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6<sup>th</sup> year Parents/Guardians

Happy new year, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. I want to keep you informed of key dates to ensure that all 6<sup>th</sup> year students are meeting required application deadlines.

The following is a guide and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all deadlines relating to them are adhered to.

Thank you

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## **CAO**

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: 5.15pm closing date online discounted rate of €30

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>: 5.15pm closing date for receipt of CAO applications online €45.

Note; this is also the closing date for restricted entry courses. They cannot be added after the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb deadline.

Before the end of May: A statement of application record will be sent to all applicants to enable them to verify that all information is accurate. If any info is not correct contact the CAO immediately.

July 1<sup>st</sup>: 5.15pm final date for change of mind. Non restricted course choices and order of preference can be changed up to this date. Changes will be acknowledged by a statement of course choices. Reminder to ensure course choices are in genuine order of preference.

## ***Post Leaving Certificate Courses***

To apply for a PLC, the student will apply directly to their chosen PLC using the online application form on the PLCs website. While these do not have a set closing date, it is advisable to apply early to have the best chance of securing a place in the preferred course. The Cork PLCs are currently open for applications and the Waterford PLCs will soon be open also. Keep an eye on the providers' website.

## ***Teagasc***

Teagasc Agriculture, Horticulture, Equine and Forestry courses are now open for application through [www.teagasc.ie/education/going-to-college/apply-online/](http://www.teagasc.ie/education/going-to-college/apply-online/). See CAO for courses linked with WIT and CIT.

## ***Apprenticeships***

Remember with apprenticeships you must secure a job first and then your employer will register you with SOLAS for your apprenticeship. Keep an eye on jobs websites for adverts for apprenticeships over the coming months. Also ensure that you have an up to date CV to hand out to local employers to register your interest in becoming an apprentice.

## ***SUSI Grant***

An opening date for the 2019/20 academic year has not yet been confirmed but it is usually within the first week in April. Keep an eye on the website for more details. In the meantime, it can be

helpful to gather relevant documentation, the grant is means tested based on the reckonable income, year ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018. The SUSI support desk is open from 9 – 5.30 Monday to Friday to assist with any questions. The phone number is 076 108 7874 or email [support@susi.ie](mailto:support@susi.ie). Alternatively, you can follow them on social media to keep up to date with news and information.

### ***Accommodation***

For some students who will need to move to be near college, it would be best to contact the college you wish to attend for advice and support in finding accommodation locally early in the process. Some college's student union provide the lists of suitable/vacant accommodation. Check the college website. Other useful websites: daft.ie or for short term rental in the case of an apprenticeship Airbnb can provide short term accommodation.

Accommodation will fill quickly so please ensure you are looking at opening dates for application and getting your application in as soon as possible. The opening dates differ depending on the location so it is best to check the individual websites.

Best of Luck!