



**Donabate Community College**

# Career Guidance

# Tonight we will be looking at...

- The Leaving Certificate
- Minding your mental health during your Leaving Certificate
- Homework & Study in 6th Year
- Leaving Certificate Points and the NFAQ
- DARE and grants
- Pathways after school



# 6th Year Career Guidance Provision:

- 1 Careers classes- 6 week rotation**
- 2 Higher Options in the RDS & Study Skills Workshop**
- 3 College Talks**
- 4 1 on 1 Careers Interviews**



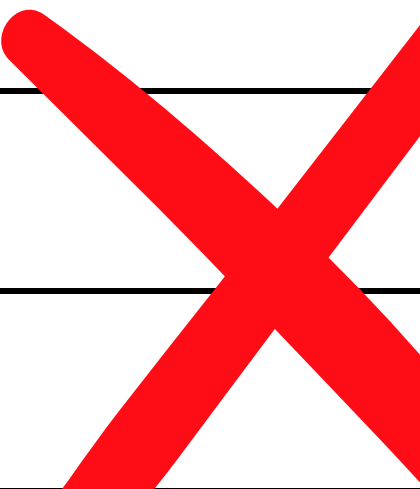
# Homework and Study in 6th Year

- Around 3 hours every night
- Get in a routine
- Have a study timetable, be specific in your goals!
- Sort out your study space
- Past papers are key
- Study Skills workshop on **26th October**

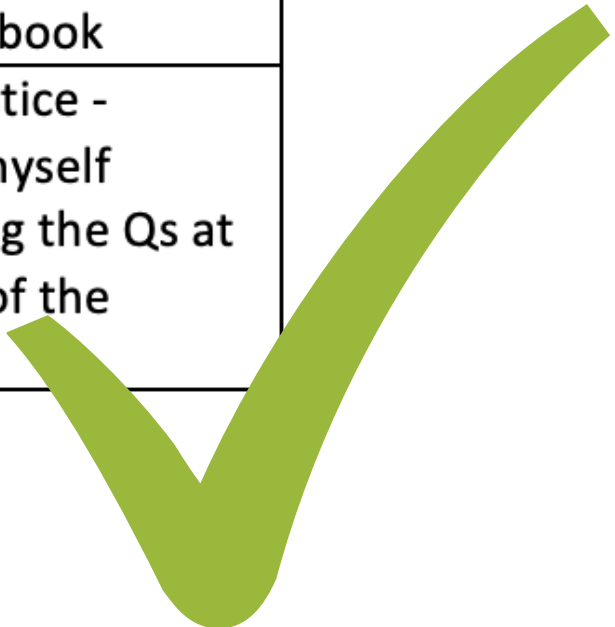


# Use a study plan -

<b>Monday</b>
Geography
History
French



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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>At the end I will be able to...</b>
<b>Geography</b>	50 minutes	Pages 34-37	Be able to answer end of chapter Qs & 2019 Past Paper Q 4
<b>History</b>	45 minutes	Chapter 6	Complete 2020 essay question in under 40 minutes with the book
<b>French</b>	45 minutes	Page 3	Oral Practice - Record myself answering the Qs at the end of the chapter

