

LC2
Information
Evening

Monday 8th September



Agenda

- Chaplain's Message - Grace Mullins
- Guidance Counsellor - Ms Eileen Crowley
- Year Head Presentation – Mr Paul McCorry
- VS Ware Push Notification –
- Supporting the Class of 2026- John Cronin





Grace Mullins

College Chaplain





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AT CASTLEKNOCK
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GRACE MULLINS

CHAPLAINCY

Care



Create community



Spiritual presence



CHAPLAINCY AND LC₂

One to one

Chaplaincy team

Christmas Carol Service

Mindful based stress reduction

Reflection on time at CCC


Plan Graduation Ceremony





Eileen Crowley
Guidance Counsellor





Role of Guidance Counsellor

LC2s are our priority

Each student has been assigned an individual appointment, they can have many appointments throughout the year

Encourage your student to make follow up appointments if necessary

Parents are always welcome to make contact

Students must research courses and colleges
(www.qualifax.ie) (www.careersportal.ie)



College Open Days

Open days are held on campus

Check college websites

Check LC2 team for updates. We are available lunch time Tuesdays & Thursdays

College presentations organised - Thursday morning during SPHE class

Email college admissions/course co-ordinators for specific course queries

NUI Irish/Third language exemption

Higher Options

Higher Options will be held at the RDS. The event welcomes the Leaving Cert Class of 2026 to meet with over 150 universities, colleges and information bodies from Ireland, the EU and the UK.

Wednesday 17th September

12:30 -3:30

World Skills Event also on at the RDS– no cost but must register online on <https://worldskillsireland.ie/>

No school on this day and make their own way to this event

CAO/PLC

CAO Information
Evening (Central
Applications Office)

www.accesscollege.ie

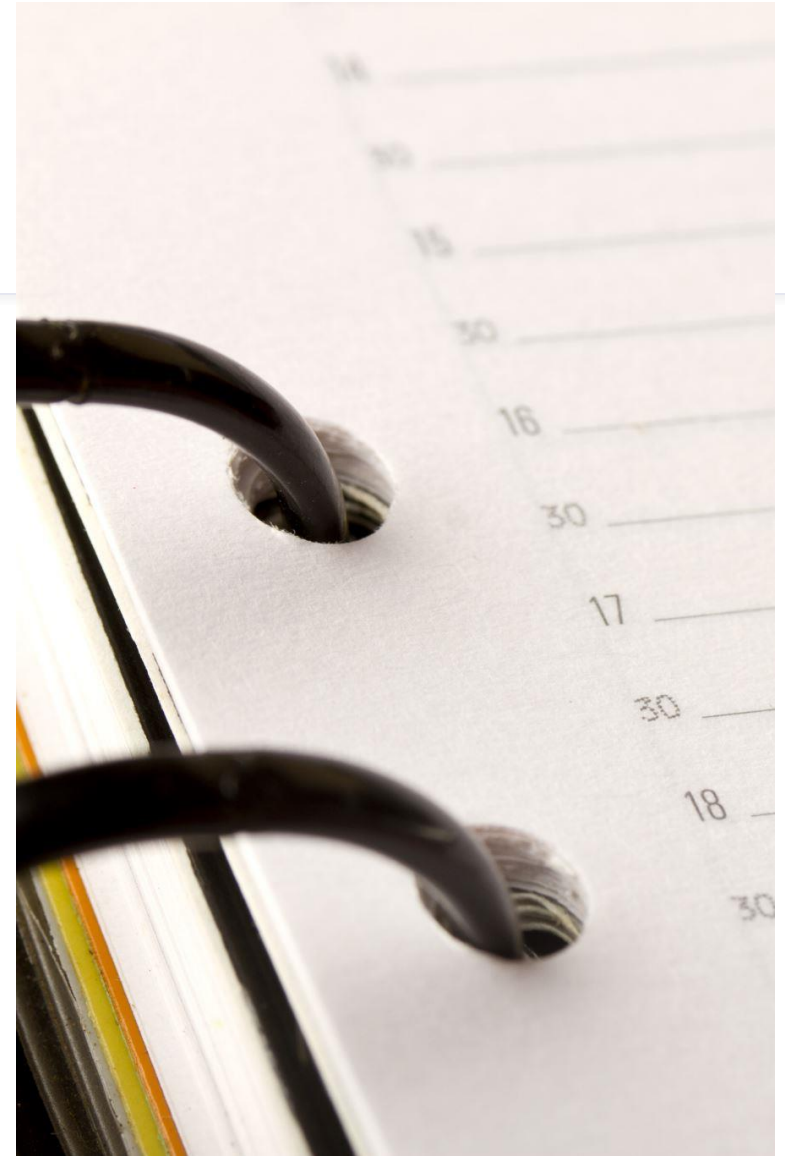
HEAR (Higher
Education Access
Route)

