


FUTURE CHOICES CLASS OF 2020

- THE FUTURE OF WORK
- CHOOSING A COURSE/CAREER
- COLLEGE CHOICES
- THE POINTS SYSTEM
- APPLICATION PROCEDURES
- THE GRANTS SYSTEM-SUSI
- SUPPORTS - ACCESS-H.E.A.R. AND D.A.R.E.
- TCD FOUNDATION COURSE
- STUDY POINTERS
- WELL BEING

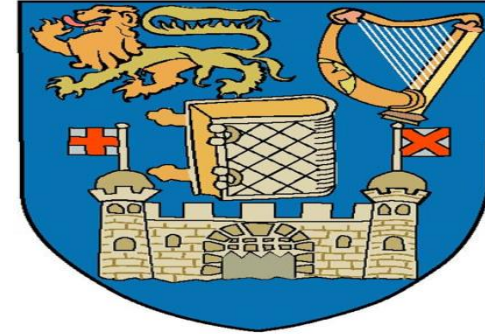
A Point to Note.....

- THIS INFORMATION IS INTENDED AS A GUIDE AND AS SUCH, CAN CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
- PLEASE KEEP UP TO DATE THROUGH VARIOUS WEBSITES AND COLLEGE (ONLINE) OPEN DAYS.
- ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH THEIR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR TO DISCUSS THEIR FUTURE CHOICES.
- STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND COLLEGE OPEN DAYS, MOST OF WHICH WILL BE VIRTUAL THIS YEAR, DUE TO COVID.





TA21/BCC/ CFES Brilliant Pathways



TA21/CFES/BCC
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2018-2019

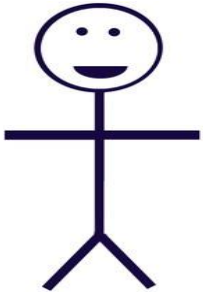
TA21/CFES/BCC- Core Practices



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WHERE DO YOU SEE
YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS
TIME?

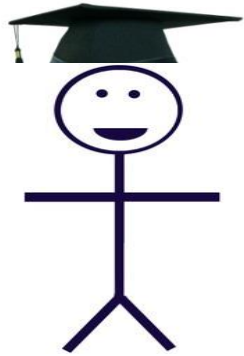


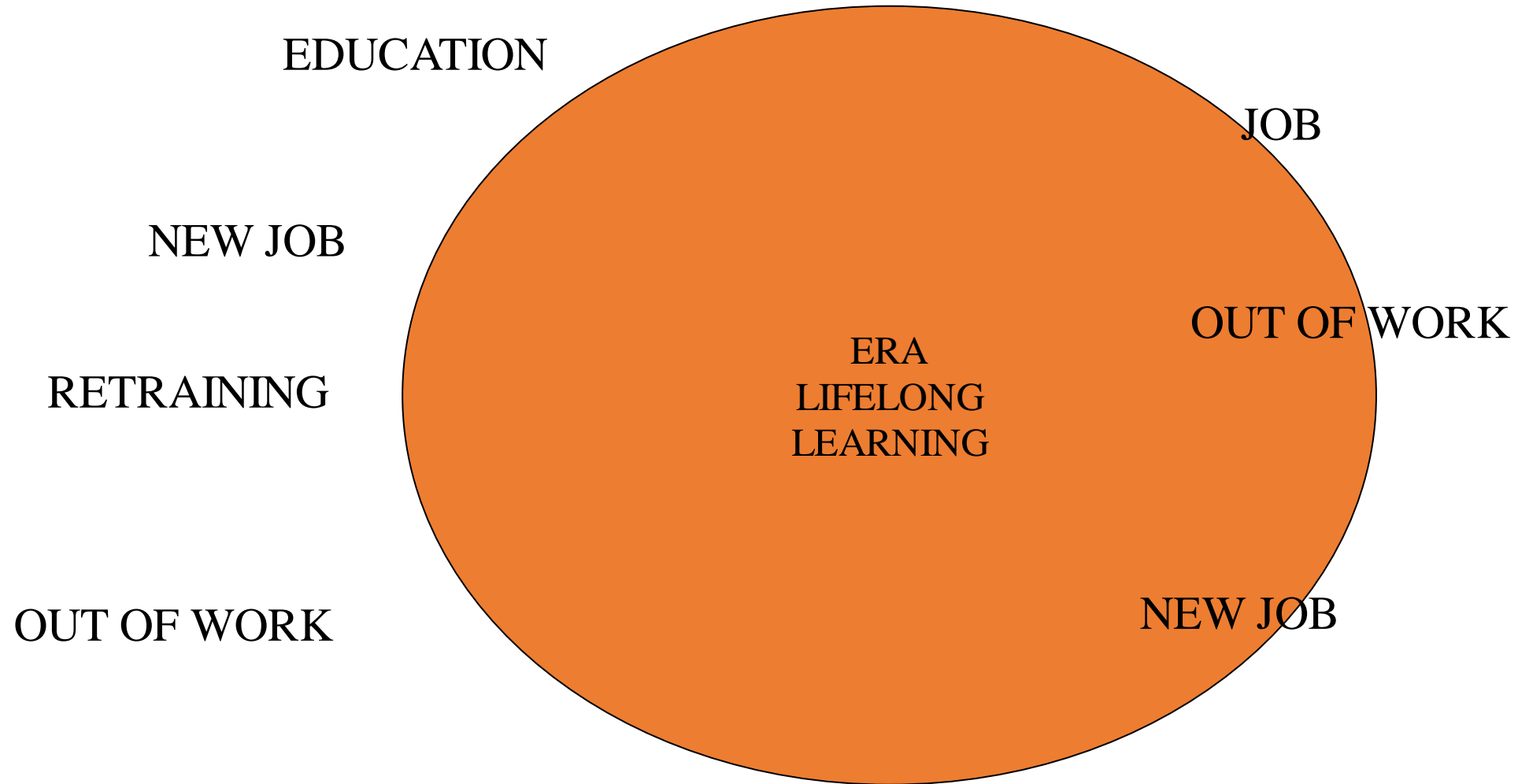
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What are employers looking for?

