

**Donabate Community College**

# **6th Year Information Evening**



**Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Dublin and Dún Laoghaire**  
**Átha Cliath agus Dhún Laoghaire Education and Training Board**

## Tonight we will be looking at:

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



## 6th Year Career Guidance Provision:

- Careers classes - 7 week rotation
- Higher Options in the RDS & Study Skills Workshop
- College, PLC, Apprenticeship & past pupil talks
- 1 on 1 Careers Interviews
- Study Classes



**DCC  
GUIDANCE  
SERVICE**

**NEED TO TALK?**

STRESSED?  
FRIENDSHIP ISSUES?  
HAVE A PROBLEM AND NOT SURE WHAT TO DO?  
FEELING OVERWHELMED?  
NEED HELP STUDYING?

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A CONFIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT



The poster features a vibrant, abstract background with soft watercolor-like colors in shades of yellow, pink, and blue. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for the school, containing a crest with a building, a tower, and an anchor, surrounded by the text 'Ad astra', 'Laboreque', and 'Exhortatione'. The main title 'DCC GUIDANCE SERVICE' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it, the phrase 'NEED TO TALK?' is written in a smaller, bold, blue font. To the right of this, a list of questions is presented in a light blue, sans-serif font. A large, white circular area in the lower-left quadrant contains a QR code, with the text 'SCAN HERE TO MAKE A CONFIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT' above it. A purple arrow points from the 'NEED TO TALK?' text towards the QR code. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular inset photograph of two young women smiling. Another purple arrow points from the QR code area towards this photograph.

# Higher Options

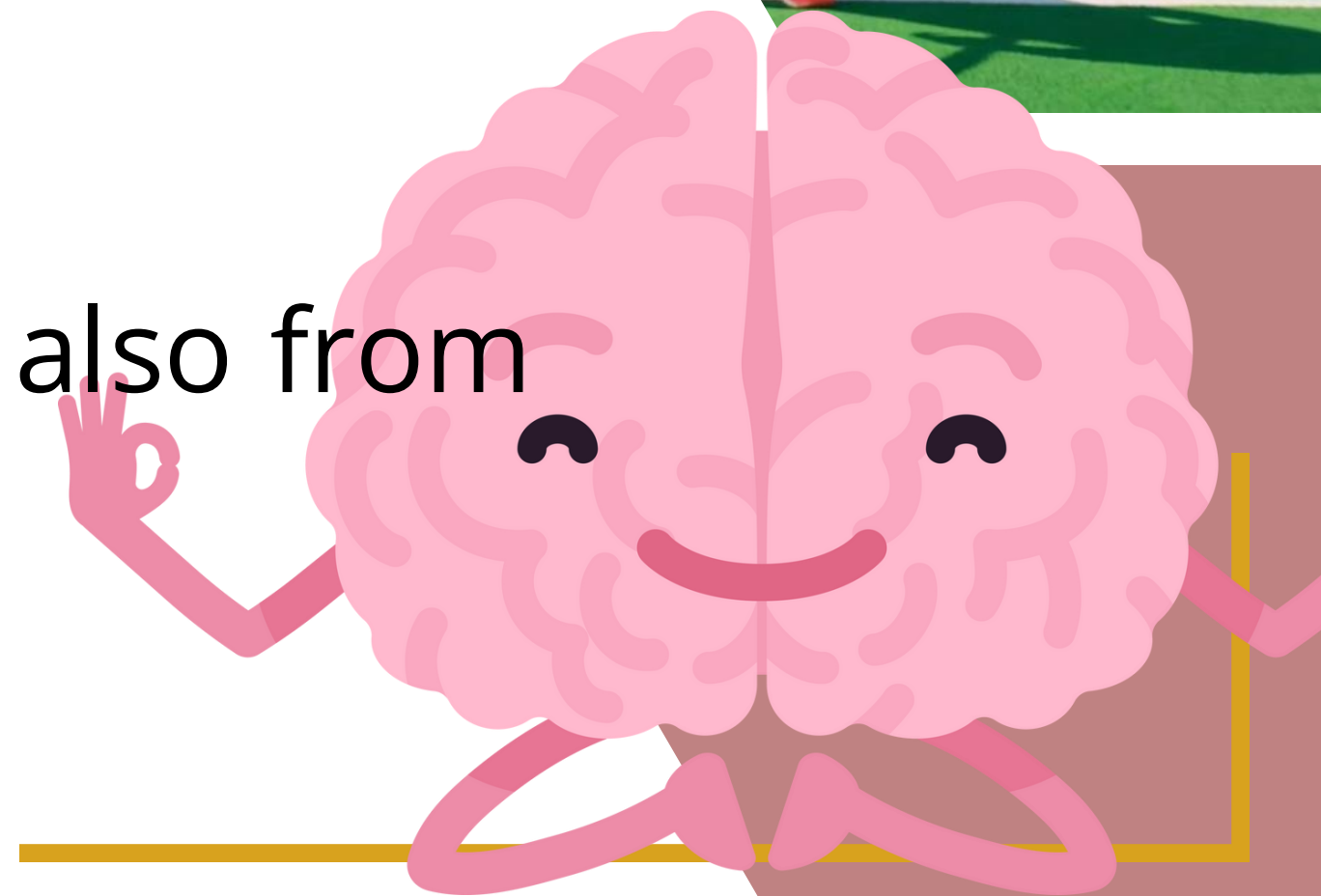
Higher Options is a large annual careers and college exhibition for students in Ireland, organised by The Irish Times, providing a platform to meet with representatives from third-level institutions, discuss course options, and attend talks on various careers and further education.