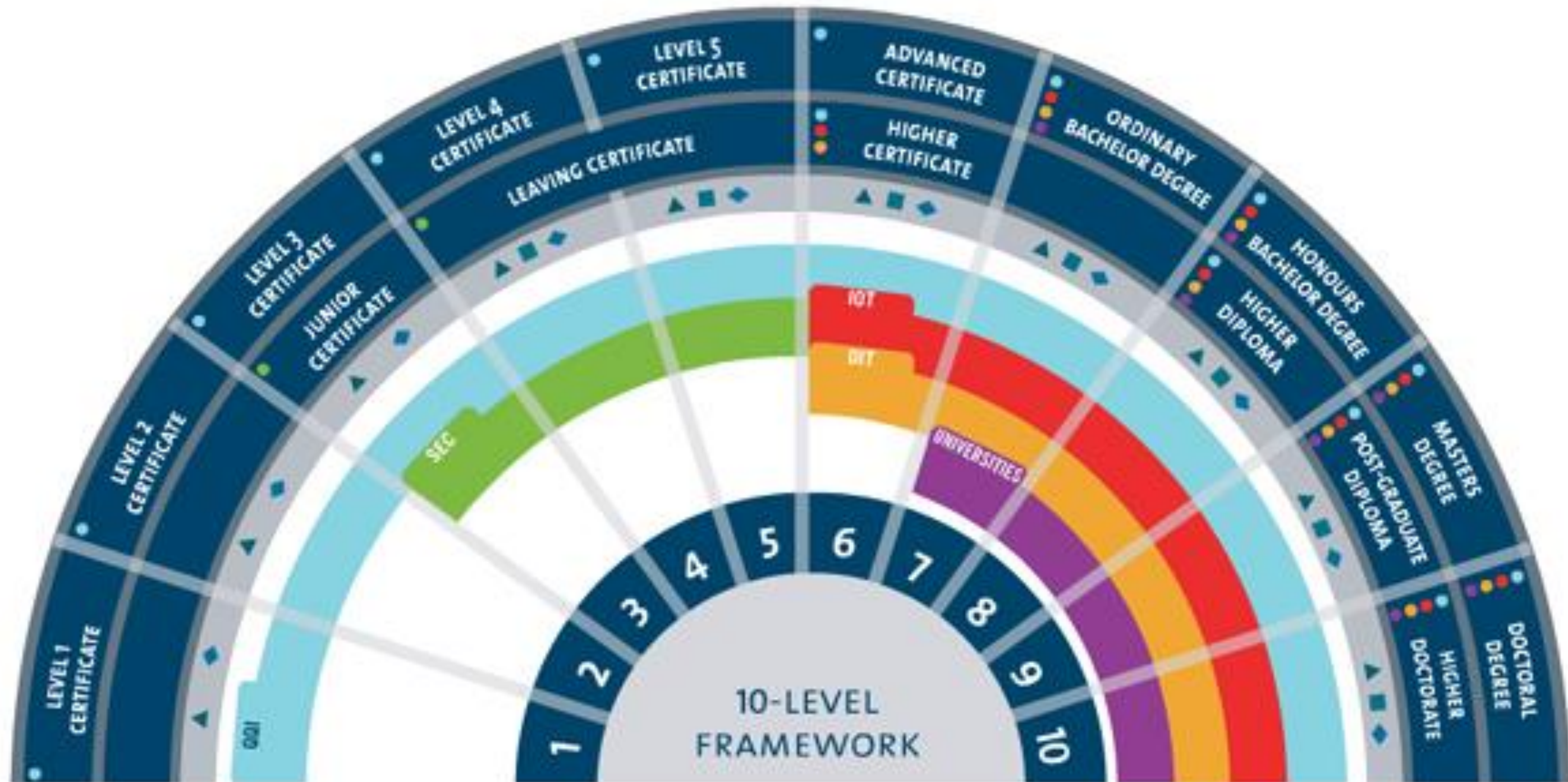


# How to stay Mentally Healthy this year

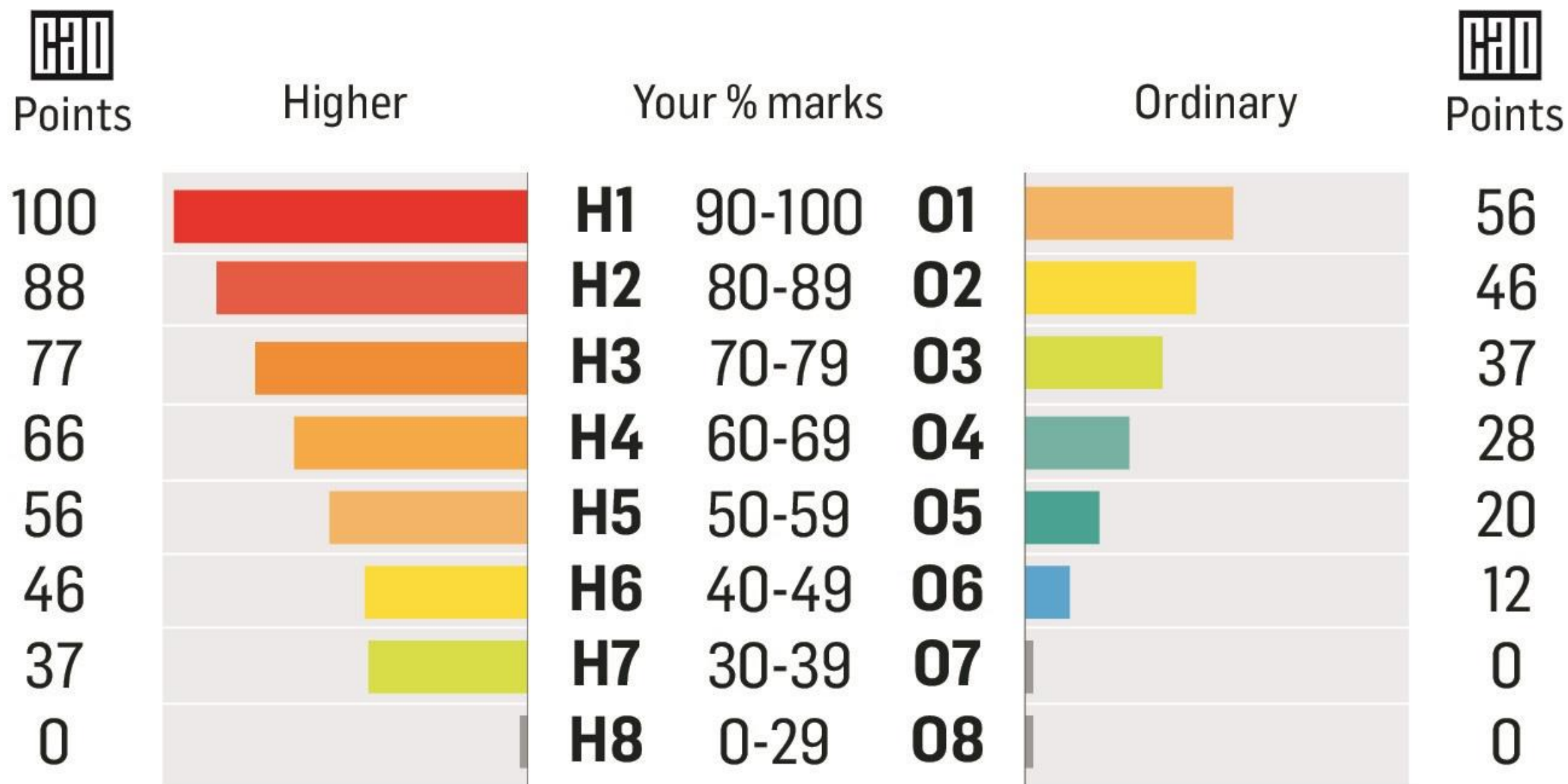
- Don't put your entire life on hold, try to keep a balance between your hobbies and your study
- Talk to your peers, your parents, your teachers
- Get organised and stay organised -don't leave things to the last minute
- There are supports here in school and also from outside agencies, please do reach out.



