

Agenda:

- How to choose the next step
- Post Leaving Cert Courses (PLCs)
- Apprenticeships
- CAO form: what information is needed
 - HEAR
 - DARE
 - SUSI
 - NUI exemptions
- Points: how to add them up?
- How does the points system work?
- How are the CAO offers made?
- Important dates
- Q and A



GOLDEN RULE....



HOW DO WE SUPPORT STUDENTS TO MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR THEM?

TY, 5TH & 6TH YEARS WILL EXPERIENCE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

In-house
Information
Sessions

Open Days

One – One
Counselling

Guidance
Online Team

Whole Class
Workshops

Trips to local
businesses

Psychometric
Testing – ‘Right
Careers 4 Me’

Work
Experience

LCVP –
Career
Investigation

TY Career
Classes

‘Back for the
Future 2023

Careers Fair

HOW DO WE SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THEIR RESEARCH?

27
UL Kemmy School
of Business:
10:30 - 11:30

MTU Cork-
visiting 6th & 5th
years (12.00-
13.20). Also doing
a lunchtime
stand

28
UCC BIS
10.30am

29
11.20- UL Arts -
5th & 6th years

30
11.20- University
of Ulster- 5th
years & 6th years
(Zoom)

2pm - UCC
Information
Session 5th & 6th
Years

1
Cygnum 12 noon -
Where are the
Contruction
Jobs?

Unique VIPS Career Matching System



Values

Be clear how important different values are to you.



Interests

Highlight what you are naturally drawn towards and are most interested in.



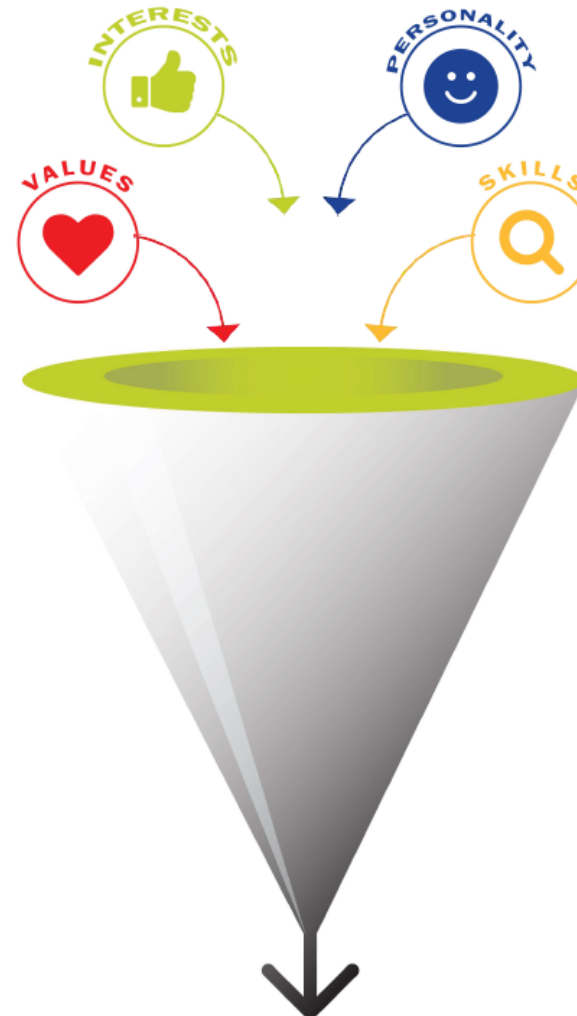
Personality

Identify career options that will suit your natural behaviour and who you are as a person.



Skills

Focus on the skills you enjoy using and are good at.



Your top career options have been scientifically identified based on the combination of your **Values**, **Interests**, **Personality** and **Skills**.



