

Sixth Year Information Night

WELCOME

Wednesday Sept 3rd 2025

**WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OUR
STUDENTS**

Agenda:

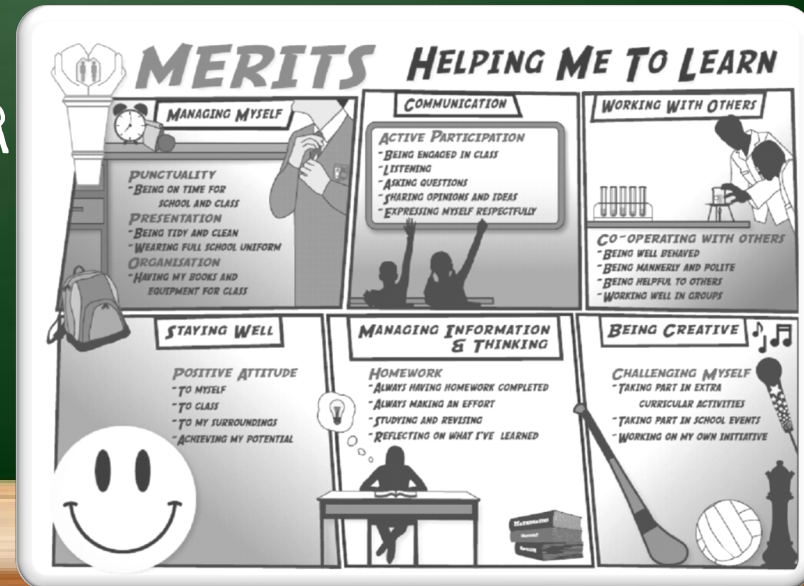
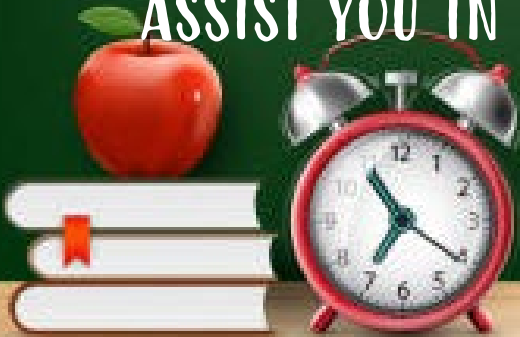
- ▶ Welcome: Mr Sheridan(Year head)
- ▶ List of Dates: Mr Sheridan
- ▶ Guidance: Ms. Stanley
- ▶ Reasonable Accommodations Ms Nevin
- ▶ VsWare/Study Clix Mr Cahillane Deputy Principal
- ▶ Address: Mr. Martin, Principal

- A pleasure to be Year head .
 - Brilliant team of Tutors
 - Excellent Prefects and Mentors.
 - Very supportive of each other and life in the school.
 - Plan an outing around the Christmas.
 - Wish them the very best for the coming year.
 - They will be missed when they leave.
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MY ROLE THIS YEAR

HELP & SUPPORT EVERY STUDENT IN 6TH YEAR
WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR TUTOR & SENIOR
MANAGEMENT

MONITOR YOUR PROGRESS / BEHAVIOUR
ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE



In School :

- 1. Support: . Yearhead, Tutors, Principal, Deputy Principals, Ms McStravick, Mr Kavanagh, Ms Stanley, Ms Travers.**
 - 2. Encourage Active Engagement in learning**
 - 3. Encourage participation in school events/ extra curricular activities**
 - 4. Strive for Full Attendance and punctuality.**
 - 5. Engage in and utilise Target setting .**
 - 6. Be prepared for their One to one Meeting with guidance team.**
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ASSEMBLY 1 6TH YR

- **Senior Students in our School**
- **Role Models for the rest of the school.**
- **Most Important Year in your Education**
- **Common Aim – Best Leaving Cert Possible**
- **Support Each Other**
- **Review Summer Results and how you engaged in 5th Yr.**
- **Continue the excellent reputation and working relationship with your subject teachers.**
- **Keep on top of Projects and Deadlines.**
- **Take Responsibility for your learning .**
- **Attend Assembly and Tutor on time each day.**
- **Sit with tutor group in Assembly.**
- **A Stress Free Year is possible but will need to show resilience.**
- **Year will fly by. Use everyday productively.**
- **Scholarships available which you apply for.**