DARE (Disability
Access Route to
Education)

Post Leaving Cert
Courses (PLC) - we
assist in the application
and prepare students
for interview

Study Tips

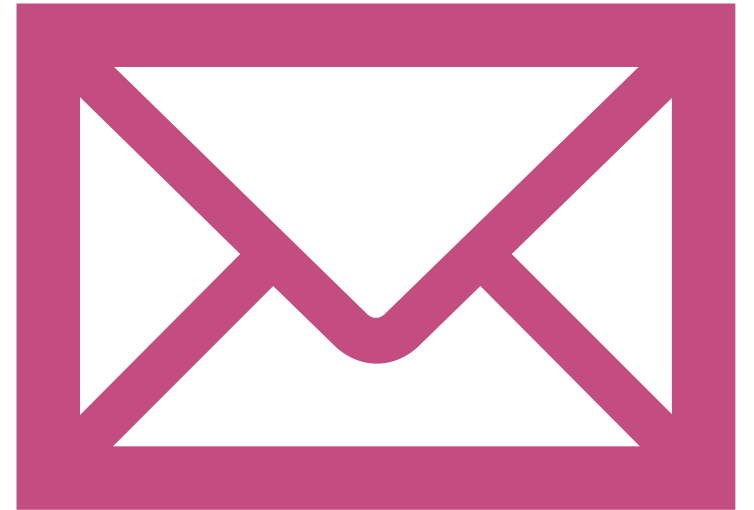
- Guidance Counsellors will work with LC2 students in drawing up a study timetable that strikes a balance between school, homework, study and leisure time
- Assist them in setting weekly/monthly goals, reflect on their progress
- Set SMART goals.
- S - Specific M - Measurable A - Achievable R - Relevant T -time-bound



- Parents are encouraged to participate in this process as you will play a huge role in supporting your student throughout the year
- Be aware of their study plan
- Ensure they have a quiet, organised place to study/limit distractions
- Remember your student needs to strike a balance between school, study and leisure

Thank you

- Email:
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- clairesayers@castleknockcc.ie
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•LC2 RSE Plan

Relationships	Taking Time to Think	Sexual Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•When We Feel Hurt.•Intimacy.•Looking Back, Looking Forward – A Review of Learning (TRUST).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Influences and Values•Decision Making **•Responsible Relationships**•Looking Back, Looking Forward – A Review of Learning (TRUST).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Contraceptive Methods Part II **• STI Transmission•Looking Back, Looking Forward- A Review of Learning (TRUST).•Additional Module: <i>Active Consent*</i> (recap and review from LCI)

RSE & Active Consent

- Every Thursday Morning the College @9.00a.m. hosts a Life Skills Class.
- The Guidance Department will host a series of workshops and talks by visiting speakers. (Professional Bodies & Third Level Colleges & PLC Colleges)
- As part of Relationships & Sexuality Education, the topic of “Active Consent” will be addressed in classes later this year.



Year Head Presentation

Mr Paul McCorry – Acting Year Head





Year Head's Message

Attendance & Punctuality

Preparation for Class

Homework & Study

Part time jobs



LC2 Calendar

- School Reopens Monday 5th January
- Oide Planning Day Tuesday 20th January
School Closed
- Mocks Commence Friday 30th Jan. - 13th Feb.
- Bank Holiday Monday 2nd February
- CAO Closing Date Sunday 1st February



LC2 Calendar

- Midterm Break 16th – 20th February inclusive.