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Activity

Chat

Teams

Assignments

Calendar


Calls

Files

Apps

Help

< All teams



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Qualifax - Search All Courses




Generation Apprenticeship




Central Applications Office




Disability Access Route into Education DARE




Higher Education Access Route - HEAR



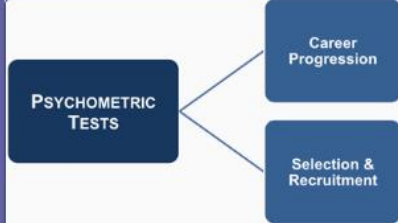
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Career Tests | Classroom Guidance

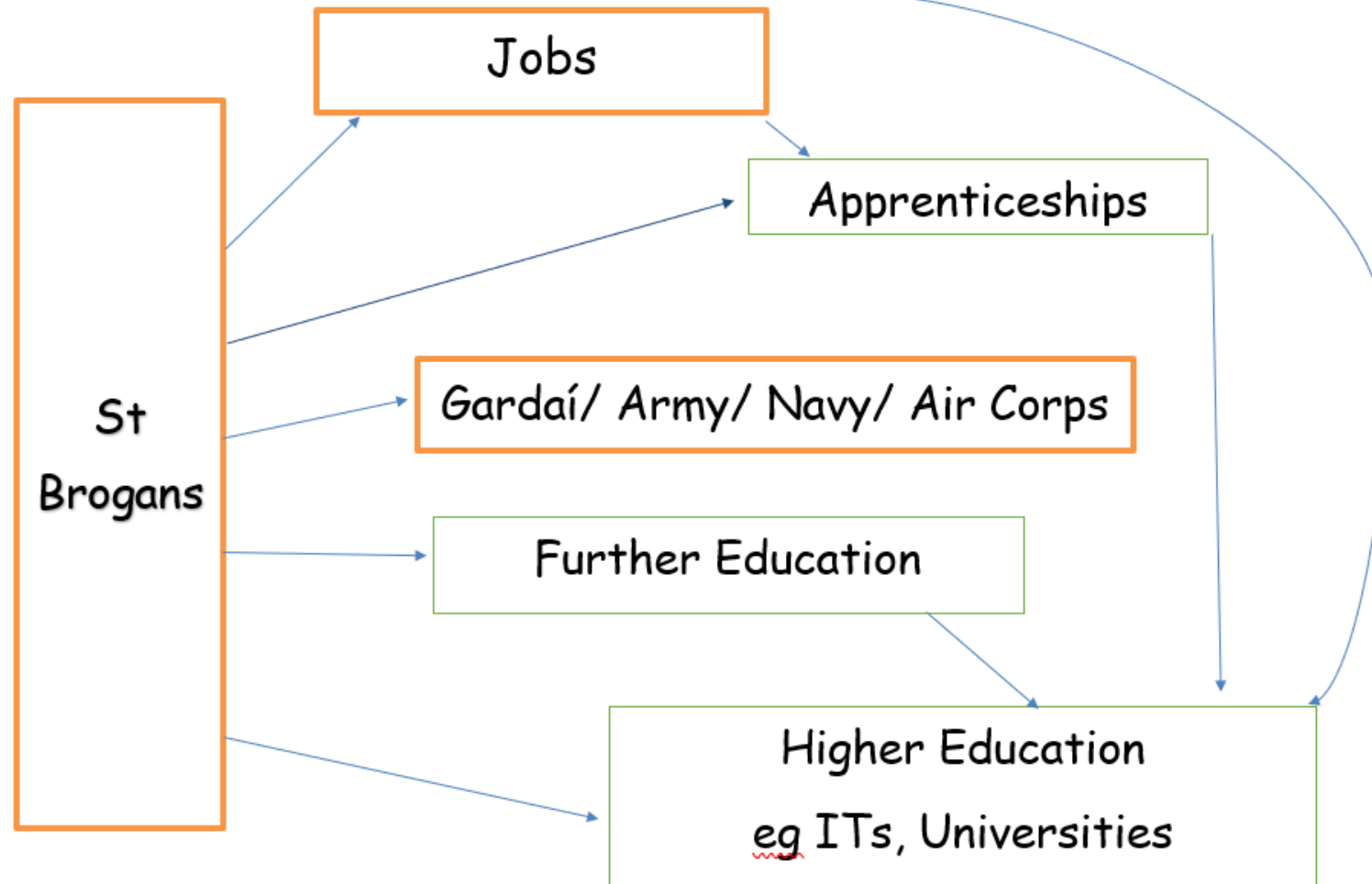
STUDENTS...