KEY TO SUCCESS

FULL ATTENDANCE

PUNCTUALITY

ENGAGED IN CLASS

GET WORK WHEN ABSENT

USE JOURNAL TO RECORD

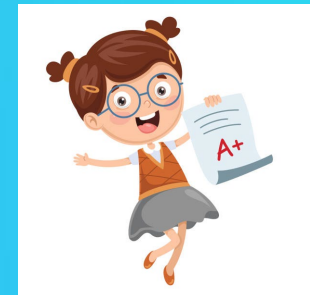
STUDY PLAN

STUDY LIFE BALANCE/PART TIME JOB

SET TARGETS EACH TERM

REGULAR REVIEWS

CAREER TALKS/ GUIDANCE/ RESEARCH



ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?

166

There are 166 days in a school year

**EVERY
DAY
COUNTS!**

Attendance	Days Missed	Classes Missed	Over 6 years at school- classes missed
100%	0	0	0
98%	3	18	108
95%	8	48	288
90%	17	102	612
85%	25	141	846
80%	33	198	1,188

Think about it...

IF YOU MISS..	THAT EQUALS...	WHICH IS...	OVER 13 YEARS IN SCHOOL THAT'S..
1 DAY PER FORTNIGHT	20 DAYS PER YEAR	4 WEEKS PER YEAR	NEARLY 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 DAY PER WEEK	40 DAYS PER YEAR	8 WEEKS PER YEAR	OVER 2 AND A HALF YEARS
2 DAYS PER WEEK	80 DAYS PER YEAR	16 WEEKS PER YEAR	OVER 5 YEARS



Essential for successful learning outcomes



Poor attendance = Gaps in learning



Attend every day for the full day



Absence and permission to leave early must be notified in advance via the school



Late to school- must sign in at the office



Leaving school early- must sign out at the office

BUILDING GOOD ORGANISATIONAL HABITS



HOMEWORK
JOURNAL (LEARNING
LOG)



MICROSOFT TEAMS



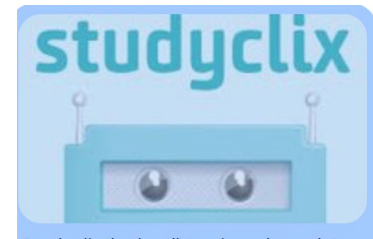
TARGET SETTING



SCHEDULING STUDY



WEEKLY PLANS



STUDENT LEARNING LOG (JOURNAL)

Our student learning log is the most important book a student will use at school.

WHY IS THE JOURNAL IMPORTANT?

- Along with the school app, it is the primary means of communication between school and home.
- Students record daily homework and learning.
- They can reflect on the work they have done and areas in which they could improve.
- The learning log also contains important information about the school and useful support material in relation to doing their best.

HOW PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) CAN HELP

- To support learning we ask that parent(s)/guardian(s) check the journal each week.
 - Please check the following:
 - That students are filling in their subjects and recording homework and/or work covered in class.
 - If there are any notes in relation to homework not completed,
 - Have they had all their books or other learning materials in class.
 - Have they left class for any reason.
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Learning Log of an Engaged Student.

MAY 2024

	Subject	Record of Homework and Learning	Type	Time	Date Due
MONDAY	1 Maths	Pg. 100 Q1-5	W		Tues
	2 English	Bishop Essay	W		Fri
	3 French	Vocab in Copy	L		Tues
	4 Art	Continue Project	PW		MON
	5 Home Ec	Exam Questions	W		FRI
	6 Irish	Oral Questions in Copy	L		FRI
	7 Biology	The Heart Diagram + Ques	W		FRI
	8 LCVP	NO HOMEWORK. DID CV IN CLASS	—		—
	9				
TUESDAY	1 English	Bishop Essay	W		FRI
	2 Art	Continue Project	PW		MON
	3 Irish	Oral Questions in Copy	L		FRI
	4 Biology	The Heart Diagram + Ques	W		FRI
	5 MATHS	Pg. 105 Q1-10	W		THURS
	6 Home Ec	Exam Questions - BRING Ingredients	W		FRI
	7 PE	DID BASKETBALL	—		—
	8				
	9				
WEDNESDAY	1 MATHS	Revise for Test on Friday	R		FRI
	2 IRISH	NO HOMEWORK. ORAL WORK IN CLASS	—		—
	3 English	Bishop Essay	W		FRI
	4 Home Ec.	NO HOMEWORK. BRING Ingredients	P		—
	5 Biology	The Heart Diagram + Ques	W		FRI
	6 LCVP	Career Investigation	W		MON
	7				
	8				
	9				
THURSDAY	1 English	Bishop Essay	W		FRI
	2 ART	Continue Project	PW		MON
	3 Irish	Reading Comprehension 2023	W		MON
	4 MATHS	Revise for Test Tomorrow	R		FRI
	5 PE	ROUNDERS IN CLASS	—		—