- St Patricks Weekend School Closed
Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March
- Easter Holidays Mon. 30th March – Fri. 10th April incl
- **MFL & Irish Oral Exams** **From Saturday 28th March (TBC)**



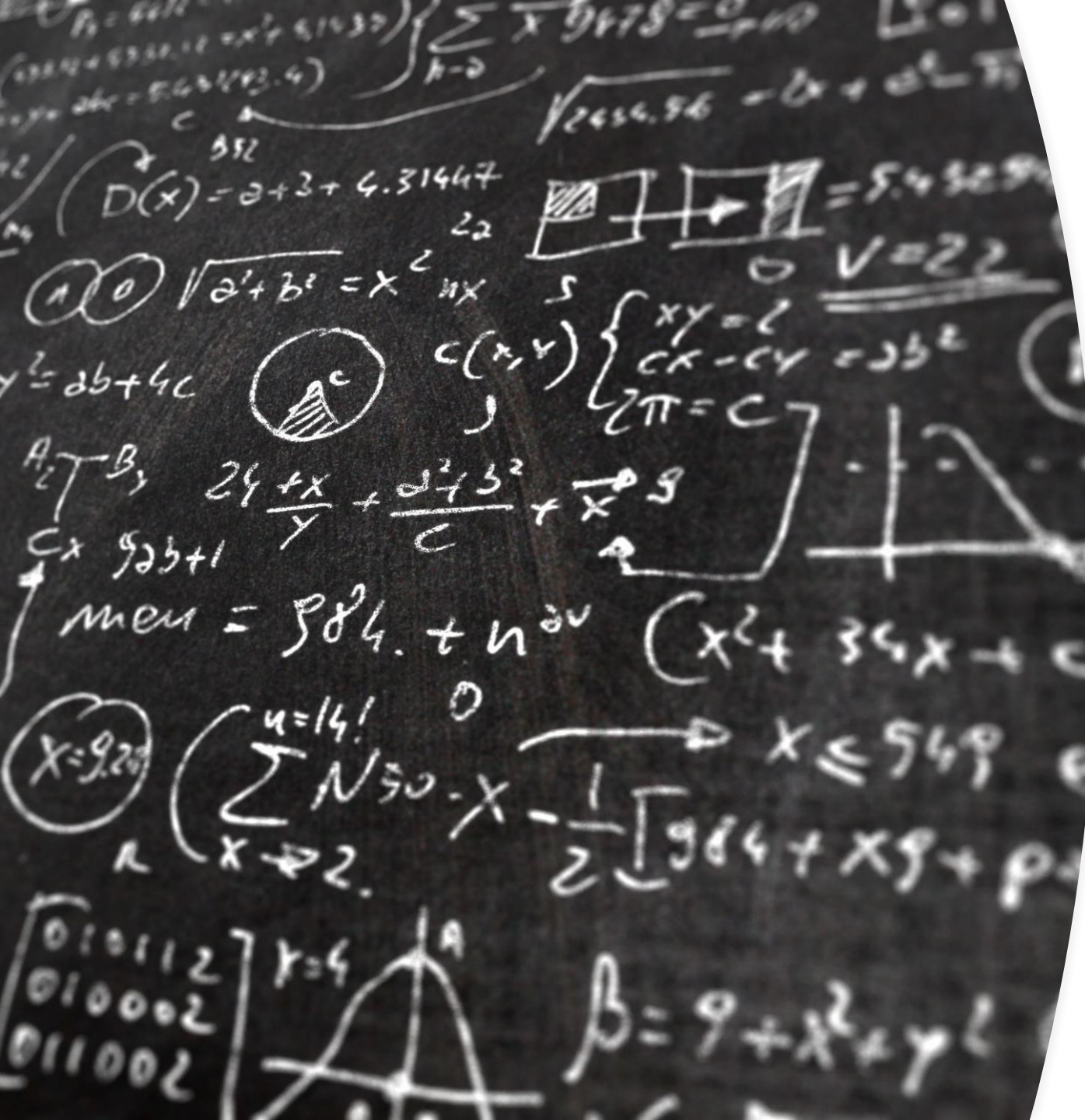
LC2 Calendar

- Bank Holiday College Closed Monday 4th May
- Graduation Wednesday 20th May
- Leaving Cert Commences Wednesday 3rd June
- Leaving Cert Results Late August 2026
- CAO First Round Late August 2026