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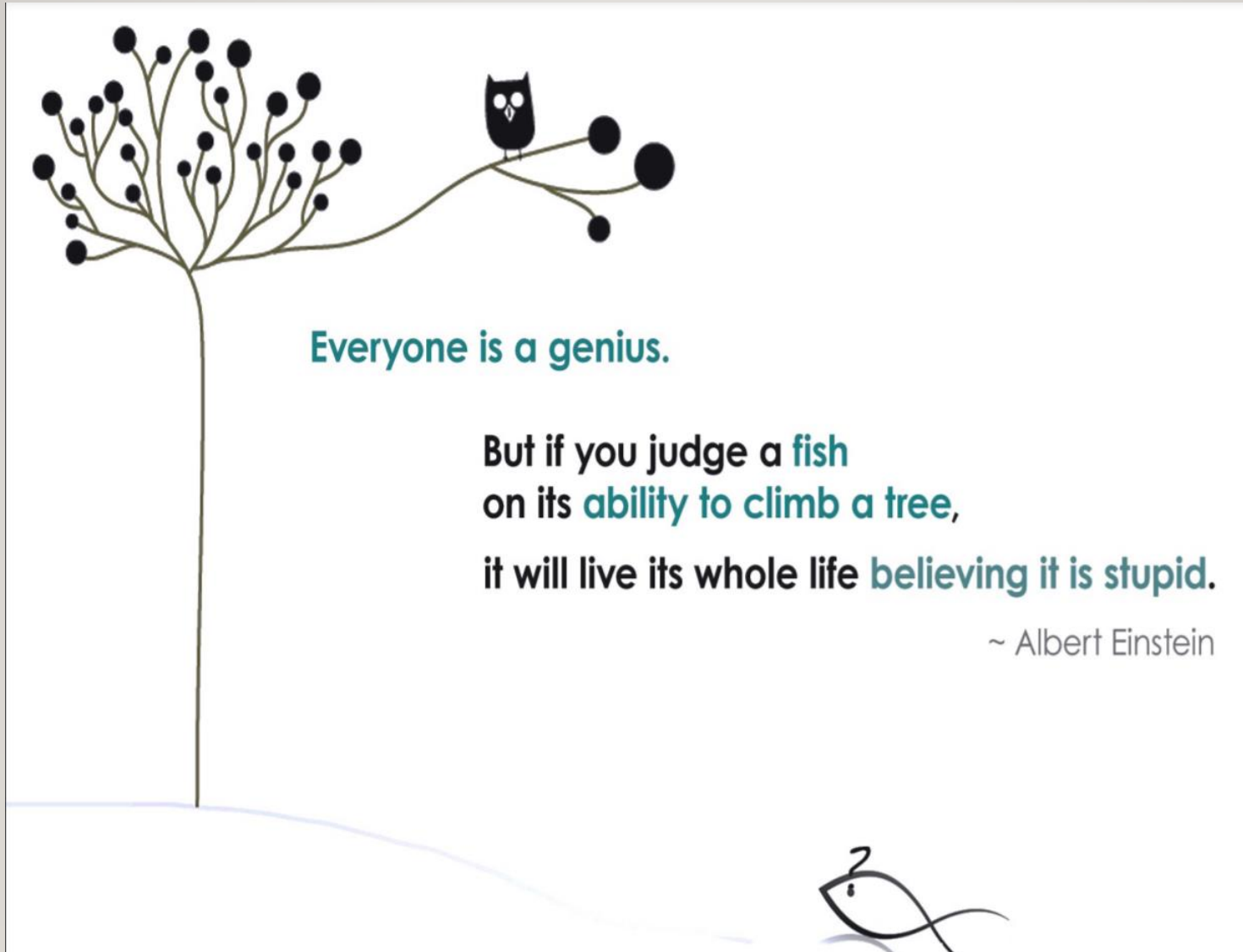
Don't **sleepwalk**
through the process!

