ie/>
<http://wcfе.ie/full-time-courses/>
 - 5) **Apprenticeships:** up to date information relating to apprenticeships can be accessed through Generation Apprenticeship
<https://apprenticeship.ie/>

Senior Cycle career support

All Transition year, 5th, LCA and 6th year students at Coláiste Abbáin avail of weekly timetabled Career Guidance group classes. In addition to this students are provided with individual 1:1 career guidance. This is available for all students in Coláiste Abbain but priority is given to 6th year and LCA2 students who have unlimited access to 1:1 support.

Regards,

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