**Calculated grades and associated choices:**

**Information sheet for parents and students of the Leaving Certificate class of 2020**

This information sheet collates and summarises key information for students and parents of the Leaving Certificate class of 2020. This sheet contains information on:

* calculated grades
* appealing calculated grades
* sitting exams in November 2020
* CAO offers
* how to access support

All information is correct at the time of publication (01/09/2020). Additional information **will** become available **after** the publication of this resource. Students and parents are therefore advised to continue to check <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d8920c-leaving-cert-2020/> for the latest information and updates.

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| **Practical information to begin and focus action** | **My Examination Number is:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **My CAO Number is:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**My PPS Number is:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**My first choice for this year is:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**My second choice for this year is:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Additional back-ups / options are:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Calculated Grades** | * Available from **9am on 7th September 2020**  at the **Student Portal** on education.ie <https://lc2020.education.gov.ie/>

Students will need their examination number, PPS number and account password.* These grades are **OFFERINGS** from the Department who are attempting to keep everything as 'on schedule' as possible during the global pandemic
* Grades have been through a **rigorous statistical process**(similar to what happens every year)
* Calculated grades can be used to allow you to progress to **any pathway**, just like any given year
* Teachers may have given different grades than what is finally offered to students. Additional information will be available on student portal from Monday 14th September.
* If students are not happy with grades, there are **several options/choices** they can make.
* If students choose to sit one or more of the later examinations, the final Leaving Certificate will integrate the **higher of the grades**
* These grades are provided in time for students who have applied through the CAO and the UK’s UCAS for college entry for the 2020/2021 academic year. ​
* We do not know on the day of results what the points will be for certain courses
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| **Appealing Calculated Grades**  | * Students can apply to appeal between the **14th and 17th September 2020** (note - this is AFTER the CAO first round of offers) ​
* Appeals will be made via the Student Portal on education.ie<https://lc2020.education.gov.ie/>

Information will be added to the Student Portal over the coming days and weeks* Information on what the application involves will be available soon. Check key websites such as education.ie, gov.ie [AND SCHOOL WEBSITE?]
* All aspects of data processing of calculated grades will be checked (it does not involve a review of the actual data/marks given to students) ​
* Students will be notified of the result of the appeal on [INSERT DATE once available] ​
* If a student **is** upgraded in line with CAO requirements, **they will receive an updated offer** ​
* A student **may** be able to take up the new offer for the year 2020/21 or can start in 2021/22
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| **Key C.A.O. information** | * Offers will be made available by email / text only i.e. no posted offers
* If you need to contact the C.A.O., the best way is to send an email and include your C.A.O. application number<https://www.cao.ie/apply.php?page=myapp>
* **CAO Dates to be aware of:**
* **11th Sept at 2pm**: C.A.O. Round 1 offers
* **16th Sept at 3pm**: Acceptance of C.A.O round 1 offers must be returned
* **18th Sept**: Vacant places published by CAO​
* **23rd Sept**: C.A.O. Round 2 offers
* **25th Sept**: Acceptance of Round 2 offers ​
* **1st Oct**: C.A.O. Round 3 offers
* **6th Oct**: Acceptance of Round 3 offers ​
* **8th Oct**: C.A.O. Round 4 offers​
* **13th Oct**: Acceptance of Round 4 offers
* HEAR / DARE information available at <http://accesscollege.ie/> or contact the individual institution.
* Deferral procedures remain the same (consult CAO handbook)
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| **Sitting exams in November** | * Information will become available as time progresses​​
* This is an option designed to accommodate students unsatisfied with grades​​
* Students can sit one or all subjects, at their discretion ​​
* The higher of the grades will be taken​​
* Start date: **Monday November 16th​​**
* Evenings and weekends​​
* Written assessment only following the ‘normal’ layout.
* Some subjects will include assessment of work submitted prior to school closures (Home Eco / Design and Communication Graphics / Physical Education Activity Project / Engineering)
* More information will follow on LCVP and LCA.

[INSERT INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER/APPLY FOR THE EXAMS HERE ONCE AVAILABLE]**Impact on CAO:** If grades increase, students will be provided with updated CAO offer and start in Autumn 2021. ​​* No impact on fees or student grant
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| **Sources of further information**  | * **Gov.ie**

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d8920c-leaving-cert-2020/>* **education.ie​**

<https://www.education.ie/en/Learners/Information/State-Examinations/leaving-cert-2020.html>* **CAO.ie​**

<http://www.cao.ie/>* **Colleges / University / Institute websites​**

*Various** **SOLAS**

*For information on apprenticeships*<https://www.solas.ie/>* **SUSI**

*For information on student grants*<https://susi.ie/>* **National Parent Council Leaving Certificate Helpline**

*For parents and students (7th-12th September)*1800 265 165* **Adult Educational Guidance Services**

<https://www.ncge.ie/ncge/aegi-contact-details>  |

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| **Sources of support** | **Childline (ISPCC)​**Ireland's 24-hour national listening service for young people up to the age of 18. ​Freephone 1800 666 666 (any time, day or night)Text 50101 (from 10am to 4pm every day) ​Chat online (from 10am to 4pm every day) Visit [www.childline.ie](http://www.childline.ie) for more information**Jigsaw​**The Jigsaw Support Line is available for free mental health support and advice to young people aged 12 to 25 years old, and parents or concerned adults in Ireland. ​Freephone 1800 544729 (from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Friday) ​Text CALL ME to 086 180 3880, giving your preferred day and time for a call (from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday) ​Email help@jigsaw.ie (for responses from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday) ​Visit [www.jigsaw.i](http://www.jigsaw.i) e or [www.jigsawonline.ie](http://www.jigsawonline.ie) for more information​**Barnardos​**Barnardos provide a national telephone support service for parents, in response to the challenges they are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Freephone 1800 910 123 from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday. ​<https://www.barnardos.ie/> **SpunOut.ie​**SpunOut.ie provides a wide range of articles and information for young people, on many different topics, including mental health. ​Text SPUNOUT to 086 1800 280 to chat to a trained volunteer (standard message rates may apply) ​Visit <https://spunout.ie/> for more information​**Pieta House​**Pieta provides free therapy to those engaging in self-harm, with suicidal ideation, or bereaved by suicide. ​Call free on 1800 247 247​Text help to 51444​Visit <https://www.pieta.ie/> for more information​ |

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| **Other Information**  | e.g. who in the school may be contacted if there are queries – when and how may they be contacted?e.g. what information will be available on the school website?e.g. any other information for parents / students |