# National Framework of Qualifications



# Leaving Certificate Points



**+25** Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules    Distinction 66    Merit 46    Pass 28





# Options after LC

- **PLCs**
- **Apprenticeships**
- **College (home or abroad)**
- **Work**
- **Gap Year**



# The CAO

- Opens on the **6th November**
- 10 Level 8's and 10 level 6&7s
- Put your courses in genuine order of preference - **ignore the points!**
- Restricted courses must go on your CAO before 1st February

# Access Routes and Grant schemes

- DARE   
[www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie)

- HEAR  
[www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie)

- SUSI - [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie)

- Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- Blind/ Vision Impaired
- Deaf/ Hearing Impaired
- Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) – Dyspraxia
- Dyscalculia/ Significant Numeracy Difficulties
- Dyslexia/ Significant Literacy Difficulties
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (including Brain Injury and Epilepsy)
- Physical Disability
- Significant Ongoing Illness
- Speech and Language Communication Disorder



# PLCS

- Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses are typically one or two year, module-based programmes of study, covering a wide range of subject areas.
- PLCs offer a QQI certification.
- PLC courses can also serve as an alternative way of [accessing a third level degree](#) course with almost 20% of all CAO applicants presenting a Level 5 or Level 6 PLC award to access these opportunities.



# Apprenticeships

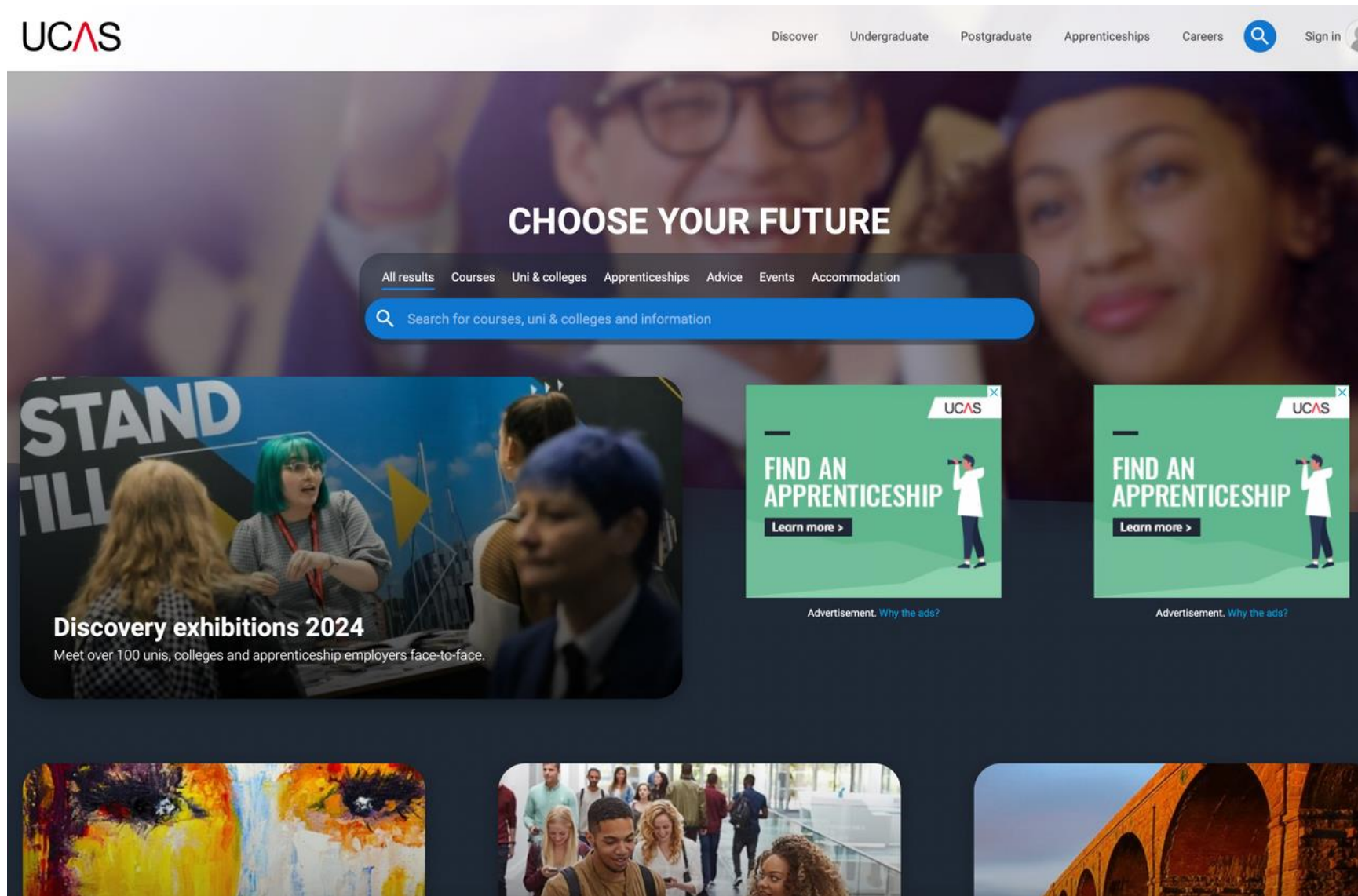
- ‘Learn as you earn’ model
- Traditional Apprenticeships
- New Apprenticeships from industries such as Computer & ICT, MedTech, Insurance, Finance, Accountancy, Logistics and Hospitality sectors.
- PLC in pre-apprenticeship in Plunket College of Further Education
- TUD offer apprenticeships

