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6th Year Career Support

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is widely acknowledged that Parents serve as a major influence on their children's career development and career decision-making. With this in mind I wish to highlight some of the career supports that your son/daughter receives in Coláiste Abbáin

Class support and individual student support: As part of our Career Guidance support for 6th Year students, each student has access to weekly Career Guidance classes and **unlimited** access to one-to-one individual Career Guidance meetings. To date, each 6th Year student has benefited from individual Career Guidance meetings and this will continue throughout the year on a rotational basis. If a student requires some immediate help, they can request a meeting at any time.

Parent queries: parents who have career questions at any time are encouraged to contact the school office and I will return your call.

CAO: As you are aware, the CAO application process for 2022 opened on November 5th 2021. With this in mind I wish to invite you to our annual CAO presentation on Wednesday 1st December at 4.30pm. This year, due to ongoing Covid restrictions, the presentation will be provided online using your son/daughter's TEAMS account. The presentation will include the CAO application process, the SUSI grant and the HEAR/DARE Access Programme. This presentation will provide an ideal opportunity for parents/guardians to become familiar with the CAO application process and to ask questions if desired.

Open days: Many of the 3rd Level Colleges are now providing open days online as well as Virtual Webinars. Some Colleges are providing in-person Open Days with limited access, so pre-booking is important. Students are advised to attend Open Days, whether in-person or online, for Third Level Colleges that they are interested in.

Visiting speakers: Throughout the school year we will have visiting speakers from Third Level Colleges and from local PLC Colleges. In early November we had Chloe McNabb from IT Carlow speaking to the students. In December we await the visit of Jess Lawton from WIT and in January we look forward to a visit from Anita Cullen, Enniscorthy PLC College.

Useful websites: the following list provides relevant information for both students and parents

www.cao.ie

<https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=video> CAO application video

www.susi.ie

www.accesscollege.ie

www.qualifax.ie

www.careersportal.ie

www.apprenticeship.ie

www.careernews.ie

Regards,

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