



Dear Parents/Guardians.

I have listed important information below for your attention.

Guidance Information

CAO

The CAO closing date for **restricted** courses is February 1st 2020.

Students applying for **HEAR &/or DARE** must fill out the relevant sections **online** on their CAO by February 1st 2020. (please refer to St. Augustine's Dare Application Guidelines for further details). Supporting Documents must be sent to CAO headquarters by March 15th 2020. 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/guardians and relevant documents can be found on www.cao.ie.

SUSI GRANT

Parents/Guardians can check if they are eligible for the SUSI Grant by completing the eligibility reckoner test on www.susi.ie. Susi generally opens in March/April. Students applying for a SUSI 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.

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

6th Year students applying for post leaving certificate FETAC courses in;

Waterford College of Further Education, Colaiste Cathal Naofa, 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

Please ensure your son/daughter has applied for college/exemptions/access routes/etc where applicable.

Please ask your son/daughter to log on to their CAO to ensure they are happy with their choices to-date.

The CAO will close from February 1st 2020-May 2020 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 1st 2020. Choices can be changed and re-arranged in May if the student wishes. (please note restricted courses at this time will have been assessed). The final date for CAO changes is July 1st 2020.

A list on **campus accommodation** is posted on my webpage and other relevant articles. Please log onto st.augustines.ie, click on guidance, then click into articles.

I wish each student the best of luck in their Pre-Leaving Certificate Examinations.

Kind regards,

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