[www.apprenticeships.ie](http://www.apprenticeships.ie)

The screenshot shows the Generation Apprenticeship website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and links for Career Seekers, Career Advisors, Employers, News / Events, and More. The main header features a pink and dark blue background with the text 'We are Generation Apprenticeship' and a description: 'We are school leavers, older learners, career changers, women and men with diverse backgrounds, talents and abilities - A central route to skills development in Ireland.' Below this are three buttons: 'Become an Apprentice', 'Become an Apprentice Employer', and 'Find Apprenticeship Jobs'. A 'News/Events' section follows, containing three image-based cards: one about creating an integrated apprenticeship system, one with a piggy bank, and one with an illustration of people climbing a staircase.

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# University in the UK -



The screenshot shows the UCAS website homepage. At the top left is the UCAS logo. To the right is a navigation menu with links for 'Discover', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships', 'Careers', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation is a large banner with the text 'CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE'. Underneath the banner is a search bar with the text 'Search for courses, uni & colleges and information'. Below the search bar are three promotional tiles: 'Discovery exhibitions 2024' with the subtext 'Meet over 100 unis, colleges and apprenticeship employers face-to-face.', and two identical 'FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP' tiles with 'Learn more >' buttons. At the bottom of the page are three smaller image tiles: an abstract painting, a group of students, and a stone bridge.

- Visit [ucas.co.uk](https://ucas.co.uk) for more information
- Remember they require a personal statement as well as references - **do not leave this to the last minute!**



# University in the EU

- There are over 1000 undergraduate degree programmes in a full range of subjects in universities across Europe which are delivered through English.
- Entry requirements in many European universities are generally lower compared to Irish universities as they don't tend to use a points system.
- There are no, or low, tuition fees in many European countries.



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- > assistance in organising university visits
- > alerts on extended deadlines and late vacancies

..... so, if you want to take part in the new era of transnational university

Latest News

- Some programmes still accepting...**  
24/08 - There is still time to apply to the following programmes, for entry Sep/Oct 2023 (with application deadlines in brackets). Fees vary Biosciences U., [...more]
- Engineering Programmes in...**  
09/06 - One of the differences between studying Engineering in Ireland and in mainland Europe is that, at home, we often have the opportunity to do a Common, [...more]
- Programmes still available for...**  
06/06 - In the Netherlands, and other northern European countries, the universities are broken down into the more text-book based Research Universities (most of, [...more])