- **Wednesday 17th September**
- **MIT will be live from Monday 15th September**



# Minding your wellbeing in 6th 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



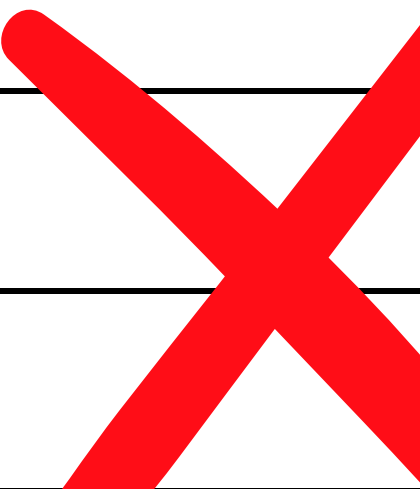
# Homework and Study in 6th Year

- **Around 2 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**

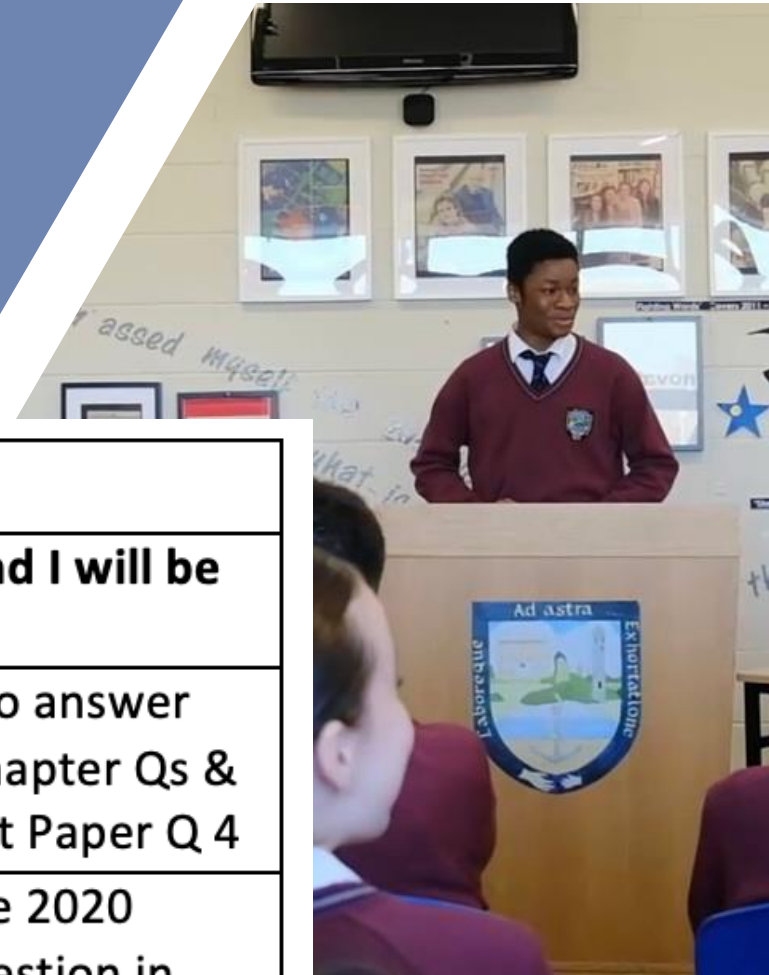
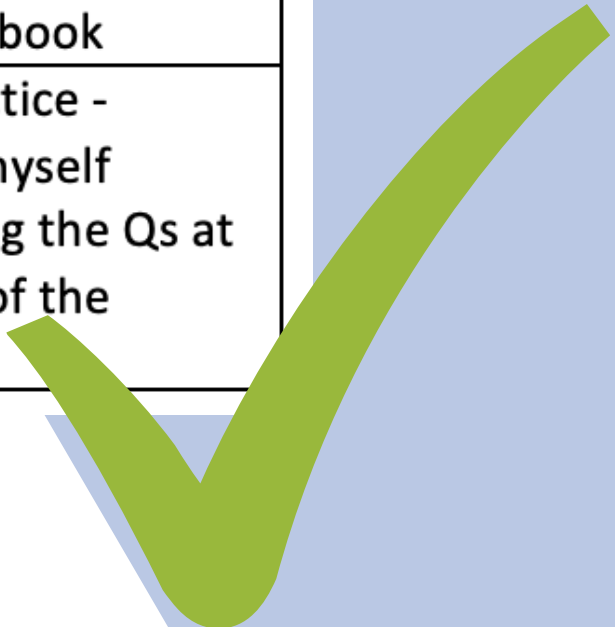


