

# Parents Evening

Helping your  
child achieve  
their best

5<sup>th</sup> year

# 4th September 2018.

- Career Guidance
- Study Skills and Tips
- Other Information
- Discussion

# Career Guidance

- Investigate Careers of Interest
- Websites
  - College Websites
  - CAO
  - Careers Website
- Visit Colleges
- Prospectus from Colleges

# Careers Information Evening

- Borrisokane Community College
- Monday September 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm to 9.30pm.
- All parents and students welcome to attend
  - Colleges – Universities and Institutes of Technology
  - PLC Colleges
  - Apprenticeships etc. etc.

## Internet

- Qualifax – [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) Irish courses database
- CAO – [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) Contains links to course websites
- Careersportal [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- [www.gotocollege.ie](http://www.gotocollege.ie)
- College websites (Addresses in CAO Handbook)

## People

- Relatives
- Past pupils
- Admissions/Academic staff of colleges

## Guidance Counsellor

- Interest Inventories / Guidance interviews
- Access to sources of information
- Appointments for parents

# Useful Resources

To assist with course research / application

## Publications

- College Prospectuses – 2019 Entry
- Student Yearbook and Career Directory 2, 2018/2019
- Career Choice., Level Three Publications.
- CAO Handbook

## Newspapers

- **The Irish Times**
  - Tuesdays Education Section
  - January Special College Supplement  
Series of articles - Brian Mooney
- **The Independent**
  - Careers Articles - Mary O Donnell

# POINTS SYSTEM

Generally in the CAO system

No. of qualified applicants > No. of course places

--> selection system is needed.

Selection system used in Irish 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Colleges is

## POINTS SYSTEM

- Points are calculated from **ONE** sitting of the Leaving Certificate only.
- Points total is calculated from **SIX** best subjects
- 25 Bonus points are awarded for Honours Mathematics. (Students who obtain a H6 or better)
- Points for foundation level maths will be awarded by certain institutions. Check college websites or prospectus for details.
- Entry Requirements can be satisfied over more than one sitting of the Leaving Certificate.

# CAO – General Info.

- Since 2006 there are 3 types of courses students can apply for under the Nat. Qualifications Framework.
- These are applied for on 2 separate lists on a single form:

## Level 6 & 7 Courses

Ordinary Degrees (7) Higher Certificates (6)
Up to 10 Course Choices

## Level 8 Courses

Honours Degrees (8)
Up to 10 Course Choices

- The courses are clearly labelled in the CAO Handbook
- N.B. – Care must be taken with courses marked '*Restricted*'.
- These courses cannot be applied for after February 1<sup>st</sup> due to extra assessments required.



# New Grades % - Leaving Cert 2017

Grade	Marks
• H1 / O1	90-100
• H2 / O2	80<90
• H3 / O3	70<80
• H4 / O4	60<70
• H5 / O5	50<60
• H6 / O6	40<50
• H7 / O7	30<40
• H8/ O8	0<30 -

# Points Awarded to Grades

Higher		Ordinary	
Grade	Points	Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

# Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme - LCVP

<b>Grade</b>	<b>New Points</b>
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28

Science – UCD  
100 places to be offered

Applicant Position	Points Score
1	560
2	535
3	525
4	520
5	510
6	510
7	505
8	500
9	490
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15	455
16	445
17	440
18	435
19	420
20	410
21	405
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--	--
98	340
99	335
<b>100</b>	<b>330</b>
101	325
102	315
103	310
104	305
105	295
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182	265

Course Cut Off Points = 330

# Course Merit Lists

Science – Maynooth  
100 places to be offered

Applicant Position	Points Score
1	560
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99	340
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101	335
102	335
103	315
104	310
105	305
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182	265

Course Cut Off Points = 335\*

← Last  
place to  
be filled

← Random  
Selection to  
be used

# A Students Course Preferences - Example

1	2	3
AL020	GY004	CR105
600	560	595
595	535	595
590	525	590
580	520	580
**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
495	485	475
480	480	475
470	475	470
465	465	465
460	460	460
460	455	460
460	445	460
455	440	455
455	435	455
450	420	450
450	410	445
450	405	440
450	405	435
445	405	430
435	400	430
**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
280	325	280
275	315	275
275	310	275
270	305	270

**NO**

**NO**

**YES**

**YES**

**NO**

**YES**

**NO**

**YES**

**YES**

**YES**

All Lower Preference Courses Disappear From Students Preferences

Students Points Total = 445

Cut Off Points for Course

1
AL020
600
595
590
580
**
**
**
**
**
<b>495</b>
480
470
465
460
460
460
<b>455</b>
455
450
450
450
<b>445</b>
435
**
**
**
**
280
275
275

