



## 6th Year Students & Parents/Guardians

As the **Feb 1st** deadline for applications to the CAO approaches, a few Reminders for 6th Year Students - if applying to the CAO:

**Reminder Early Application Deadline for reduced fee of €35 is 20th January at 5pm.**

### ❖ CAO:

- Please ensure you have applied for, and received your **CAO Number**.
- Please ensure you **now Enter** - up to 10 course choices in each course list - your Level 8 AND Level 6/7 Course Choices, by Feb 1st, *in as good an order as you can at this point in time, in terms of your 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. Preferences.*
- Remember, any **Restricted Courses** must be entered by Feb 1st 2026.  
<https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=restrictedcourses&bb=restrictions>
- **DARE & HEAR** applicants, please ensure you are linked in with us and work is in progress re: your DARE/HEAR Application. There are some important upcoming **KEY DATES**:  
<https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=dare>  
Please also ensure you are gathering *Supporting Documentation* for submission by March 10th deadline date.
- See CAO related **Important Dates & Timetable of Events**:  
[https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2026/dates\\_and\\_tips\\_2026.pdf](https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2026/dates_and_tips_2026.pdf)
- Remember, **you can Amend your Course Selections** again after May 5th when the Change of Mind Online (free) facility opens. The final closing date for CAO applications to be fully completed is July 1st 2026.

### ❖ Language Exemptions:

Some students are eligible to apply for an NUI Irish/3rd Language Exemption and/or TCD/UL Language Waivers - please link in with us around this if it has not already been processed.

### ❖ Checking CAO email Communications:

It is *vitally important* that you regularly check your emails for any CAO communications.

### ❖ Resources/Supports:

<https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=studentresources>

### ❖ SUSI (Grants system):

If applying for a Student Grant (2025/26 Applications not yet open) but please see <https://susi.ie/> for updates - link it in your CAO application also.