Subject	Record of Homework and Learning	Type	Time	Date Due
6 FRENCH	Reading Comprehension 2023	W		MON
7				
8				
9				
FRIDAY	1 ENGLISH	NO HOMEWORK. GAVE UP ESSAY	—	—
	2 ART	Continue Art Project	PW	MON
	3 HOME EC	BRING INGREDIENTS	P	MON
	4 BIOLOGY	TEST ON MONDAY → HEART	R	MON
	5 MATHS	HAD TEST → NO HOMEWORK	—	—
	6 IRISH	ESSAY → HEALTH SYSTEM	W	

WEEKLY REPORT

Positive Behaviour		Leaving Class	
Date	Reason	Date	Reason
27/5	Super Work in Art class today!! Keep it up SC	27/5	TOILET SC
29/5	Excellent result in French Test! EC		
30/5	Volunteered at Breakfast Club. Thank you. HM		
Homework		Books/Equipment	
Date	Reason	Date	Reason
		30/5	No Ingredients for Home Economics NM

Parent/Guardian Signature

Tutor Signature

MICROSOFT TEAMS



Assignments/homework also uploaded onto the subject Team by the teacher



Some homework/assignments will be corrected on Teams



Subject notes, supplementary material etc. will be uploaded to Teams



All students should have access to a Team for each subject plus Team for Year Group (Year Group Students 2426)

Target SETTING /GOALS

- Consider the goals you wish to achieve by the end of 6th Year
- Be realistic
- Set targets for each subject for the November Assessments.
- Calculate the CAO points this would yield
- Review and evaluate all assignments and test results.
- Set targets for each subject for the Mock Exams + CAO pts total.
- Regularly review and reflect on your goals and the steps you need to take to achieve them.



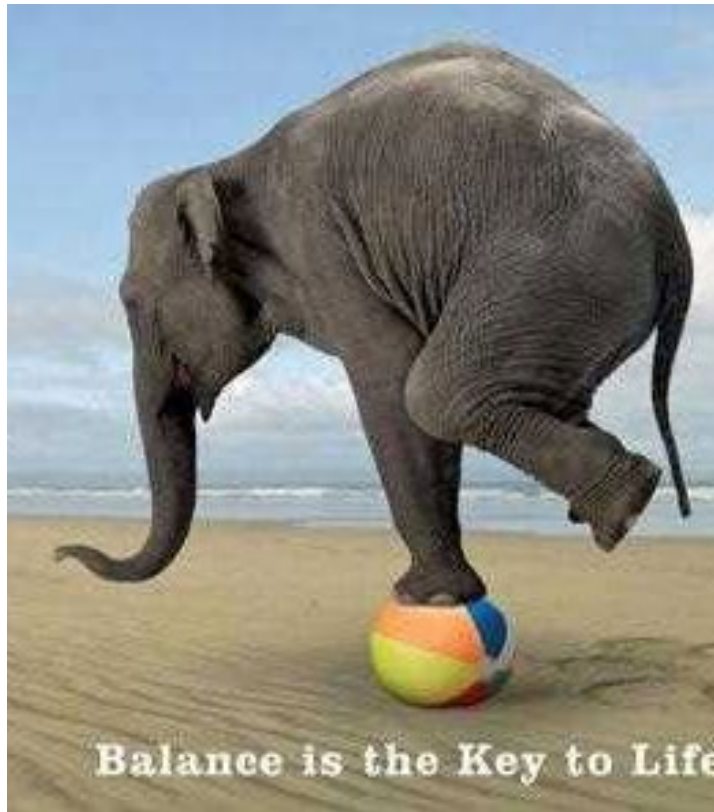
Grades	% Marks
H1 / O1	90 - 100
H2 / O2	80 < 90
H3 / O3	70 < 80
H4 / O4	60 < 70
H5 / O5	50 < 60
H6 / O6	40 < 50
H7 / O8	30 < 40
H8 / O8	0 < 30

