

## Information Sheet for Parents



The CAO is the application that must be completed if students want to apply to university (level 6 - 8 courses). The application is online on [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). The cost is €30 to apply until January 20<sup>th</sup> and €45 after that. The deadline for this is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Students can select 10 options for level 6/7 and 10 options for level 8. It's very important that students put these options in genuine order of preference as they will be offered the highest possible option they are entitled to. Certain courses must be selected by February 1<sup>st</sup>. i.e. Medicine



This is post leaving certificate courses. They are usually level 5 or 6. They can be used as a stepping stone to gain entry to university or to train in a particular area that's not available in university (hair & make up). The applications are online for each individual college, on their website. Students will also have to take part in an interview. Students can apply for these courses up until the start of the school year next year.



Apprenticeships are a mix of working on the job and going to college. There are a wide range of apprenticeships available to students and they can be found on [www.apprenticeships.ie](http://www.apprenticeships.ie). Students must secure their apprenticeship with a registered company. A CV & cover letter would be needed for this. It is important to secure an apprenticeship with a company as early as possible.



SUSI is the awarding authority for higher and further education grants. These grants can cover the cost of tuition and/or maintenance throughout the year. Tuition fees for PLC courses are not covered under SUSI but you would be entitled to maintenance. SUSI opens in April. An account must be created online and then an application form is completed. SUSI will then contact you to send in various documentation such as a P21.



HEAR & DARE is an access route to College. (Universities only)  
HEAR is for students attending a DEIS school and living in a disadvantaged area. It is also based on household income.  
DARE is for students who have a disability. You can apply for both HEAR and DARE as well as SUSI. Both forms are available on CAO application and must be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Supporting documentation to be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to speak with the guidance counsellor you can contact her:

By emailing [sorchanichrualaoich@stkevinscc.ie](mailto:sorchanichrualaoich@stkevinscc.ie)

or

By calling/texting/whatsapping 089 223 2005

## Key Dates

**End November** – PLC applications available on college websites

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** – closing date early fee CAO

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** – closing date for CAO

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – online HEAR/DARE application to be completed

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – supporting documentation for HEAR/DARE submitted

**April** – SUSI application opens

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – change of mind facility opens CAO

**1<sup>st</sup> July** – Change of mind facility closes

**August** – Leaving Cert Results & CAO offers

