



Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Year Parents/Guardians/Students,

All 6<sup>th</sup> year students were allocated an appointment in September/October. All 6<sup>th</sup> years will be issued an appointment in November to begin their CAO/Fetac 5/World of work applications **individually**. A presentation regarding CAO 2021 will be posted on the APP also for your attention.

[http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2021/Applying\\_to\\_CAO\\_2021.pdf](http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2021/Applying_to_CAO_2021.pdf)

I have listed important information below for your attention.

## Guidance Counselling Department Information

### CAO

The CAO opens November 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The CAO closing date for **Restricted** courses is February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Restricted courses include Medicine (due to HPAT), architecture, art courses (portfolio required), voice and dance courses (audition required) to name but a few. Full list on [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).

Students applying for **HEAR &/or DARE** must fill out the relevant sections **online** on their CAO by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. (please refer to St. Augustine's Dare Application Guidelines for further details). <http://www.staugustines.ie/images/DARE-Application-Guidelines.2020docx.pdf>.

DARE and HEAR Supporting Documents must be sent to CAO headquarters by March 2021. However it is recommended to send documents earlier than this to allow CAO adequate time to process the application and time for the applicant to raise a query.

- CAO Information for parents  
<http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/CAOparentsguide.pdf>

### **DARE Links**

- <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=dare>
- DARE Form – Part B  
<http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2021/EIS.pdf>
- DARE Form – Part C  
<http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2021/EDF.pdf>
- Evidence of disability information  
<http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=dare>
- Specific Learning Difficulty Attainment Form.  
[http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2021/DARE\\_SLD\\_Attainment\\_Summary.pdf](http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2021/DARE_SLD_Attainment_Summary.pdf)

## SUSI GRANT

Parents/Guardians can check if they are eligible for the SUSI Grant by completing the eligibility reckoner test on [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie). Susi generally opens in March/April. Students applying for a grant must also tick the relevant box on their CAO form.

## Forms to Be Submitted to NUI/Other Colleges.

Any student with an Irish/French/German **exemption** needs to be granted an NUI exemption and also an exemption by other Non NUI Universities. (note: not all colleges have the same entry requirements).

If an exemption has been granted, CAO needs to be aware of this. Please do not assume that the school or CAO will know this information. It is advised that students and/or their parents/guardians contact NUI/relevant college and CAO directly where applicable.

Please find attached a link for an **exemption form for NUI colleges**.

NUI Colleges are: UCC (NUIC), UCD (NUID), Maynooth (NUIM), UCG (NUIG).  
<http://www.nui.ie/college/docs/exemption.pdf>

**NOTE:** A separate form must be filled out for Non NUI Colleges such as Trinity, UL, DCU etc...Please contact the relevant college directly and request their exemption form.

## FETAC

6<sup>th</sup> Year students applying for post leaving certificate FETAC courses in; Waterford College of Further Education, Dungarvan College, Cork College of Commerce must also apply online this week so they are in the first round of interviews. Round 1 interviews usually take place in February/March. Round 2 interviews will take place in May.

## Next Step

1. All 6<sup>th</sup> years must attend their appointment.
2. They must bring credit card/debit card details with them to pay for their CAO application.
3. If a student needs to move their appointment they can switch the times with a peer.
4. Please ensure where applicable you have applied for college/exemptions/access routes/etc.

**The CAO will close from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021-May 2021 so restricted courses like Medicine (Hpat), voice, art, dance music etc can be assessed. CAO will open again in May and will remain open until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.** Choices can be changed and rearranged in May if the student wishes. The final date for CAO changes is July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

A list on **campus accommodation** is posted on my webpage and other relevant articles. Please log onto [st.augustines.ie](http://st.augustines.ie), click on guidance, then click into articles. I also have a twitter account @friaryguidance and there is a dedicated 6<sup>th</sup> year guidance chat board on the APP.

I wish each student the best of luck with their applications/chosen path.

Kind regards,  
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