

3rd September 2021

Dear Comeragh College Graduate,

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 Friday.

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 <u>mjensen@tipperaryetb.ie</u> /Gemma O'Neill Guidance Counsellor <u>goneill@tipperaryetb.ie</u> 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 us.

Results Day Friday 3rd September 2021

On Friday 3rd September at 10am your results will be available through the online student portal which is accessed through <u>www.gov.ie/leavingcertificate</u> or <u>www.examinations.ie</u>. To access the student portal you will need your Exam 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 <u>candidateportal@examinations.ie</u>.

You are welcome to come to school on Friday if you wish to talk through your results and/or your plans going forward. Ms.O'Neill will be available to talk to students throughout the day. Ms.Jensen will also be available through TEAMS or email.

On Friday you will see your best result from either your accredited grades or examination in each subject. From 5pm on Tuesday 7th September you will be able to view your examination and accredited grade result through the portal. You can download and print your results through the barcode on your student portal. You can then calculate your points. It is a good idea to download the Careers Portal Leaving Certificate Points Calculator to help you do this. 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 | 01 | 56 |
| 80% - 89% | H2 | 88 | 02 | 46 |
| 70% - 79% | Н3 | 77 | 03 | 37 |
| 60% - 69% | H4 | 66 | 04 | 28 |
| 50% - 59% | H5 | 56 | 05 | 20 |
| 40% - 49% | H6 | 46 | O6 | 12 |
| 30% - 39% | H7 | 37 | 07 | 0 |
| 0% - 29% | H8 | 0 | 08 | 0 |
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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 | | | |
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| Total Points | | | |

CAO Offers Tuesday 7th September 2021 - 2pm

On Tuesday 07/09 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 Monday 13th September by 3pm.

Monday 13th September 2021 - 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 Monday 20th of September so check your account again to see if you are offered a course higher up your list of preferences. If you are offered a course in Round 2 and you wish to accept it then simply accept the course through your CAO account. If you have previously accepted your Round 1 offer, that is ok your acceptance of your Round 2 offer will make the Round 1 acceptance void.

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

Best of luck.

Maria Jensen Guidance Counsellor Gemma O'Neill Guidance Counsellor

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, relax and keep calm. There are many openings and opportunities available 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 <u>www.susi.ie</u> 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 us a copy of your CV and we 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.

Viewing Scripts and Appeals

If you wish to view your leaving certificate examination paper you can apply to do this from 5pm Tuesday 7th September. This will close on Wednesday 8th September at 8pm. If you wish to appeal your results you can appeal through the portal from 9am Saturday 11th September. This will close on Monday 13th September at 12.