You can go anywhere from St Brogans!!



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Everyone is a genius.

But if you judge a fish
on its ability to climb a tree,
it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.

~ Albert Einstein

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS



PLC COURSES

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- Apply directly to individual PLC College eg: Colaiste Stiofain Naofa www.csn.ie, Kinsale College www.kinsalecollege.ie,
 - Some Colleges may interview applicants
 - Points are not required
 - Lots of options to do further study once complete
 - Direct Entry to Year 2 of Degree Programs from Level 6
 - Cork FE Colleges Open Day in March

CSN CORK – NOW
KNOWN AS CORK FE,
TRAMORE ROAD

STUDENT NIALL
MCDERMOTT

Course Completed:

- QQI Level 6 – Sports Development & Coaching

Progression:

- Progressed to the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education at the University of Limerick

CSN STUDENT:
BRIAN SHEANON

COURSE COMPLETED:

QQI LEVEL 5 – SCIENCE AND LABORATORY
TECHNIQUES

PROGRESSION:

BRIAN GAINED WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE
RADIOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT OF CAVAN GENERAL
HOSPITAL
COMPLETED A BSC IN RADIOGRAPHY AT KINSTON
UNIVERSITY, LONDON

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GENERATION APPRENTICESHIP

www.apprenticeship.ie



TYPES OF APPRENTICESHIP

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...and many more in development

KEY FEATURES OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

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Industry-led

Leads to Levels 5–10 on the NFQ

Between 2–4 years in duration

Minimum 50% on-the-job learning

You begin an apprenticeship by first looking for an employer

The State funds off-the-job learning

Apprentices are employed under a formal contract of apprenticeship

The apprentice is paid for the duration of the apprenticeship

*On apprenticeships in place prior to 2016 the State pays a training allowance to apprentices during off-the-job phases of their apprenticeship.

WHAT IS THE CAO?



Central Applications Office based in Galway.

What do they do?

They process applications to courses in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). They provide links to PLCs and Apprenticeships. Log into www.cao.ie to get a CAO number

What do they NOT do?

They do not set the points each year.

A link to the CAO handbook can be found here: [CAO Handbook](#)

<i>Level 8</i>	
Preference	Course Code
1	CK101
2	DC201
3	AL033
4	DN021
5	TR084
6	DC115
7	DT366
8	BN101
9	DT413
10	PD101

<i>Level 6/7</i>	
Preference	Course Code
1	BN003
2	TA102
3	TA101
4	NC101
5	TA108
6	DT315
7	DT521
8	
9	
10	

**Listed in genuine
order of preference!**

Dream Courses

Realistic Courses

Safety Net Courses

RESTRICTED ENTRY COURSES

**MARKED ON CAO
HANDBOOK WITH #**

▶ Some courses have Interviews/ Aptitude tests/Portfolio/Auditions. For example:

Medicine – HPAT test

Music – audition

Art - portfolio

▶ Check CAO handbook

▶ **Must apply by February 1st** for all restricted entry courses. (clearly marked in your CAO handbook with #)

To Summarise: Making an Application

Your CAO application combines two course applications, one application for a level 8 course and another for a level 6/7 course.

Applications can be made online at www.cao.ie

Always keep proof of sending your application.

Online - print screen receipt.

Fill out both course lists in genuine order of preference.

What happens after I make an application?

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Receive
CAO
number and
Statement
of Course
Choices –
check this
carefully.

Some
students
may be
called for
extra
assessments
– restricted
courses

Change of
Mind facility
becomes
available –
use carefully.

Receive
Statement
of
Application
Record –
check
details
carefully.

Leaving
Cert. results
are sent to
CAO.

Places are
allocated
and offered
by post and
online.

Students
accept,
reject or
defer
offered
places.

Further
rounds of
offers are
made until
all course
places are
filled.



