

31/08/2021

# **Leaving Certificate Class of 2021**

Dear students, parents/guardians.

I would like to extend my best wishes to the leaving certificate class of 2021 on your leaving certificate results this Friday, September 3rd 2021. On behalf of the entire team at St. Augustine's College, I would like to wish you all the very best of luck on your leaving certificate results and also on your career endeavours. I hope you all have fond memories of your time at St. Augustine's College.

I am sure a lot of you have mixed emotions about your leaving certificate results and embarking on the next part of your educational/vocational journey in life. To assist you, on your decisions when the leaving certificate results are issued, we have compiled an information guide below to help you. Please be aware that you can contact us should you need help or advice regarding your results/offers. Ms Moore, the school guidance counsellor will be available to you, should you have a query/concern. Please contact the school at 058/41140 and ask for Ms Elaine Moore Guidance Counsellor or alternatively email guidance@staugustines.ie.

I would ask all students from the leaving certificate class of 2021 to read the information below carefully with a parent/guardian. This will ensure when results and offers are issued, you are aware of some important information. If you are in any doubt please contact us. Further details can also be found on the Department of Education and Skills website.

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9f53d-leaving-certificate-2021-information-for-students/#



## **Leaving Certificate Results Day**

Results of the Leaving Certificate 2021 will issue directly to students through the student portal on Friday September 3rd 2021. Results will also issue simultaneously to LC students' school.

Please see chart below for timeline with regards to viewing of scripts, appeals etc.

Key dates for the stages following the issue of results including access to data, viewing of scripts and appeals

Service	In-School	Candidate Self-Service Portal
Leaving Certificate Results	10.00am Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September - Schools' Examination Portal. Schools will also receive a report by post	10.00am Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Access to Data - Candidates will receive (as applicable):  Written examinations component marks and final marks  Accredited Grades estimated marks and accredited marks	5.00pm Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September Schools will receive a CSV report on the Schools' Portal with details of their Accredited Grades; Examinations Results; and Final Provisional Results.	5.00pm Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Application to View Scripts		Opens: 5.00pm, Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September Closes: 8.00pm, Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September Note the short timeframe
Viewing of Scripts (Flexibility for a viewing session on Sunday morning at the discretion of the school.)	Scripts Marked on Paper: Candidates assigned to one of three sessions on Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> or on Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September if the school so decides	Scripts Marked Online: Online access to view from 9.00am on Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September.
Application to Appeal – Examinations and Accredited Grades (No Fee)		Opens: 9.00am Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September Closes: 12.00pm Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Appeals Results	Date to be confirmed	Date to be confirmed

### **CAO Offers**

The first round of CAO offers (Round 1) will be made available to applicants on-line from 2.00pm on September 7th. The reply date for accepting round one offers will be September 13th.

Successful Round 1 applicants will also receive an email notification. This Round 1 offer will contain the highest choice, for which the applicant has achieved the required number of points and entry requirements, from their 1-10 CAO application lists.

### **How to Access Your Leaving Certificate Results**

Go to the Candidate Self Service Portal on Friday September 3rd to access your Leaving Certificate Results.

### You will need:

- 1. Examination Number
- 2. Student Portal Account Password
- 3. PPS Number

### **How to Calculate Your Leaving Certificate Points**

Check out CareersPortal's Points Calculator on the link below which can be used to quickly convert your Leaving Certificate Grades into CAO Points. The online points calculators are designed to assist students in calculating their points very quickly and presents the results from the combination of their highest 6 subjects. Explore the Leaving Cert Points Calculator on the link below.

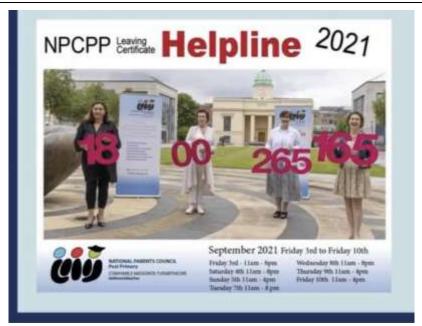
https://careersportal.ie/courses/calculator/pointsCalculator.html

# What can I do if I am disappointed with my leaving certificate results, what supports are there?

You can contact the school guidance counsellor

Ms. Elaine Moore email <u>guidance@staugustines.i</u>e to schedule a 1:1 meeting. You may also phone the school at **058/41140.** 

Alternatively you can avail of the National helpline support by ringing the National Parents Council's Leaving Certificate helpline 1800 265 165 where qualified guidance counsellors give advice and support to both students and their parents.



Most colleges will also offer a helpline service around this time. If contacting a college in relation to a CAO offer, ask to speak to the undergraduate admissions officer to assist you.

Remember - If a student is still struggling to cope, the School Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Elaine Moore and/or the School Principal, Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, child protection and safeguarding designated liaison person (DLP), will advise refering the student to a GP.

#### **Second Chance Maths Exams**



If a poor Leaving Certificate Maths result is the only thing preventing a student from getting an offer for a specific course, all hope is not lost. Some colleges host Alternative Maths exams. Students who failed to guarantee themselves a place on a particular course due to their Leaving Certificate Maths result may have a second opportunity to sit an alternative exam. Colleges are also facilitating Preparation Courses in order to assist students that have difficulty with Maths.

### **Accepting a College Place**



When an offer arrives, students should read through the offer and instructions carefully first. To accept an offer, a student simply logs into the CAO system using their access code and password and submits their acceptance of the offer.

# Closing dates for acceptance of Round One offers is 3pm on 13th September 2021.

If a student is unavailable to do this for any reason, they should designate a trusted family member to respond on their behalf.

### **Leaving Cert Appeals**

Leaving Cert Appeals information for 2021 will be updated here when it is made available.

## **Deferring a College Place**

If a student is offered the course they really wanted and worked towards, the offer is theirs to accept, defer or reject. They may wish to defer their place for any number of reasons. The most common reasons are: travel or gap year, family commitments, sports or other commitments, bereavement, health etc. In this case, they should contact the admissions office of the college in question and explain clearly their reasons for deferring. The college will then inform the CAO directly of the student's deferral. DO NOT contact CAO if looking to defer. In rare cases deferral may not prove possible.

Please ensure to contact the school if you need advice or support. On behalf of the entire team in St. Augustine's College we wish the class of 2021 the very best. I will leave you to reflect on the wise words of St. Augustine.

'the world is a book and those who do not travel only read one page'.

Wishing you all the best for the future. Remember life is a journey.

Kind regards
Michael O'Sullivan

Principal.			