**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](mailto: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 |