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Learning Log
Journal

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

- If you take Higher Maths and get a H6 or more, your maths score will include an extra 25 bonus points
- You add up your six highest scoring subjects to get your final CAO Points
- Your bonus points in maths can only be counted if the total for maths (points + bonus points) is one of the six highest subjects used to calculate the total (which it usually is, but not always)
- If you are taking the LCVP, use the following table to find your points from your grades:

LCVP Grade	LCVP Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28



Make time for:

- Homework and Study
- Extra-curricular activities
- Hobbies and interests
- Friends
- Family
- Other commitments
- Part Time Job ????

Parents/Guardians .

1. VS Ware to access exam results and review/analyse with your student
 2. Check Journal weekly.
 3. Negotiate a study/HW timetable.
 4. Have a suitable homework/Study area.
 5. Regular routine at home.
 6. Full attendance at school.
 7. Help achieve balance between study and other activities.
 8. Eating and sleeping well.
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- 9) Familiarise yourself with layout of exam papers and breakdown of marks.
 - 10) Ensure phones are switched off during study & at night.
 - 11) Check regularly on progress of project work, key dates.
 - 12) Attend Parent Teacher meeting.
 - 13) Be around for duration of the state examinations.
 - 14) Encourage students to stay for the full duration of each exam.
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15) Avoid writing notes to leave school during the school day if possible.

16) Avoid ringing students on their mobile phones which are banned from entry to the school until 3.45pm.

17) Check stamp in journal for attendance at evening study.

18) Students are not allowed drive cars onto the school grounds. BOM

19) Non school jackets not to be worn in school.



Important Dates Leaving Certificate 2025/26

2025	
September	
Monday 2 nd	DCG Assignment start date
Monday 1 st	Evening Study begins
Wednesday 17 th	Higher Options & World Skills, RDS Dublin
	Construction Studies Project begins (25%)
October	
15 th October	UCAS application (first deadline date for Medicine, Veterinary & Dentistry and Oxford & Cambridge)
22 nd October	Home Economics S&S coursework journals due (20% of final marks)
Thursday 23 th October	6th Yr Parent-Teacher Meeting
Monday 27 th October	Autumn Mid Term Break Week
End October (Date TBC)	Candidate Self Service Portal opens. Students register for subjects and <u>levels</u> , this portal is where they will receive their leaving certificate results.
November	
5 th November - 2 nd Feb	HPAT Registration Opens (TBC)
Thursday 6 th November	CAO Opens (TBC)
Thursday 12 th	LCVP Portfolio due (60% of final mark)
Monday 17 th	Novembers Assessments Commence
Monday 24 th	Career's Week

December

Early December (Date TBC)

LC Art Coursework Project starts (Approx. 12 weeks, 50% of LC Mark)

Must be completed in Classtime

December - April (Dates TBC)

Friday 5th Dec

Deadline for completion of Economics Student Research Project (SRP) 20% of overall grade.

Wednesday 10th

Assessment reports posted

Mid December (Date TBC)

Physical Education Project (Approx. 10 weeks - 20% of overall grade)

Thursday 18th

Christmas Concert

Construction Studies Project (25%)due
(Practical Element)

Portfolio due in April

Friday 19th

Christmas Holidays

2026

January

Friday 10 th	DCG Assignment due (40% of final mark)
Wednesday 14 th	UCAS final deadline
Monday 19 th	Early Bird CAO Application (e30)

February

1 st	CAO Application due (TBC) (e45)
Tuesday 3 rd	Mock Exams begin
Friday 13 th	Mock Exams end
13 th - 22 nd	HPAT Testing (TBC)
Monday 16 th	Week of Mid Term Break Week
Saturday 28 th February	Provisional date for French and German mock oral examinations The oral is worth 25% for Higher Level and 20% for Ordinary Level