7 round one places not accepted

← Last place to be filled - Round 1

← Last place to be filled - Round 2

Round 2 cut off points - 455

2
GY004
560
535
525
520
**
**
**
**
**
485
<b>480</b>
475
465
<b>460</b>
455
<b>445</b>
440
435
420
410
405
405
405
400
**
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**
**
325
315
310

3 round one places not accepted

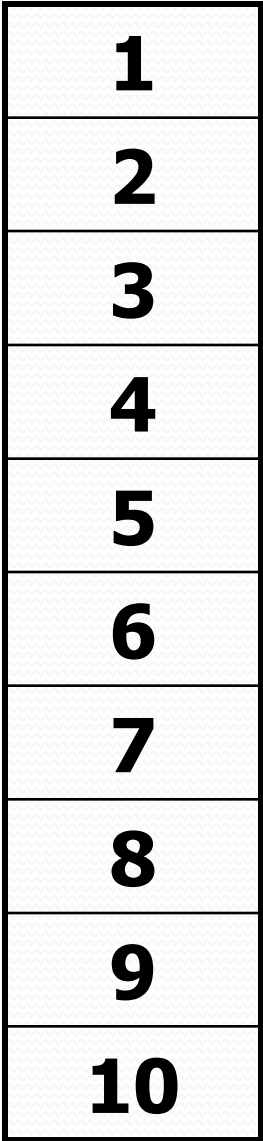
← Last place to be filled - Round 1

← Last place to be filled - Round 2

Round 2 cut off points - 460

**ROUND 2**

**So – what is the best way to fill in the courses?**



Dream Courses

Realistic Courses

Banker Courses

# Places Allocation

## Note:

- The exact same procedure takes place for both lists on the form, hence students may get 2 offers in August – one from each list, a student may accept only one.
- Students should think carefully about not accepting one of these offers, as they may not receive any further offers.
- Regardless of whether or not they accept a course in round 1, they will still be offered a higher preference course in subsequent rounds if they become entitled to one.



# CAO TIMETABLE - Approx Dates

- 5th November CAO Online facility opens.
- 20<sup>th</sup> January apply by this date to avail of discounted rate of €25.
- 1<sup>st</sup> February,
  - Closing date for receipt of normal applications
- Before/By 15th February,
  - Receive Statement of Course Choices contact CAO if you don't receive by this date.
- 1st May,
  - Closing date for receipt of late applications
- Before/By 31st May,
  - Receive Statement of Application Record
- From early May,
  - Change of mind forms may be sent.
- 1st July,
  - Latest date for receipt of change of mind form in CAO.
- Monday after LC Results in August,
  - First round of offers will commence.

# Fifth years and Guidance Planning for Third level – Guidance Teacher

- Set targets and goals from the start (section in the Journal)
- Study skills covered in Guidance class
- List of College Open Days will be given to students. Most take place on Saturdays.
- Fifth year is a good time to attend.

# Fifth years and Guidance

- Engage with the work done in Guidance class.
- Use websites such as [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie), [www.careerdirections.ie](http://www.careerdirections.ie) and [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- Research, Research, Research!



*Any Questions?*

# Projects – Start in time.

- Geography
- History
- Construction Studies
- Home Economics
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Engineering
- Agricultural Science
- Art
- LCVP

# Outside School Activities

Can you afford the time??? Balance

- Sport
- Work
- Socialising
- Holidays

# Some other points – Mr Maher - Year Head 5<sup>th</sup> year.

- Attendance/Punctuality
- Appointments outside of school if possible
- Signing Out
- Study and after school study
- Homework
- Cars .
- Uniform
- Lunch Pass to go home for lunch

# Eportal

- School System to record student information
  - Timetable
  - Attendance
  - Calendar of School Activities/Events
  - Positive Comments
  - Behaviour Record
  - Examination Results

This year we will have monthly assessments on Eportal. Teacher and student set target and compare achievement to target each month.

- Log on details available from school – link, username and password. If log in details lost contact school and we can email them to you.
- <http://87.40.46.6:8080/eportal/>



# Data Protection

- Eportal
- Reports to Student.

# Electronic Payment System

- [www.way2pay.org](http://www.way2pay.org)

# Final Word what can we do to help?

- Allow/ Encourage the dream
- Facilitate Research
- Inform yourself
- Support and Encourage
- Praise
- Encourage short study breaks to improve concentration
- Leaving Cert is similar to a marathon very important that the student is at their peak in June 2020.
- Ultimately decisions are student's own allow them to take responsibility.
- Help your child set short term goals and build on them.

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- Slides available on school website from tomorrow