# Use a study plan -

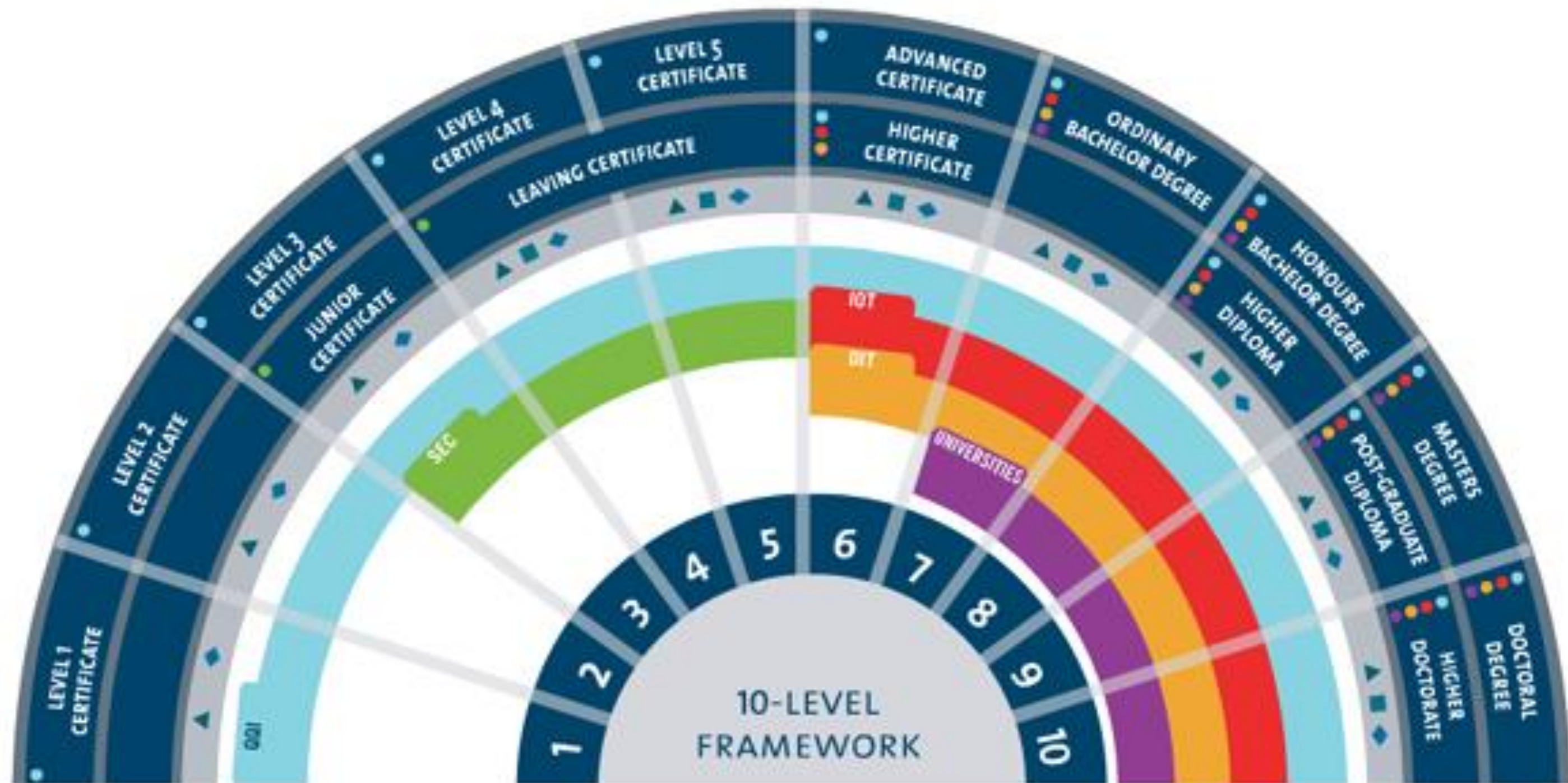
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| <b>Monday</b> |
| Geography     |
| History       |
| French        |