March

Friday 6 th (to be confirmed)	LCVP Portfolio Submitted
TBC (usually end 1 st /2 nd week March)	Engineering project and portfolio due (25% of final mark)
Wednesday 11 th	Mock Exam Reports
	Agricultural Science portfolio due
History- Friday 24 th April.	History Research project due (20% of final mark) Geography Fieldwork Report due (20% of final mark)
End March (Date TBC)	Physical Education Performance Assessment (Approx. 3 weeks - 30% of overall grade)
(Provisional dates)	Music Practical (25% - 50% of grade)
Monday 30 th March	Start of Easter Holidays

April

Monday 6 th April	Start of Easter Holidays 2 weeks.
Saturday 4 th April - Thursday 9 th April (During Easter Holidays) Provisional date for OrOxams in Irish and Modern Foreign Languages	Oral Language Exams - (Irish 40%, Modern Languages 25% of final mark for higher level, 20% for ordinary level)
Monday 13 th April	Return to school.
Mid - Late April (Date TBD)	Art 5-hour Practical Exam (20% of LC Mark)
	Construction Studies portfolio due (25% of final mark)
Friday 17 th of April (LC Ag Science)	Engineering Practical (25% of final mark) Construction Studies Practical (25% of grade) Agricultural Science Monitoring (25% of grade)
Tuesday 21 st April	<u>Multi Cultural Week</u>

May	
1 st May	CAO Late Application closes (e60)
5 th May	CAO Change of Mind Facility Opens (TBC)
(Provisional dates)	Engineering Practical (25% of final mark) Construction Studies Practical (25% of grade) Agricultural Science Monitoring (25% of grade)
Wednesday Apr 29 th or Wednesday May 6 th	LCVP Written Exam (40% of final mark)
Tuesday 12 th	Active Schools Week
Tuesday 19 th	Senior Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 20 th	Graduation Ceremony
Friday 29 th	School Year Finishes
June	
Wednesday 3 rd	State Examinations begin
July	
1 st	CAO Final date to change your mind about course selections on your previously submitted form.
August	
Friday 21 st (Provisional date)	Leaving Certificate results

LCA Calendar

September	
Thursday 15 th Mid-September	Higher Options, RDS Dublin LCA results for Session2 including their result for their Irish exam
October	
Thursday 23 th October	6th Yr Parent-Teacher Meeting
Monday 27 th October	Autumn Mid Term Break Week
November	
Thursday 20 th	Assessment in all exam subjects
December	
Tuesday 16 th	Contemporary Issues Task due
Wednesday 17 th	OACC Task due
Thursday 18 th	Practical Achievement Task due
2026	
January	
Thursday 15 th	All key assignments to be completed for Session 3
Monday 27 th - Friday 30 th Dates to be confirmed	LCA Task Interviews in OACC, Contemporary Issues and Practical Achievement Task
February	
Mon 16 th	Week of midterm break.
March	
Mon 30 th	Start of Easter holidays
May	
Dates to be confirmed	Practical Exams: Hotel Catering and Tourism Office Administration & Customer Care English and Communications MFL Oral
Thursday 7 th May	Personal Reflection Task due
19 th May	Student Awards Ceremony
20 th May	Graduation
June	
Wednesday 3 rd	State Examinations begin
Friday 21 st August	Leaving Cert Results

Scoil Mhuire Community School



Possible Pathways on Leaving School

- Work
- College - in Ireland or Abroad
- PLC Course
- Apprenticeship/ Training Course
- Repeat Leaving Cert
- Year Out



College Application Process in Ireland

- Apply to universities and colleges using points from your best 6 subjects by 1st February
- 1,500+ courses to choose from
- CAO = Central Applications Office

www.cao.ie



CAO Application Deadline Feb 1st

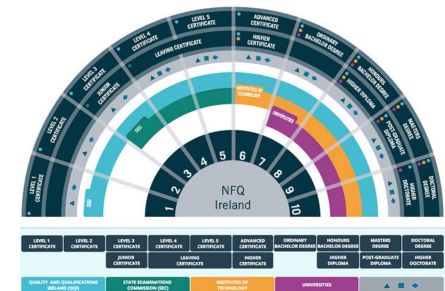
- Open to apply from November
- Aim to have account opened & 20 courses listed by Christmas (e30)
- Can change courses again between May and July 1st.



