



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Graduate Student,

We hope that you enjoyed a lovely summer and are now ready to take your next step into the world of further study, training or employment. You have waited longer than usual for your Leaving Certificate results and we wish you all the best with the results you receive on Monday.

This letter will give you a timeline on the results process along with some helpful information for you at this time. If you wish to discuss the content of this letter further or have any queries please email Maria Jensen Guidance Counsellor at [mjensen@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:mjensen@tipperaryetb.ie) or phone the school.

Also, should you wish to discuss and think through your Leaving Cert results, possible college or PLC courses, or take time to consider your situation post CAO Round One offers, please contact me.

### **Results Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September your results will be available from 9am through the online student portal which is accessed through [www.lc2020.education.gov.ie](http://www.lc2020.education.gov.ie). To access the student portal you will need your Exam Number, PPS Number and Student Portal Password. If you have any difficulties accessing the portal phone the Department of Education helpline on 1800 111135 or 1800 111136. You can also email the department at [lcsupport2020@education.gov.ie](mailto:lcsupport2020@education.gov.ie).

On Monday you will see your calculated grades. You can download and print your results through the barcode on your student portal. You can then calculate your points. Please see the points for each grade and level below.

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

To calculate your Leaving Certificate points, write down the grades and points you receive for each subject. If you study Higher Level Maths and you receive a H6 or higher add on 25 bonus points. Write your 6 highest point scores in the last column and add them up to calculate your Leaving Certificate points.

Subject	Grade Received	Points	Top 6 total
Maths		(+25 if H6<)	
English			
Irish			
Total Points			

### **CAO Offers Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2pm**

On Friday 11/09 you can login to the CAO website to view your offers from 2pm. You will receive a maximum of 2 offers- 1 from level 8 and 1 from level 6/7. You choose the course you want to study and accept this offer by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September you can login to your Student Portal to register for the Leaving Certificate written exams which will take place in November, if you

wish to sit these exams. You can register to sit one exam or several. If you sit these exams, your results from these will then be combined with your calculated grades. Your final results will then be the highest grade you achieved either from the calculated grades or the written exam.

On Monday 14/09 you will also be able to appeal your calculated grade on the Student Portal. The appeals process will only look to see if your calculated grades were entered correctly by your school and the department of education.

Also on Monday 14/09 you will be able to see your grades given by the school and your rank order (but not other students rank order) on the Student Portal.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September- accept your CAO offer by this date**

You can accept your CAO offer through your account on the CAO website. Round 2 of CAO offers will come out on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September so check your account again to see if you are offered a course higher up your list of preferences.

Please keep in touch with us and let us know what you are doing. Email me with the course/ training/ job you are doing. We love to hear from our past students.

Best of luck.

Maria Jensen  
Guidance Counsellor

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**\*See next page for some information which may be useful to you now that you have your Leaving Certificate**

### **The Results**

Be aware that whatever your results, it does takes time to settle down and accept them as your new reality, so do give yourself time to get used to the news.

If you are pleased with your results - congratulations we are delighted for you. There now may be more options for you than you first realised and you should spend some days thinking these through.

If you feel disappointed - it will take time to get used to that but please consider the following:

- If the results are good ones for you, but you are disappointed because 'everyone else' has 'brilliant' results, calm down. There are many openings and opportunities for you.
- Even if your results are not nearly those you had hoped for, you still have many options. Take time to become aware of what they are and to think them through.
- If you are pleased with your results and someone else feels you could have done better - that is not your problem!

### **PLC Applicants**

If you have accepted a PLC course, they will want to see a copy of your Leaving Certificate results. Contact the college about this and also the start date for your course.

If you accepted a PLC course but you are now happy with your CAO offer and will proceed with that, contact the PLC college to let them know that you will not be taking your place. They can then offer your place to another student.

If you did not get the CAO course you hoped for and hadn't applied for a PLC course, it is not too late to apply. Remember that a PLC course can be a stepping stone into CAO courses.

PLC courses also offer direct routes into employment along with an alternative way into third level college. Phone Waterford College of Further Education (051 874053) or Clonmel CTI (052 6126269) and ask what courses are available.

### **SUSI Grant**

Hopefully you have already applied for the grant and have sent them on any requested documentation. Remember that they need confirmation that you are attending college so provide them with any additional forms needed for this as soon as possible. The earliest date you can receive your grant is October and you don't want it to be any later. This applies for both CAO and PLC courses.

If you haven't yet applied, go to the website [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) to make a late application. If you are making a late application, you may not receive your grant as early so make sure to provide all requested documents quickly.

## **Employment/Training**

Congratulations if you have already secured an apprenticeship. Some employers may now ask for a copy of your results. If you are still looking for work/an apprenticeship, remember to update your CV with your results. You can email me a copy of your CV and I can check it for you.

If you have been looking for full-time work but have not yet found anything, consider doing a PLC course which would help with your employment opportunities and help you secure a higher wage. Phone the colleges detailed above to ask about places. Remember you can receive the SUSI grant while doing a PLC.