College Requirements
+ Faculty Requirements
+ Enough points
= Course offer

College Requirements must be met before your points are considered for course entry. For example:

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UCC College minimum entry requirements:

Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. Subjects must include Irish, English, Maths and another language.

Trinity College Dublin minimum entry requirements:

- 1) six subjects, three of which must be H5 or above
- 2) These six subjects must include:
 - A pass in English
 - AND
 - A pass in mathematics
 - AND
 - a pass in a language other than English

Faculty Requirements must be met before your points are considered for course entry. For example:

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Pharmacy in UCC

- H5 in Chemistry & H4 in Biology or Physics

Pharmacy in TCD

- H4 in chemistry and a H4 in one of physics, biology, mathematics, geography, applied mathematics and agricultural science

College Prospectus should always be consulted

NUI COLLEGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- UCD, UCC, Maynooth University & NUIG are NUI colleges. Most of their courses have a third language requirement ie. English, Irish and a third language
- There are some exceptions for courses in Science, Engineering and Agriculture Science

NUI LANGUAGE EXEMPTIONS (IRISH & 3RD LANGUAGE)



Any student who has an exemption from Irish or a Modern Language and wishes to apply to a NUI college must complete an exemption form online at www.nui.ie



Check your CAO form online to confirm the NUI has communicated your language exemption. Failure to do this will result in not receiving any offers from a NUI college as the minimum entry requirements will not be met.

www.accesscollege.ie

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ACCESS SCHEMES

What is HEAR?

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The **Higher Education Access Route** is an admissions route for school leavers who for **social, financial or cultural** reasons are **under-represented** in **third level education**.

It was set up to ensure that all Leaving Certificate students have a fair and equal opportunity to progress to third level education.



Should I apply?