Before June 2026

- Orals Gaeilge & Modern Languages
- Art Practical
- Construction Studies Practical
- Engineering Practical
- Technology Practical
- Music Practical
- Home Economics Journal (October 2025)
- Economics
- Classical Studies



Before June 2026

- LCVP Portfolio
- Practical Department Project Work
- LCVP Written Examination (May 2026)
- History Special Topic
- Geography Field Study
- Physical Education (2)
- DCG Project
- Politics & Society Project
- Applied Maths



Swipe Terminals & RFID Swipe Cards

- Swipe Card terminals have been updated.
- Location of new terminals: 2 at Student Entrance, 1 at Main Office, 2 at Canteen, 1 in New 'A' Building.
- Essential that students swipe in and have their swipe cards with them at all times.



Attendance & Punctuality

- Students must swipe-in before 8.50a.m. in the morning and 1.15p.m. in the afternoon
- Any student who swipes in after this time or who fails to swipe is considered late
- Students who are late more than twice in a week are put on Lates Detention
- Lates Detention is held on Wednesday afternoons from 12.30p.m. to 1.30p.m.
- Lates Detention is held in Room 9.



Attendance VSWare Push Notifications

- We are launching a new VSWare Push Notification system this year. This system will send notifications via the VSWare App to parents/guardians to alert them to any unexplained school absences.
- There alerts will be issued after the first class in the morning and afternoon (with the exemption of Wednesday when only a morning alert will be issued).
- Parents/guardians will be able to provide notes for these absences and for future absences via the VSWare App.



VS Ware Support

- Parent App - Everything you need to know
- Everything you need to know about the VSware Parent App
- support.vsware.ie
- Parent App - Submit an Absence Request
- How to submit a past or future absence request to your school as a parent
- support.vsware.ie





Tracking & Target Setting

Re: Leaving Certificate 2 - Tracking Meeting - Autumn 2025

Dear

In preparation for your Leaving Certificate 2026 I have scheduled a meeting with you. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- (i) Reflect on the grades you achieved in the May 2025 House Examinations.
- (ii) Discuss the targets you have set for yourself in preparation for the Leaving Certificate 2026.
- (iii) Assess how the College can support you as you prepare for the Leaving Certificate 2026.

In advance of the meeting I invite you to complete the enclosed Evaluation Form & Target Grid Form and bring them with you to the scheduled meeting.

Please ensure that all sections are completed and that you complete the section that invites you to set your Points Target for your Leaving Certificate 2026.

Your meeting is scheduled with me for:

Day: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

- Please show this letter to your timetabled teacher in advance of the meeting.
- If you are scheduled to have a class test at the appointed time, please email me at johncronin@castleknockee.ie and I will reschedule a meeting with you.
- All meetings are scheduled to take place in my office.

Yours sincerely,

John Cronin
Principal

Self-Evaluation

Self-Evaluation Form (Tracking) Leaving Certificate 2025–26

Name: _____ Class: _____

May 2025 Total: _____ Points Target LC 2026: _____

Question 1 reflects on your performance in the May 2025 House Examinations.

Question 1.

- (i) Do my results in the May House Examinations 2025 reflect the **commitment** I made to my studies? (Please comment)

- (ii) Do my results in the May House Examinations 2025 reflect my full **potential**? (Please comment)

Questions 2 & 3 reflect on your targets & strengths as you prepare for the 2026 Leaving Certificate.

Question 2

- (i) How realistic/achievable are the **targets** I have set for myself for the Leaving Certificate 2026? (Please comment)

- (ii) What **study strategies** will I use in the coming academic year to enable me to realise my targets?

Questions 3:

My three **strengths** as a learner are:

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____

Self -Evaluation

Self-Evaluation Form (Tracking) Leaving Certificate 2025-26

Questions 4 & 5 focus on the challenges of the Leaving Certificate 2026

Question 4.