CAO Application Preferences

- ▶ You can apply for up to 20 courses
 - 10 at Honours degree (level 8)
 - 10 at Ordinary degree (level 7)
 - or Higher Certificate (level 6)
- ▶ You should list your choices in
ORDER OF PREFERENCE -the course you really want goes in place no. 1 and so on down the list -

Don't guess points, go by preference.



- CAO - 2 Lists
- 10 Hons Degrees
- 10 Ordinary Degrees or
Higher Certificate courses



Level 8	
Pref.	Course Code
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10	

Level 7 & Level 6	
Pref.	Course Code
1.	
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When choosing courses..... Always check:

- College Minimum Entry Requirements
- varies from college to college
e.g. 2H5 & 406
- Specific Course Entry Requirements
e.g. H4 Chemistry, H4 Irish, O4 Maths etc
www.qualifax.ie
www.careersportal.ie



EXTRA Requirements for some courses # !

- Portfolios
- Performances/ Interviews
- Restricted courses must be on CAO by 1st February
- HPAT for Medicine in Ireland
- Extra Practical hours for Veterinary in UCD (60 hours)
- Law/ Medicine/ Veterinary tests for overseas → deadline dates



Post Leaving Cert Course (PLC)

Generally a one year course (Level 5).

Over 3,000 courses in many different areas

Many PLC courses link to 3rd level and allow progress to third level - can be a back door route into university

You apply to each individual PLC course online, and may be interviewed

Applications open November
Cost from €30 per year

www.qualifax.ie to research what PLC courses are on offer

Apprenticeships

4 year work and training programme
in a variety of areas

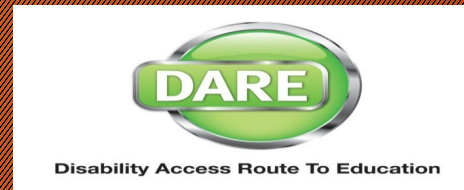
- Paid while training -
Earn as you learn
- Mix of work and college
- Must secure placement in advance
- Contact www.apprenticeship.ie



HEAR and DARE Schemes



The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a college and university admissions scheme which offers places at reduced points to school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and Financial support.



The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a college and university admissions scheme which offers places on a reduced points basis to school leavers with disabilities or illness as well as extra supports.

www.accesscollege.ie

GRANTS

Apply online from April

- Each applicant is means tested
- May cover €3,000 fee and also give money to help with living expenses while in college.



www.susi.ie

Scholarships & Bursaries

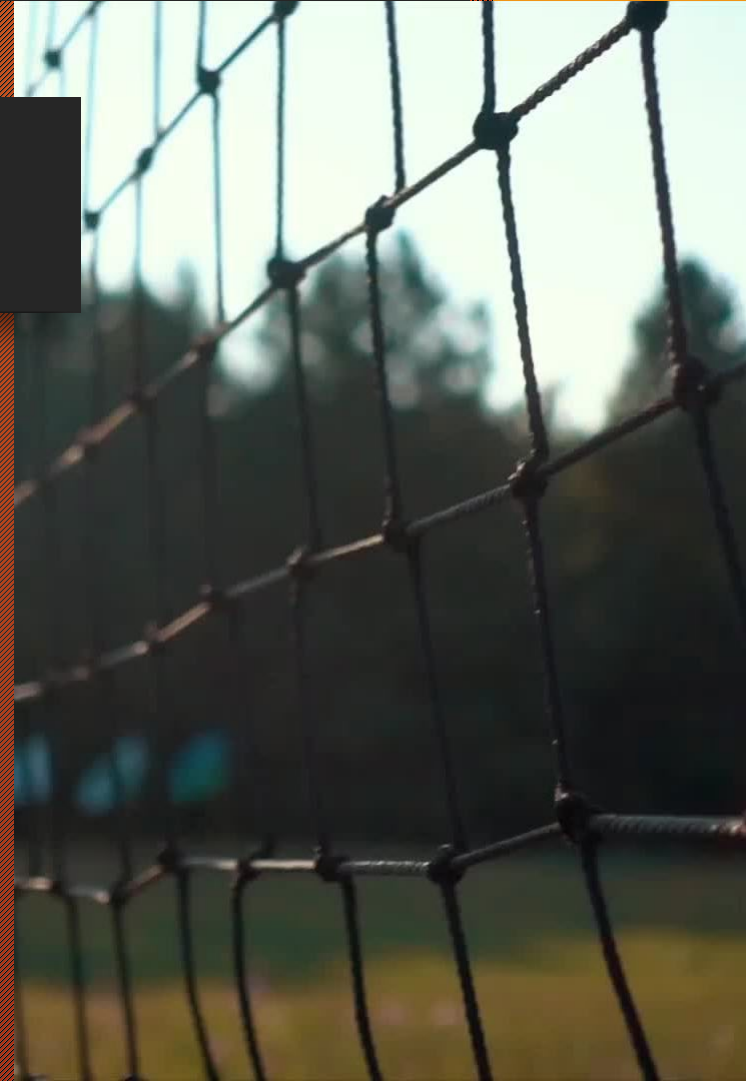
There are many available in all disciplines:

