

Holy Family Community School

Career Information 2019/20



# Third Level

CAO Information

Plc Information

Studying in England/UK and Europe

Apprenticeships

Information on Grants - SUSI

Guidance Service for 6th years

Local Open Days

Points

Students must take responsibility for Career planning.

1. Do your own research;
2. Watch out for closing dates;
3. If attending Open Day inform Year Head (and provide parent’s permission in writing). Most colleges have Open Days on Saturdays now.
4. Catch up on any work missed.

***3rd Level and Further Education***

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| **Level** | **Qualification** | **Sample Minimum Entry Requirements** |
| ***Universities***UCD, UCC, MU Maynooth,NUIG, NCAD, DCU, UL, Shannon College, St. Angelas, RCSI,  TCD | Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree  | **2 H5** and **4 O6 or H7**subject grades (minimum)Points - Approx 320-600+**3 H5** and **3 O6** or **H7** |
| ***Institutes of Technology***TUD( Tallaght, DIT, Blanchardstown), IADT Dunlaoghaire, National College of Ireland, Carlow, Dundalk, Cork, Athlone, Waterford, Tralee, Limerick, Galway, Sligo, Letterkenny,   | Level 8-Honours Bachelor Degree Level 7-Ordinary Degree  Level 6-Higher Certificate  | **2 H5** and **4 O6 or H7** (min)**5 O6 or H7** grades (min)**5 O6 or H7** grades (min)Points – wide range, but Level 8 require higher points in general |
| ***Colleges of Further Education***Post Leaving Certificate P L C courses. Crumlin, Ballyfermot, Inchicore, Greenhills etcSt.Kevins , Pearse College etc | QQI (FETAC) level 5 and 6  | Generally **5 Ordinary****Level** subjects (min) May ask for **1 or 2 Higher** **Level** subjects  |

**NOTE: Some courses may specify certain subjects, levels or grades, (E.g: H4 in Chemistry for Veterinary Medicine, O5 in Maths for Engineering…etc). Some courses have a test, interview, portfolio or audition before you can gain access. Check each college and each course individually to make sure you meet the entry requirements.**

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Apprenticeship training lasts 3 to 4 years

* Training consists of 7 phases
* 4 phases with the Employer/Sponsor – 6 month sessions
* 3 phases in college – 10 week sessions
* Written exams in college and practical assessments with employer. All must be passed to progress to next stage.
* **€900 charge for each college phase. Allowances and wage supports may be available for some apprenticeships.**

**Solas** is responsible for providing training for apprentices and has replaced FAS.

**NOTE: It is the students’ responsibility to find his/her own Employer**(sponsor) who must be registered with **Solas.**

Colour blind test essential for electrical work and may be required for other trades

On completion the student is awarded a National Craft Certificate (range from Level 5 to 9).

**New apprenticeship** types added to the traditional ‘craft’ apprenticeships in recent times such as **laboratory science, insurance, financial services, hospitality, software development**, logistics...etc. A full list of existing and proposed apprenticeships is available on [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

**Post Leaving Certificate Courses**

**PLCs award QQI (FETAC) level 5 & 6.**

# Admission

* Passes **in 5 Ordinary** subjects required for most courses. Some require **2H** & **3O** grades. Certain subjects may be specified (eg: Biology/Home Economics for Beauty Therapy, English for Journalism etc.)
* Apply in December, January and February to ensure you secure a place
* Most applications can be done online.
* Selection is based on attaining admission requirements and **INTERVIEW** (points not an issue)
* Length of course - one to two years.
* Work experience usually part of course.
* Wide variety of courses available
* Ladder system -PLC→ INSTITUTES→UNIVERSITIES (e.g. engineering/ nursing)
* Students **compete** for a small number of places in Institutes / Universities

## Colleges of Further Education

Crumlin /Inchicore / Ballyfermot / Greenhills / Naas/ Rathmines

Crumlin/Inchicore ask for

* a copy of Christmas report
* 2 references
* attendance from LCA

Studying Abroad

UK (England/ Scotland/ Wales)

* Personal Statement (Approx 700 words)
* Much work required of the student
* Students apply through the School. Academic reference from school required.
* If you wish to apply as an independent candidate you must clear it with the Principal.
* Closing date 15th January /15th October in certain cases
* Tuition fees - £3,200 to £11,000 sterling per year & maintenance- Brexit may result in changes
* Students must do own research.
* [www.ucas.com-](http://www.ucas.com-/) Let us know immediately if interested.
* Eunicas – an organization that helps students apply for courses in Europe that are taught through English.