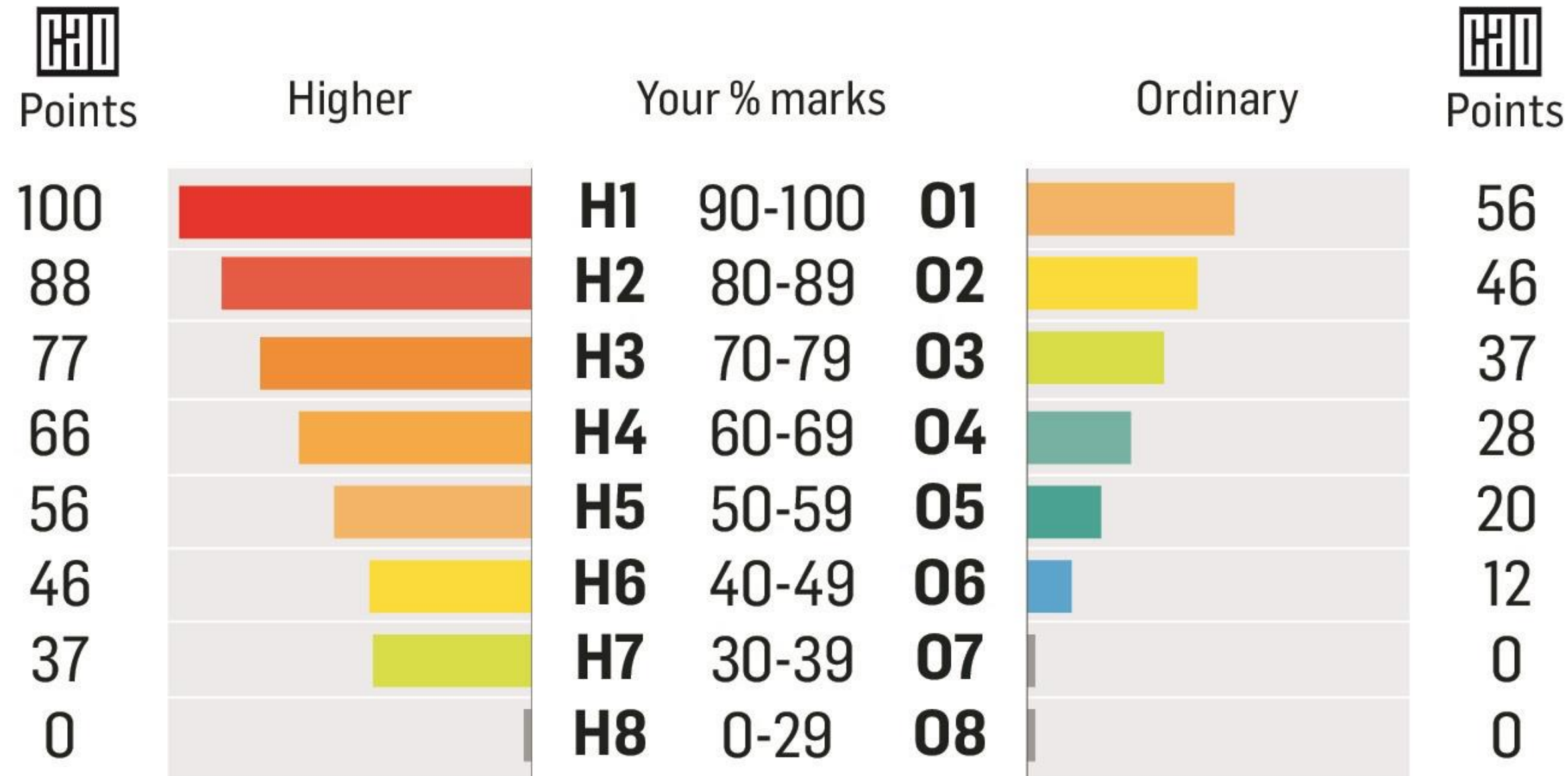
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| <b>Subject</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Chapter</b> | <b>At the end I will be able to...</b>                                   |
| Geography      | 50 minutes  | Pages 34-37    | Be able to answer end of chapter Qs & 2019 Past Paper Q 4               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



# 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

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

# 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



# The CAO

If you want to go to college in Ireland, you must apply through the Central Applications Office

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

**It is YOUR Choice**

**It is YOUR Responsibility**

**It is YOUR Decision**



# Some General Points to note:



- Know what a course involves before you apply
- Apply in your genuine order of preference
- **Ignore the points**
- Only apply for courses you genuinely want to do