The main **challenges** I am experiencing as I prepare for my Leaving Certificate 2026 are:

(i) _____

(ii) _____

Question 5.

(i) I spend _____ hours on **homework** each week.

(ii) I spend _____ hours on **study** each week.

Questions 6 focuses on how the College can support you as you prepare for your Leaving Certificate 2026.

Question 6.

(i) **Teachers at CCC assist me** in my preparations for the Leaving Certificate in 2026 by:

(ii) **The College (teacher & support services) could assist me more** in my preparations for the Leaving Certificate in 2026 by:

Question 7 invites you to list the strategies you will use to improve your grades.

Question 7

I will **achieve better grades** in the Leaving Certificate 2026 if I take the following steps:

Student's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Target Setting



Target Setting Leaving Certificate Two – 2025-2026

Subject	Current Level H-O-F	May 2025 House Exams Grade	May 2025 House Exams Points	Target Leaving Cert 2026 Grade	Target Leaving Cert 2026 Points
Irish					
English					
Maths					
Spanish					
French					
German					
History					
Classics					
Politics & Society					
Geography					
Business					
Accounting					
Economics					
Biology					
Chemistry					
Physics					
App. Science					
Applied Maths					
Engineering					
Construction					
Studies					
Technology					
DCG					
Art					
Music					
Home Economics					
Japanese					
Computer Science					
PE (Exam Subject)					
LCVP*					
**					
Points Total Only total highest 6					

*LCVP Distinction (66 Points) Merit (46 Points) Pass (28 Points)

STUDY STRATEGIES
for
Leaving Certificate Students



**CASTLEKNOCK
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*"We the pupils, parents and staff of
Castleknock Community College,
strive for excellence in a caring
and supportive environment.*

*"Growing and developing through
co-operation will enable all
to realise their full potential!"*

6 Point Strategy for Being an Organised, Successful Student

1. Plan

Define what you want to achieve.

Break big objectives into smaller, manageable tasks.

Anticipate obstacles and think of ways to overcome them.

2. Schedule

Allocate time for each task.

Use a calendar, planner, or digital tool.

Prioritise tasks by urgency and importance.

3. Work Backwards

Start from your end goal.

Break it into milestones leading back to where you are now.

This ensures every step directly contributes to your goal.

6 Point Strategy for Being an Organised, Successful Student

Work Hard

Stay disciplined and focused.

Minimize distractions (social media, multitasking, etc.).

Push through challenges instead of waiting for motivation.

5. Rest

Schedule downtime to recharge.

Get enough sleep, exercise, and take mindful breaks.

Rest prevents burnout and boosts long-term productivity.

6. Set Goals

Continuously define new short-term and long-term goals.

Make them SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound).

Review progress and adjust goals as needed.

Reasons why goals are not achieved.

No written Plan

Confusing activity & productivity

Afraid to fail

Lack of continual action

Loss of Focus

Goals are not SMART

How to Set Smart Student Goals

Goals: What do I want to achieve?

Reality: What is happening?

Options: What can I do?

Will: What will I do having considered the options

Tactics: When is it going to happen?

Habits: How will I plan to sustain my success



Additional Assessment Task – Pre Christmas

Date	Subject	Component	% LC Grade
October	Home Economics S&S	Assignments Coursework Journal	20
Mid-December	Physical Education	PAP Physical Activity Project	20
	Economics	Economics Research Study	20

Additional Assessment Task – January 2026

Date	Subject	Component	% LC Grade
Mid- January	DCG	DCG Practical Coursework	40
	Classical Studies	Research Study Report	20
January/February	Applied Maths	Mathematical Modelling Project	20

Additional Assessment Task – March 2026

Date	Subject	Component	% LC Grade
March	LCVP	Link Modules Portfolio	60
	Engineering	Engineering Project	25
	Computer Science	Coursework Project	30
	Physical Education	PA Performance Assessment	30
	Technology	Technology Practical Coursework	50

Additional Assessment Task – April 2026

Date	Subject	Component	% LC Grade
April	Curricular Languages	Oral Examinations (Subject/Level)	20-40
	Music	Practical Examination	50
	Art	Practical Coursework	50