**To access further information in studying in the UK, or in other parts of the world such as Europe, the USA, Australia or New Zealand, log on to** [**www.careersportal.ie**](http://www.careersportal.ie) **and click the tab ‘Courses’.**

**What Guidance Department Offers (summary)**

* Career interview before Christmas (unless you forget/ absent). Parents are welcome to attend.
* In November the CAO application booklet is available and a student can apply from early November online.
* Student takes **full responsibility** for the booklet and application.
* Students can make own application to CAO online from the 5th of November onwards.
* Apply online at home before 20th January (cheapest - €30) and February 1st 2020 is closing date(€45).
* PPS number can be asked for.

**HEAR** is a scheme that provides financial help for long term disadvantaged (Apply with CAO Application, supporting financial documents required).

**DARE** is a scheme for students with a learning or physical disability- psychological report or test scores required (apply with CAO application ). Clinics for both HEAR and DARE available in January.

* Career talks in school by colleges.
* Interview techniques and preparation for PLC interview.
* Visit to Higher Options Conference in 6th Year / trip to UCD in 5th Year.
* Career classes. (CAO/PLC PROCESS/ INTERVIEW PREPARATION/STUDY SKILLS/GRANTS) Other speakers/ talks arranged throughout the year.
* Personal/ Career counseling.

Websites

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie) [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

www.careernews.ie [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie) [www.fetch.ie](http://www.fetch.ie)

[www.Apprentices.ie](http://www.Apprentices.ie) [www.apprenticeship.ie](http://www.apprenticeship.ie)

**Student Grants**

All applications will be made online to Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) through [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie).

How to make a grant application

The online application open in April/May each year

* You register online with SUSI and them complete the online application form
* Remember it is not necessary to receive an offer of a college place or to be enrolled in college in order to apply online.

How to submit supporting documentation

* Following initial assessment of your application, if you receive provisional grant approval you will be required to submit supporting documents, (usually P.60, P.21, P.45 , social welfare payments, farm accounts, birth certificate. copy of Junior Certificate).
* NOTE: As a general rule household incomes of over €50,000 will not qualify for a grant.
* Completed documentary evidence packs (photocopies of the documents, not originals) should be returned as soon as possible in the envelope provided to you (probably end of July).
* When all the necessary supporting documents have been returned only then will your application be processed by SUSI.

When will I receive a final decision from SUSI?

When you confirm acceptance of a place on an approved course (usually late August/early September) your grant is awarded. Payment will be made on a monthly basis (subject to confirmation of attendance) directly into your nominated Irish bank account

Supporting documents include - P.60, P.21, P.45 , social welfare payments, farm accounts, birth certificate. copy of Junior Certificate .

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Web [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)

Youth Information centres at Naas (BasinSt), Clondalkin (Monastery Rd), Tallaght (Mountain Park, Old Bawn Rd) will be able to help you and your parents.

**Local Open Days 2019/20**

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|  **Location** | **Date** |
| Higher Options | 18 Sept. |
| Blanchardstown Institute of Technology | 12 Nov. |
| National College of Ireland | 20 Nov. |
| Institute of Technology,Tallaght | 15 and 16 Nov. (Fri and Sat) |
| St Angela’s College of Education | 18 Oct. |
| Dublin City University (DCU) | 15 and 16 Nov. (Fri and Sat) |
| Institute of Technology, Carlow | 14 Nov. |
| **St Pat’s College, Drumcondra**  | 16 Nov. |
| Marino Institute of Education | 16 Nov. |
| Dun Laoghaire institute of Art Design and Technology(DLIADT) | 23 Nov. |
| Maynooth University& Pontifical University | 29 and 30Nov. (Fri and Sat) |
| National College of Art and Design(NCAD) | 27 Nov. |
| University College Dublin (UCD )(for 6th years) | 9 Nov. |
| Technological University, Dublin (formerly DIT) | 29/30 Nov. |
| Trinity College Dublin (TCD) | 23 Nov. |
| **Post Leaving Certificate Colleges(PLC) Colleges of Further Education** |
| Rathmines College of Further Education |  |
| Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education | 22 Jan. |
| Liberties College of Further Education | 17 Jan |
| Crumlin College |  |
| Pearse College | 10 March |
| Ballsbridge College  | 22 Jan. |
| Inchicore College | 21 Jan. |
| Ballyfermot College  |  |
| Greenhills College | 27 Jan. |
| Blackrock FEI | 15 Jan. |