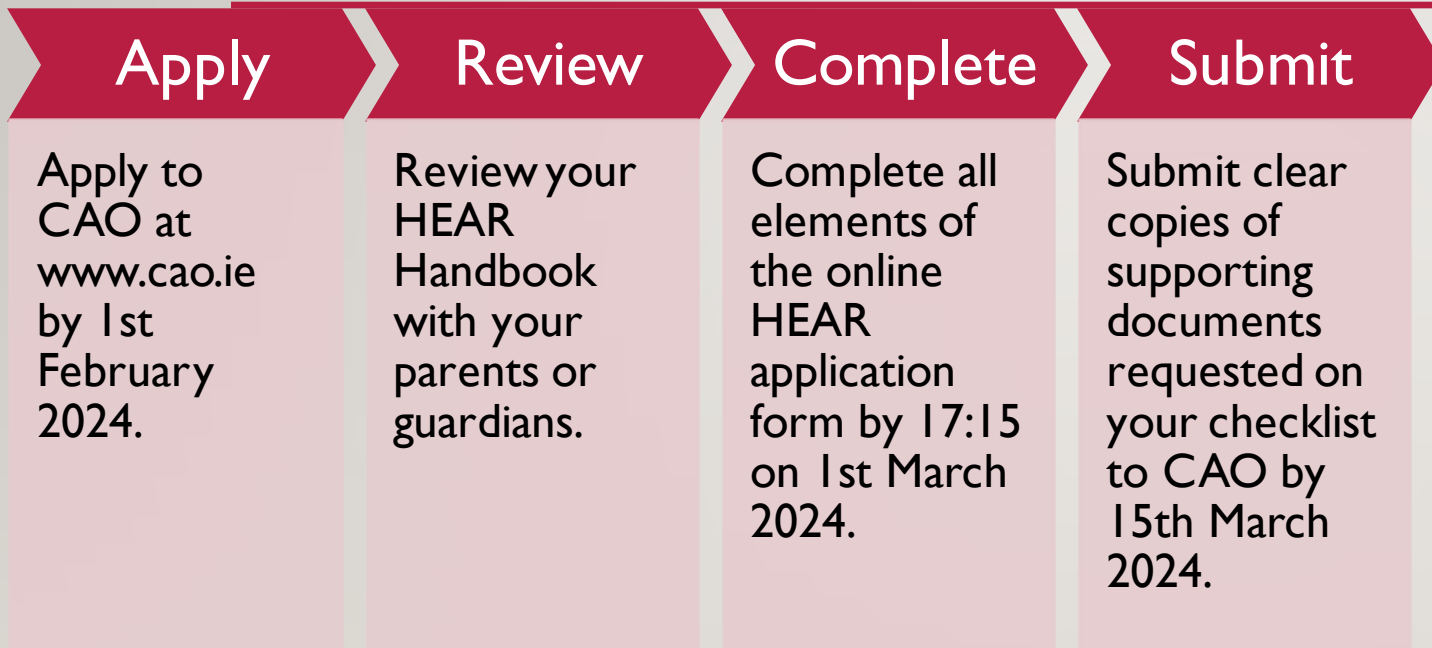
HEAR Indicators

1. Was your household income on or below €46,790 in 2022?
2. Do you or your family have a **Medical Card/GP Visit Card**?
3. Did your parents/guardians receive a **means-tested social welfare** payment for at least 26 weeks in 2022?
4. Is your parents' or guardians' **employment status under-represented** in Higher Education?
5. Have you attended a **DEIS** second level school for five years?
6. Do you live in an **area** of concentrated disadvantage?

You must meet the
HEAR income limit
plus
the **right combination**
of **2** other **indicators to be eligible**

How do I apply?

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For more information go to:

<https://accesscollege.ie/>

ACCESS SCHEMES

DARE | DISABILITY
ACCESS
ROUTE TO
EDUCATION

What is DARE?

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The **Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)** is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school-leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education.

DARE offers reduced points places to school leavers who as a result of having a disability have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.



Disabilities eligible for consideration

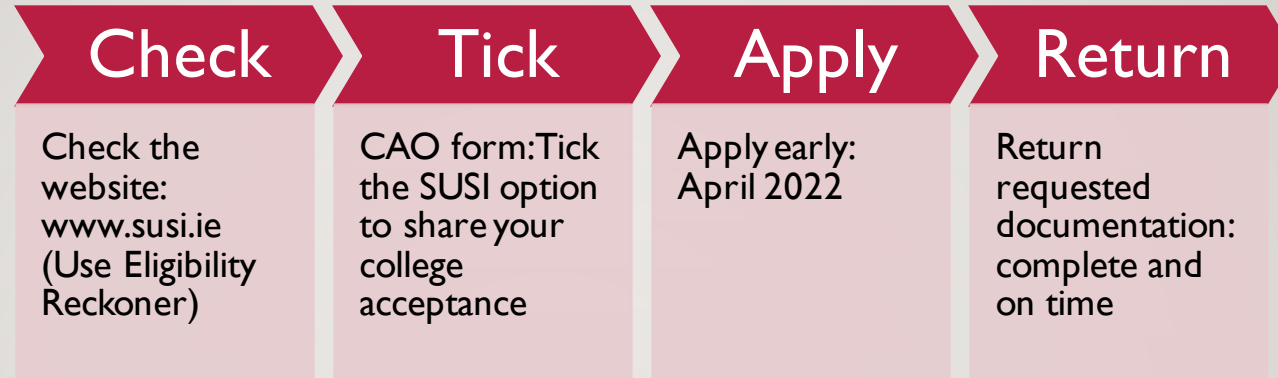
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- ADD/ADHD
- Blind/Vision Impaired
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (Incl. Brain Injury & Epilepsy)
- Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness
- Physical Disability
- Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)

VIRTUAL HEAR/ DARE INFORMATION DAYS

- Saturday 13th **January**
2024, 10am -2pm,
- DARE information session,
hosted by MTU, was earlier
in November

see www.accesscollege.ie

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Support Desk telephone number is **0818 888 777**.

www.susi.ie

Email: support@susi.ie

Postal Address: PO Box 869, Togher, Cork

Social

Media: <https://www.facebook.com/susisupport> & <https://twitter.com/susihelpdesk>

Contact SUSI

So how does the points system work?

