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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. We wish you all the best with the results you will receive on Friday 25^{th} August 2023. This letter will give you a timeline on the results process along with some helpful information for you at this time.

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 25th August 2023

On Friday 25th August at 10am your results will be available through the online student portal which is accessed through https://www.examinations.ie/cssp/2023/. To access the student portal you will need your Exam Number and Password. Most students set a standard password with their Name2023 in March. Students also texted their login details to a parent/guardian.

The portal will open next week to allow students to reset passwords or simply confirm that their login details are correct. We will send a message home when we have more information on when the portal is opening.

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 candidateportal@examinations.ie.

You are welcome to come to school on Friday, August 25th, if you wish to talk through your results and/or your plans going forward. You can print a copy of your results through your candidate portal. If you do not have a printer at home please come to school with your login details and we will print it for you. We will be available to talk with you on Friday morning.

It is a good idea to download the Careers Portal Leaving Certificate Points Calculator to help you calculate your points. Please see the points for each grade and level below.





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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

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 Wednesday 30th August - 2pm

On Wednesday August 30^{th} 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





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choose the course you want to study and accept this offer by Tuesday 5th September at 3pm.

Tuesday 5th 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 Monday 11^{th} 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.

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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, 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.





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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.

FET Courses

There are a range of Further Education and Training courses available in Carrick on Suir including a Pre-Apprenticeship and Business course. You may be entitled to allowances while studying a FET course. You can also progress to university through studying a FET course. Contact or call in to Fiona Hennesy in the Carrick on Suir Centre. Phone number is 051 649932.

CAO Vacant Places

Vacant places also start to become advertised on the CAO website. A vacant place is a place on a CAO course that has not been filled. If you meet the entry requirements for this course you can contact the college to apply for a place.

Second Chance Maths Exams

If you reached the points for a course but didn't achieve the required grade in Maths check if the college offer a second chance Maths exam. If you do well in the exam you may still have a chance to gain a place on your course of choice. For example, SETU have a second chance Maths exam on $31^{\rm st}$ August and you can apply to do this from results day. For more information on this check the college website.

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.





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If you haven't yet applied, go to the website 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 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 or FET course which would help with your employment opportunities and help you secure a higher wage. Phone the colleges detailed above to ask about places.

Viewing Scripts and Appeals

If you wish to view your leaving certificate examination paper you can apply online through the candidate portal to do this. This application will open a few days after your results. After viewing your scripts there will then be an option to appeal your result if you wish to do so.