# Qualifax: every course explained

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### CAO

Everything you need to know about the CAO process



### Further education and training

Lifelong education and training options



### Adult learners

Continuing education options for adults

# 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.



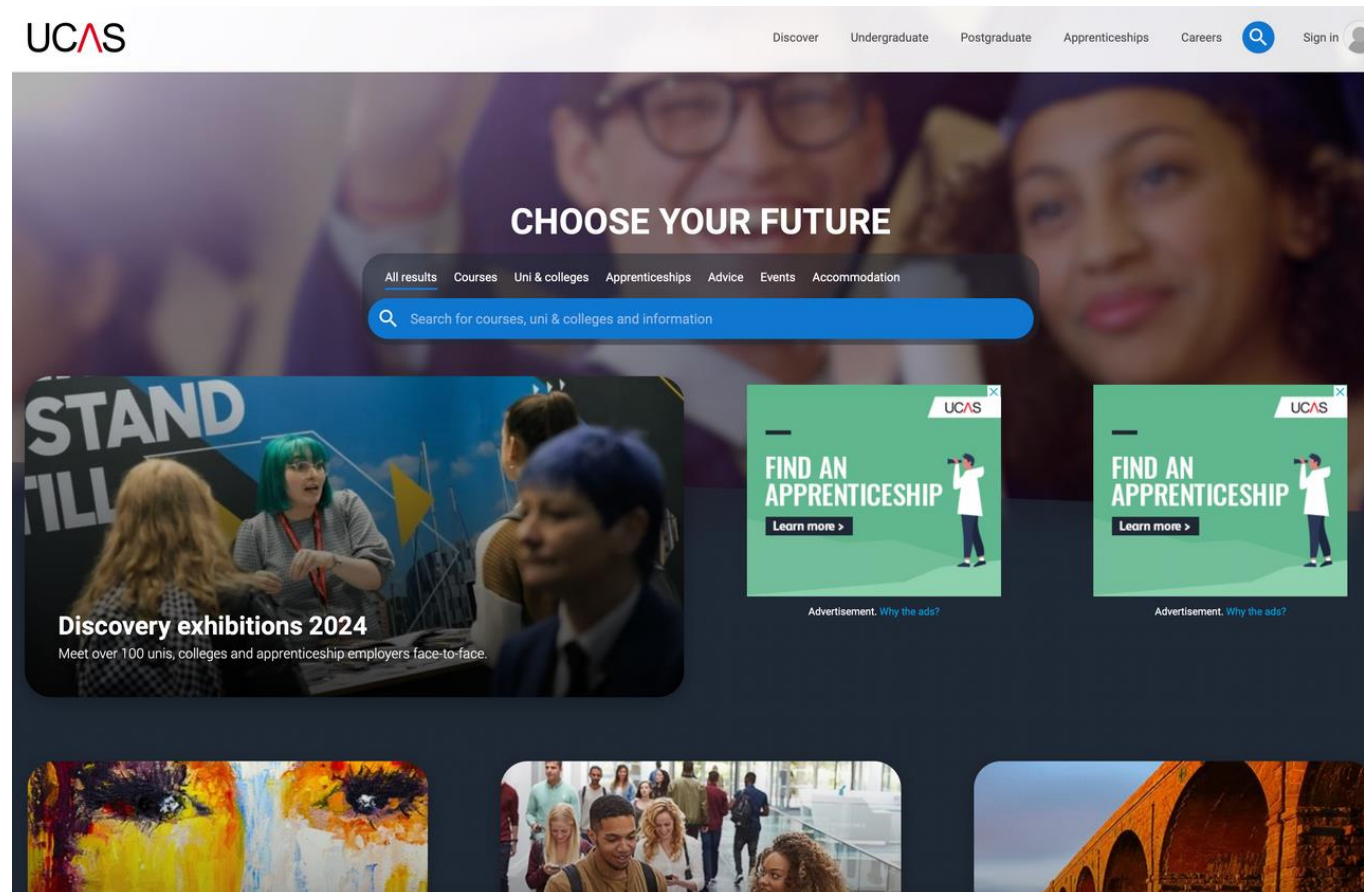
# Apprenticeships

- ‘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 homepage of the Generation Apprenticeship website. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the logo on the left and links for 'Career Seekers', 'Career Advisors', 'Employers', 'News / Events', and 'More' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large hero section with a pink and blue background. The main heading reads 'We are Generation Apprenticeship'. Below this, a paragraph describes the program: '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.' Three white buttons with black text and right-pointing arrows are positioned below the text: 'Become an Apprentice', 'Become an Apprenticeship Employer', and 'Find Apprenticeship Jobs'. Below the hero section is a 'News/Events' section featuring three cards. The first card shows a document titled 'CREATING AN INTEGRATED APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM IN IRELAND' with a yellow envelope icon and an 'OPEN' button. The second card shows a pink piggy bank. The third card is a circular graphic with blue and yellow arrows and a person icon.

# University in the UK -



- 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.
- There are no, or low, tuition fees in many European countries.
- **30th September free 'Studying Abroad' webinar - link on Teams page**



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- > 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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Practice oriented, small classes  
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Important Dates [Webinars](#) [Featured Courses](#)

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

**IADT** – 16th October

**Trinity** - 29th November

**UCD** – 8th November

**Dundalk IT** - 20th November

**DCU** - 16th November

**TUD** – 4th November

**Maynooth** - 29th November



Dates for your  
Diary

**Open Days**



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**Any  
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