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The points for every course fluctuate annually. In general, they depend on:

- **How many places are available on a particular course?**
- **How many applicants there are for that particular course?**
- **What points the applicants scored in their Leaving Certificate?**



Your marks %

HIGHER LEVEL		ORDINARY LEVEL	
100 points	H1	90-100	O1
88 points	H2	80-89	O2
77 points	H3	70-79	O3
66 points	H4	60-69	O4
56 points	H5	50-59	O5
46 points	H6	40-49	O6
37 points	H7	30-39	O7
0 points	H8	0-29	O8

+25 Bonus Points for H1-H6 Maths

LCVP LINK MODULES	
Distinction	66 points
Merit	46 points
Pass	28 points



General information on calculating points:

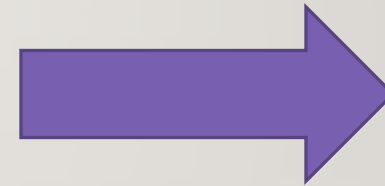
- Points are calculated from **ONE** sitting of the Leaving Certificate only.
- Your points total is calculated from **SIX** best subjects
- Bonus points are awarded for a minimum H6 grade in higher level Mathematics bringing the maximum points score in exams to 625
- Minimum Entry Requirements can be satisfied over more than one sitting of the Leaving Certificate, with the exception of medicine
- Central Applications Office (cao.ie) click on the link for the points calculator

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The results are out! Here's Mary's points

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Subject	Level	Grade	Points
English	HL	H2	88
Irish	HL	H5	56
Maths	HL	H6	46+25
French	OL	O7	0
Accountancy	OL	O2	46
Art	HL	H1	100
Chemistry	HL	H7	37



Total Points:
398

So what's going to happen in 2024, I hear you cry?

The truth is:

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- Every year since the system was first developed in 1978 the points have been different
- Don't always believe the media when they whip up a CAO frenzy – they are trying to sell you a newspaper
- Instead of worrying about events that are completely out of your control focus on what you can do to make the outcome more positive for you
- Remember, every year is a different race – you really don't know who you're up against so always apply for your dream course



The colleges tell the CAO how many places are to be offered on each course.

CAO then makes offers to the required number of applicants on each course starting with the applicant with the highest points and working down until all places have been offered. ^{S. Glancy}

For example: Let's say there are 24 applicants for the course CK201 in UCC below. All applicants who have met the minimum entry requirements are placed in order, starting with the applicant with the highest points

UCC have indicated that there are only 9 places available. The 9 highest scoring applicants will therefore receive an offer. The advertised points you see for this course is the 9th person in the queue.



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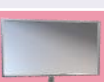


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Mary's Level 8 Course List

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Pref	Code	Course	Where
1	DC002	Education - Primary Teaching	DCU
2	CR500	Engineering – Common	CIT
3	CK101	Arts	UCC
4	DN200	Science	UCD
5	MH201	Science	Maynooth
6	WD200	Arts	WIT
7	AL837	Sports Science with Exercise Phys	AIT
8	GY501	Medicine	NUIG
9	DT407	Culinary Arts	TUD
10	CW568	Engineering Aerospace	ITC

CAO Computer	Course	College Requirements	Faculty Requirements	Points	All criteria met?	Offer?
	DC002	✓	H5 Irish ✗			✗
	CR500	✓	✓	10 points short ✗		✗
	CK101	✓	O7 in French ✗			✗
	DN200	✓	✓	110 points short ✗		✗
	MH201	✓	✓	✓	★	👏
	WD200					
	AL837					
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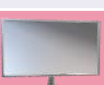
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Round 1 offer

Round 2?






- Deferred entry
 - Gap year
- Changed mind

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	AL837					
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	WD200					
	AL837					
	GY501					
	DT407					
	CW568					

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Round 2 offer

Round 1 offer

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In summary:



I. Always put your courses in order of preference so you are best placed to get the one you want the most!

Decisions.