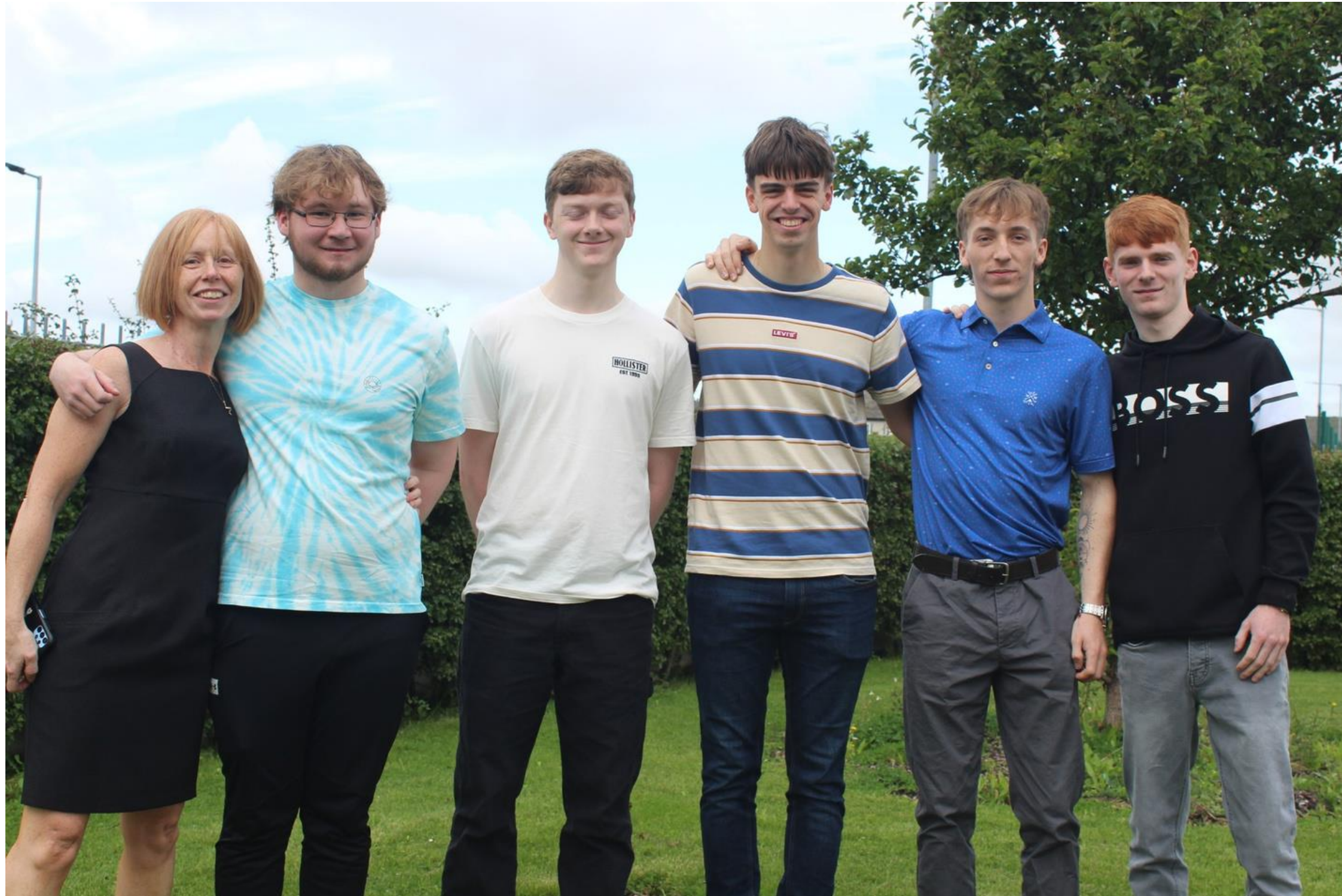
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15 Jan 24 Applications close for programmes in Netherlands with a 'numerus'

# Scholarships



- Sports Scholarships are applied to in February
- Academic Scholarships are normally awarded after the Leaving Certificate results



**IADT** - 19th October

**Trinity** - 4th November

**UCD** - 11th November

**Dundalk IT** - 15th November

**DCU** - 18th November

**TUD** - 2nd December

**Maynooth** - 25th November



Dates for your Diary -  
**Open Days**

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**Any Questions?**