

THE BUZZ

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The buzz is a weekly newsletter for all students at the institute

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Message From Our Careers Team

We wish all our students the very best for this final term. We extend special good wishes to all 6th years who are preparing for the Leaving Cert during this uncertain time.



Please do not hesitate to contact us - we are here to help you in any way we can.

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UCAS

UCAS, like CAO, are trying to manage the impact of COVID 19. Those of you who have offers or are expecting offers will be informed by UCAS.

UCAS would like you to know they will be flexible regarding start dates for the next academic year. They have already extended the deadline by which colleges can make offers. See the dates below:

20 May 2020 - if you sent your application by 15 January 2020.

13 July 2020 - if you sent your application by 30 June 2020.

20 October 2020 - this is the final deadline for universities to make decisions on applications to courses starting in 2020.

The message is positive; the universities would like to have the current crop of students starting their first year this autumn. They will be flexible.

As soon as we have a results date for Leaving Cert results you can all breathe a bit easier.

CAO and Leaving Certificate

Over the coming weeks, the CAO will hold discussions with the State Examinations Commission about the expected revised timeline for the provision of Leaving Certificate examinations and results.

The CAO has a question and answer section on its website: www.cao.ie.

Online late applications are still being accepted up to 17:15 on **1st May 2020**. To make a late application click on 'Apply'.

The CAO Change of Mind facility will operate as usual, opening at noon on the **5th May 2020** and closing at 17:15 on **1st July 2020**.

Info For Fifth Year Students

For those of you who are interested in making an application to a university in the UK for 2021 the first deadline to note is **October 15th 2020**, please email your interest to the guidance counsellors.

This first deadline is for applications to Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry and Oxbridge only.

*As the application form has several parts and courses frequently require pre-interview tests students usually start this process during the summer holidays.

PLC Courses

Some students may be considering PLC course as a route to University or College.

As an example please go to www.tcd.ie for information on the courses available in Trinity College Dublin that can be entered through this route. Bear in mind that in some cases the numbers on these courses are very small.

Please contact the Guidance team with any queries.

Virtual Open Days

Maynooth University Spring Online Open Day:
Saturday, April 25th 2020.

WIT (Waterford Institute of Technology):
20-24th April 2020

Webinar For Fifth Year Students

If you are considering applying to a prestigious university in the UK or USA for 2021 you may find the webinar below useful.

Title: How We Got In: From Sixth Form to Yale, Cornell, Oxford and Cambridge

Date and Time - Friday 24th April from 6.30-8.00pm

Students can book complimentary tickets via this link, using the promo code '**CRIMSON2020**'.

And Finally...

No matter how physically distant we are (and it seems strange to us too) we are here to help so please contact us for support.

Best of luck to you all from the Guidance Team:

Margaret, Ingrid and Lorraine.