



**St Mary's CBS Portlaoise**  
**Weekly Career News Updates**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2020**

**All LC students have been divided into 2 groups for Career Guidance purposes.**

**Ms Phelan is taking Corcra, Liath and Gorm, while Ms MacEntee is connecting with Bui, Glas, and Dearg. We have created a Team for both groups- please check Teams weekly at the very least as we upload relevant information like this sheet and videos..!**

Many of you have contacted us regarding PLC courses. Some of you are concerned about missing interviews and such procedures, for entry into these courses. The PLC's Colleges have not contacted us about how they are managing new applicants. However, I have contacted a Guidance Counsellor in Portlaoise College and give you his reading of the situation.

The PLC's are currently putting most of their energy into completing courses and exams with current students. Applications are still open for new students and will continue to be so into the summer months. This is usual for PLC colleges. If you are very keen to get into a popular/highly contested course in a PLC and were expecting to do an interview over this month, drop an email to the course director/head and let them know that you really want to get into the course and are wondering when/how interviews will now be held....? Showing interest – illustrates your determination and drive to get into the course!

- @leavingcertguidance is holding live Q&A sessions on Instagram with various people related to college and careers. This week's talks are:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April @ 10:30am University of Ulster with Conon Meehan

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 10:30am Suuad Alshleh who has an amazing story that will inspire exam year students.

- Wilton Tuition Centre are offering a Free Maths Pre for all 6<sup>th</sup> year students. You must sign up to their website for a copy of the free pre exam. Once you have the exam completed, they will email you a copy of the marking scheme and also host a webinar explaining how the marks are allocated which you can join.



- UCD Campus accommodation is scheduled to open on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> until the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.
  
- UCD School of Agriculture and Science have video resources that may help Leaving Certificate Agricultural Science students. These are available on their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdXp0syUVxl39J7VAuSmUAQ>
  
- UCD Online Business Information Sessions on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm – 6pm. An opportunity to find out more about the four undergraduate business degree programmes: Commerce, Commerce International, Economics and Finance, Business and Law.



- NUI Maynooth Campus accommodation is due to open on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. This is a first come first served online booking process. It is advised students register on the website before this date and chose their accommodation preferences. This will ensure you are quicker on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April when the booking system opens. There is a booking fee of €520 payable on the day of booking online. `
  
- Maynooth are currently recruiting for the Maynooth University Irish Language Residence Scheme for the next academic year. This Irish-language community at the very heart of campus life has been flourishing for the last few years and there is great demand for a limited number of spaces. You have until 18 August to complete this expression of interest form – [https://maynoothuniversityaccommodation.formstack.com/forms/sceim\\_for\\_cao\\_students](https://maynoothuniversityaccommodation.formstack.com/forms/sceim_for_cao_students) This is a wonderful opportunity for those students who are committed to the Irish language as a central aspect of their day-to-day lives. All of the information is available on their website or you can send your questions to: [oifig.nagaeilge@mu.ie](mailto:oifig.nagaeilge@mu.ie)



- Maynooth University will be holding a STEM Takeover Week on their social media platforms for prospective students looking to learn more about their courses. Hear from Maynooth University Graduates and their experiences. You can keep up with events on their social media channels below:

Twitter - @MaynoothCAO

Instagram - MaynoothUni

Snapchat - MaynoothCAO

-  NUI Galway are holding a series of online Q&A Events for students and parents. There are two events remaining:

Arts, Social Science & Celtic Studies Live Q&A on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April between 2-4pm

Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Live Q&A on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April between 2-4pm.

## OTHER RESOURCES

- This is a list of services that have been made available for free for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being continuously updated

<https://covid19.shanehastings.eu/giveback/>