We can think about things, turn them over in our minds a million times, play out possible scenarios, but really when it comes down to it, you have to go with your heart and move forward. Maybe things will go well. Maybe they'll turn out poorly. Every decision brings with it some good, some bad, some lessons, and some luck. The only thing that's for sure is that indecision steals many years from many people who wind up wishing they'd just had the courage to leap.

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2. There's no such thing as wasted points – you should go with your heart and really consider what you like to do.

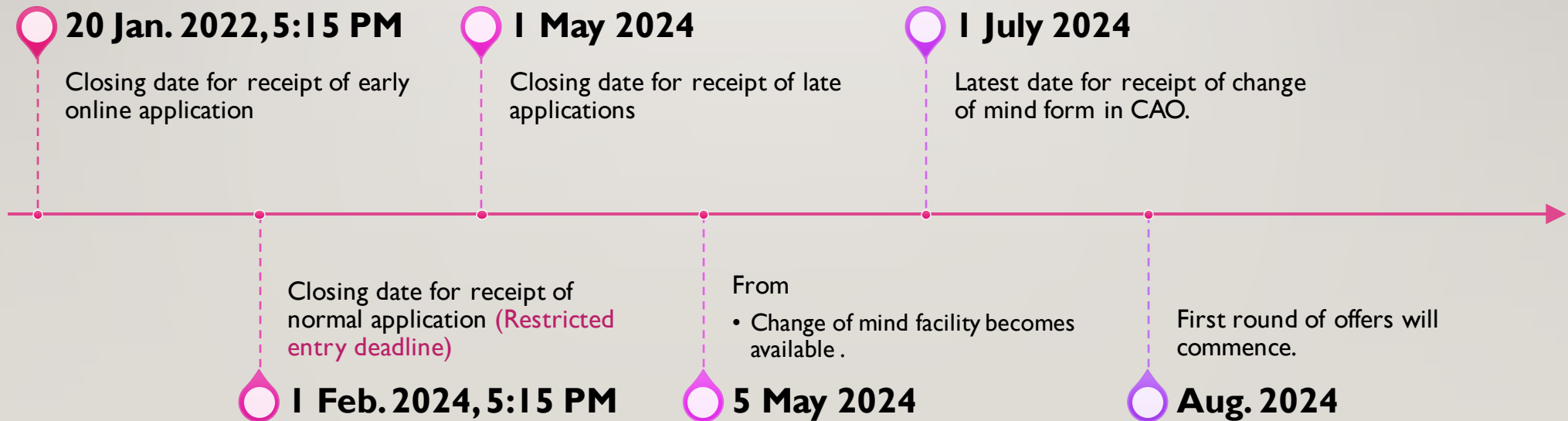
3. Always ensure you include a safety net course

4. Know the deadlines!



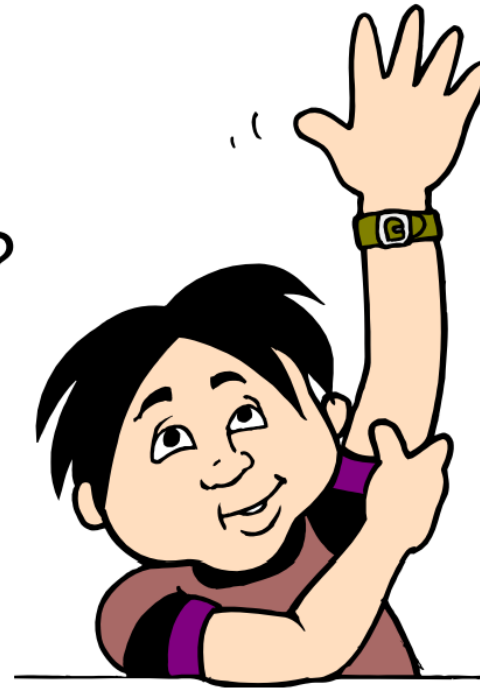
Reminder of the key deadlines - the full list is available in your handbook.

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And Finally...

Any
Questions?



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