

CALCULATED GRADES AND ASSOCIATED CHOICES



Information for parents and students of the Leaving Certificate class of 2020

Overview

This presentation collates and summarises key information for students and parents of the Leaving Certificate class of 2020.

Information provided includes:

- calculated grades
- appealing calculated grades
- sitting exams in November 2020
- CAO offers
- how to access support

Calculated Grades

- Available from **9am on 7th September 2020** at the **Student Portal** on education.ie
<https://lc2020.education.gov.ie/>
- **Students will need their examination number, PPS number and account password.**
- Grades have been through a **rigorous statistical process** (similar to what happens every year)
- Calculated grades can be used to allow you to progress to **any pathway**, just like any given year
- Teachers may have given different grades than what is finally offered to students. Additional information will be available on student portal from Monday 14th September.
- If students are not happy with grades, there are **several options/choices** they can make.
- If students choose to sit one or more of the later examinations, the final Leaving Certificate will integrate the **higher of the grades.**
- These grades are provided in time for students who have applied through the CAO and the UK's UCAS for college entry for the 2020/2021 academic year.
- We do not know on the day of results what the points will be for certain courses until CAO round one offers are issued.

Key C.A.O. information

- Offers will be made available by email / text only i.e. no posted offers
- If you need to contact the C.A.O., the best way is to send an email and include your C.A.O. application number
<https://www.cao.ie/apply.php?page=myapp>

CAO Dates to be aware of:

- **11th Sept at 2pm:** C.A.O. Round 1 offers
- **16th Sept at 3pm:** Acceptance of C.A.O round 1 offers must be returned
- **18th Sept:** Vacant places published by CAO
- **23rd Sept:** C.A.O. Round 2 offers
- **25th Sept:** Acceptance of Round 2 offers
- **1st Oct:** C.A.O. Round 3 offers
- **6th Oct:** Acceptance of Round 3 offers
- **8th Oct:** C.A.O. Round 4 offers
- **13th Oct:** Acceptance of Round 4 offers
- Deferral procedures remain the same (consult CAO handbook, contact relevant admissions office, deferral application needs to be submitted at least 2 days before acceptance deadline).

Sitting exams in November

Information will become available as time progresses

- This is an option designed to accommodate students unsatisfied with grades.
- Students can sit one or all subjects, at their discretion.
- The higher of the grades will be taken.
- Start date: **Monday November 16th**
- Evenings and weekends.
- Written assessment only following the 'normal' layout.
- Some subjects will include assessment of work submitted prior to school closures (Home Eco / Design and Communication Graphics / Physical Education Activity Project / Engineering)
- More information will follow on LCVP and LCA.

Impact on CAO:

If grades increase, students will be provided with updated CAO offer and start in Autumn 2021.

- No impact on fees or student grant

Considering all Options

- Calculated Grades
- Calculated Grades Appeals
- Several rounds of CAO Offers
- Reapply to CAO in February 2021
- CAO “Vacant Places” list
- Sit exams in November
- Sit exams in June
- Apply for PLC
- Defer college place
- Apprenticeship
- Employment

Sources of further information

- **Gov.ie**

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d8920c-leaving-cert-2020/>

- **education.ie**

<https://www.education.ie/en/Learners/Information/State-Examinations/leaving-cert-2020.html>

- **CAO.ie**

<http://www.cao.ie/>

- **Colleges / University / Institute websites**

- **SOLAS** *For information on apprenticeships*

<https://www.solas.ie/>

- **SUSI** *For information on student grants*

<https://susi.ie/>

- **Adult Educational Guidance Services**

<https://www.ncge.ie/ncge/aeqi-contact-details>

School Support

Students and parents are welcome to contact the school guidance counselling service for advice or to arrange an appointment.

- Email : guidance@mercyballymahon.ie
- Phone : (090) 643 2267

National Parent Council Leaving Certificate Helpline



Leaving Certificate Helpline

1800 265 165

About The Helpline

The Helpline is provided courtesy of the National Parents' Council in association with the Irish Independent, the Department Of Education & Skills and supported by the GAA. The Institute of Guidance Counsellors are employed to provide qualified guidance counsellors to give advice and support to both students and their parents. The dates and times for the 2020 Helpline are as follows:

- Monday 7th September 11am – 8pm
- Tuesday 8th September 11am – 8pm
- Wednesday 9th September 11am – 2pm
- Thursday 10th September 11am – 2pm
- Friday 11th September 12pm – 8pm
- Saturday 12th September 11am – 5pm



Sources of Support

Childline (ISPCC)

- Ireland's 24-hour national listening service for young people up to the age of 18.
 - Freephone 1800 666 666 (any time, day or night)
 - Text 50101 (from 10am to 4pm every day)
 - Chat online (from 10am to 4pm every day)
- Visit www.childline.ie for more information

Jigsaw

- The Jigsaw Support Line is available for free mental health support and advice to young people aged 12 to 25 years old, and parents or concerned adults in Ireland.
- Freephone 1800 544729 (from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- Text CALL ME to 086 180 3880, giving your preferred day and time for a call (from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- Email help@jigsaw.ie (for responses from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- Visit www.jigsaw.ie or www.jigsawonline.ie for more information

Barnardos

- Barnardos provide a national telephone support service for parents, in response to the challenges they are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Freephone 1800 910 123 from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday.
- <https://www.barnardos.ie/>

Sources of Support (cont)

SpunOut.ie

- SpunOut.ie provides a wide range of articles and information for young people, on many different topics, including mental health.
- Text SPUNOUT to 086 1 800 280 to chat to a trained volunteer (standard message rates may apply)
- Visit <https://spunout.ie/> for more information

Pieta House

- Pieta provides free therapy to those engaging in self-harm, with suicidal ideation, or bereaved by suicide.
- Call free on 1800 247 247
- Text help to 51444
- Visit <https://www.pieta.ie/> for more information