- Sports
- Academic
- S.T.E.M.

See individual college websites and

Other bursaries and scholarships | Funding, Governance and Performance | Higher Education Authority

www.careersportal.ie



Studying in Britain -www.ucas.com

- Students wishing to apply for entry to university in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland must apply through www.ucas.com
- First deadline is Oct 15th 2025 (Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary, Oxford & Cambridge)
- Second deadline January 29th 2026
- NB - PERSONAL STATEMENT
- Fees - AVERAGE COST €11,000 PER YEAR + living, travel and accommodation costs



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Study in Europe

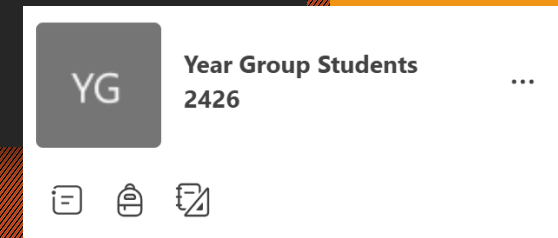
- Over 1,000 courses taught through English in European Universities
- Fees vary - often less than Irish fees
- Consider living & travel costs



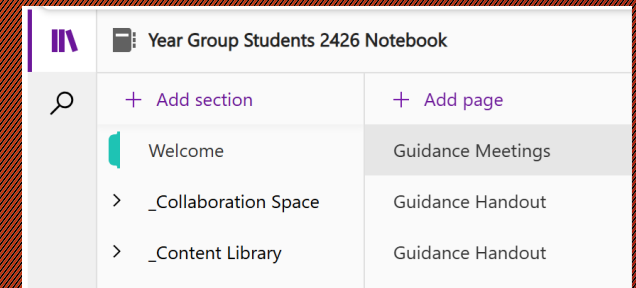
www.eunicas.ie



Remember to constantly check the 6th yr
Information/RE/Careers Team



- A lot of information will be posted on this team - keep up to date



- With good information you make an informed decision and good choices for your future



Available to you in
Guidance this year:

*1-1 Guidance interviews

*Mentoring meetings- Year
head and Deputy Principal

*Higher Options & World
Skills

*College/Training/
Apprenticeship Talks

*College Open Days

*PLC Advice



NB - Do your research now

Websites for your Research:

All Courses-
(Points and PLC courses)

www.qualifax.ie &
www.careersportal.ie

Application process-
Grant Information-
HEAR & DARE programmes-
Apprenticeships-
Army & Cadetships-
Courses in U.K.-
Courses in Europe-
Further education

www.cao.ie
www.susi.ie
www.accesscollege.ie
www.apprenticeship.ie
www.military.ie
www.ucas.com
www.eunicas.ie
www.fetchcourses.ie

Sign up to www.careersnews.ie Careers and Education News | Career Guidance
and Education in Ireland

In Summary:

- Keep checking the TEAM for updates
- Attend your 1-1 guidance meeting
- Research regularly
cao.ie - qualifax.ie - careersportal.ie
- Ask if you are unsure - the Guidance Team are here to assist you.

Guidance Team 2025

Ms. Stanley or Ms. Travers
For help with any query you have.
Thank you.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR TIME AND
ATTENTION**

**WE WISH YOU ALL THE
VERY BEST FOR THE
COMING YEAR!**