Additional Assessment Task – April/May 2025

Date	Subject	Component	% LC Grade
April/May	Art	Practical Examination	20
	Construction Studies	Construction Studies Project	25
	History	History Research Project	20
	Religion	Religious Education Practical Coursework	20
	Geography	Geographical Investigation Report	20
	Politics & Society	Citizenship Project	20
	Engineering	Practical Examination	25

Additional Assessment Task – April/May 2026

Date	Subject	Component	% LC Grade
May	LCVP	Link Modules – Written Examination	40
	Construction Studies	Practical Examination	25
	Computer Science	Computer Science Written Examination	70

The New Points System

Higher Level Grade (%)	New CAO Points (HL)	New CAO Points (OL)	Ordinary Level Grade (%)
H1 (90-100)	100		
H2 (80-89)	88		
H3 (70-79)	77		
H4 (60-69)	66		
H5 (50-59)	56	56	O1 (90-100)
H6 (40-49)	46	46	O2 (80-89)
H7 (30-39)	37	37	O3 (70-79)
H8 (0-29)	0	28	O4 (60-69)
		20	O5 (50-59)
		12	O6 (40-49)
		0	O7 (30-39)
		0	O8 (0-29)

LCVP Grades

LCVP Grade	Revised LCVP Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28



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Leaving Certificate

- $359/400 = 89.75$





Additional Subjects

- Students should register for extra subjects with Ms G. Walsh via Green Form.
- Non-Curricular Languages – Romanian, Arabic etc
- Applied Maths
- Music
- All queries regarding State Examinations to Ms Gillian Walsh



A Cautionary Tale

The story of two portals

- Over the next few months Leaving Certificate students will be invited to register with two different portals
- 1. State Examinations Commission
- 2. CAO

State Examinations Commission

- Students will be required to create an account with the State Examinations Commission to register their subjects and levels. This is required in January/February (TBC)



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission

CAO (Central Applications Office)

- Students will be required to register with the CAO if they wish to go to a Third Level College. Access to this Portal will be available from early November. The Closing date for submission of third level choices is 1st February.

CAO

www.cao.ie

**CENTRAL
APPLICATIONS
OFFICE**



Minister Foley announces phased return to normal Leaving Certificate outcomes, confirms date for Leaving Certificate 2024 results

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17th April 2024

Minister Foley also announced today that existing assessment adjustments for Leaving Certificate which apply for students in 2024 will continue to apply in 2025.

Minister Foley said:

“I can confirm that the existing assessment adjustments that have been in place for the past two years and again this year will stay in place in 2025. So students will continue to benefit from these adjustments, including greater choice in examinations, enabling them to perform at their best.”

Minister Foley Announces adjustments to 2025 State Examinations

- MINISTER FOR EDUCATION Norma Foley has said the gradual return to normal Leaving Cert grading will begin in 2025, after grade adjustment measures were introduced because of the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Foley said that grade inflation increased by 7% compared to 2019 as a result of the adjustment measures and that this would have to come down by around 1.5% in 2025 as part of a gradual process.**

Minister Foley Announces adjustments to 2025 State Examinations

- “I can confirm that the process of returning Leaving Certificate outcomes to pre-pandemic levels will begin for 2025 students and it will be a gradual process, in line with my commitment that there would be no cliff-edge in terms of a return to pre-pandemic outcomes,” Minister Foley said.
- The level of future year adjustments to exam results after 2025 and the timeline for phasing out a post-marking adjustment will be based on how successful the 2025 process is, the Department said.

Supervised Study

- Survey issued on Teams to gauge interest among students. <https://forms.office.com/e/CCgExMEby3?origin=prLink>
- Traditionally was held on Mondays at 16:10-18:10, Wednesday 12:40-2:40 and Thursday (16:10-18:10).
- Fee is 135€ per term. This should be paid via the school payment system on the CCC website. Discounts are applied where a student can only attend 1/2 evenings per week or where more than one child in the same family attend study.

- *“A graduate from CCC is recognised as a young man or woman who possesses a strong moral purpose and holds the courage of their convictions. Graduates will be equipped with the life skills to understand their own well-being so that they can manage their emotional, mental, spiritual and physical needs.”*