- **Hard technical skills**

- Keep skills updated
- Open to lifelong learning
- Updating skills gives head start and flexibility

- **Soft skills**

- Communication skills
- Social skills
- Team worker
 - Adaptability
 - Flexibility
 - Motivation/Initiative
 - Decision maker
 - Enterprise skills



Ask for
guidance

Pursue
your
passions

Go the
extra
mile

You can
make it
happen

Don't be
afraid to
make
mistakes

Attend
today,
achieve
tomorrow

Be
curious

YOUR PATH TO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS
STARTS HERE





Shoot for
the moon.
Even if you
miss, you'll land
among the stars...

(Unknown)



TA21/CFES/BCC-DREAM BIG

Challenges

- Finance
- Choices
- Why college?
- Who do I know?
- Points

Getting into.....

Belief

Supports

- SUSI
- College knowledge
- College mentors
- College mentors
- Study skills/HEAR/DARE
- Pathways to college
- DREAM BIG

Finance for college-S.U.S.I.- year entry 2021

www.susi.ie



Questions

- Eligibility reckoner
- Grant thresholds and awards-
- -PLC/Cert./Degree Level 5/6/7/8
- Information videos
- Timeline – Apply April/May 2021
- Income year 2020

***Grants for Further and Higher education S.U.S.I.

- Maintenance grants Conditions apply
 - Nationality
 - Residence
 - Means (based on family income for the previous full tax year)
 - Approved course
- Fee grants
- (Level 8/7/6- Higher Education – University/I.T./TU)
 - Student contribution
 - Essential field trips
 - Tuition fees(if deemed tuition student, residence EEA 3 of last 5 year)

No.dep. children	Full maintain.	Part Maintain. 75%	Part Maintain. 50%	Part Maintain. 25%
Income limits-apply to Year 2020 maintenance and full fee grant				
Less than 4	39,875	40,970	43,380	45,790
4-7	43,810	45,025	47,670	50,325
8 or more	47,575	48,890	51,760	54,630

TYPE	Non adjacent	adjacent
Special rate	5,915	2,375
Full maint.	3,025	1,215
Part (75%)	2,270	910
Part (50%)	1,515	605
Part (25%)	755	305

Know yourself- Build skills

Values
Interests
Personality
Skills

College/work mentors
Essential skills
STEAM

Evaluation

Reflection on where you are
now and where you want to go

College
Career
Ready

Know what's out there

Occupational profiles
Labour market information
Interview skills
Work experience
Job shadowing

Get organised

Job Hunting/Applications
CV/Cover Letters/
Interviews/Networking/

Make choices

Employment
Further Study
Year out
Entrepreneurship

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Helpful Websites

* www.cao.ie

For information on applying to college through the points system

* www.careersportal.ie

Students will be familiar with this from Guidance classes. There is also a section for parents that provides information on courses, grants scholarships and much more!

* www.qualifax.ie

This is a useful website as it provides list of and links to most courses available in Ireland, as well as required subjects and levels (entry requirements) to do these courses.

* www.accesscollege.ie

For information on the Access schemes/HEAR & DARE



Helpful Websites

- www.studentfinance.ie & www.susi.ie

Useful websites which information on financial support for students.

- * www.nln.ie

For training and college courses for students with special educational needs

- * www.careersnews.ie

You can sign up to this site and receive weekly updates on courses and careers.

- * www.ucas.com

For information on how to apply to college in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland



Information on Apprenticeships/Trades

www.solas.ie

www.Apprenticeship.ie

www.fit.ie



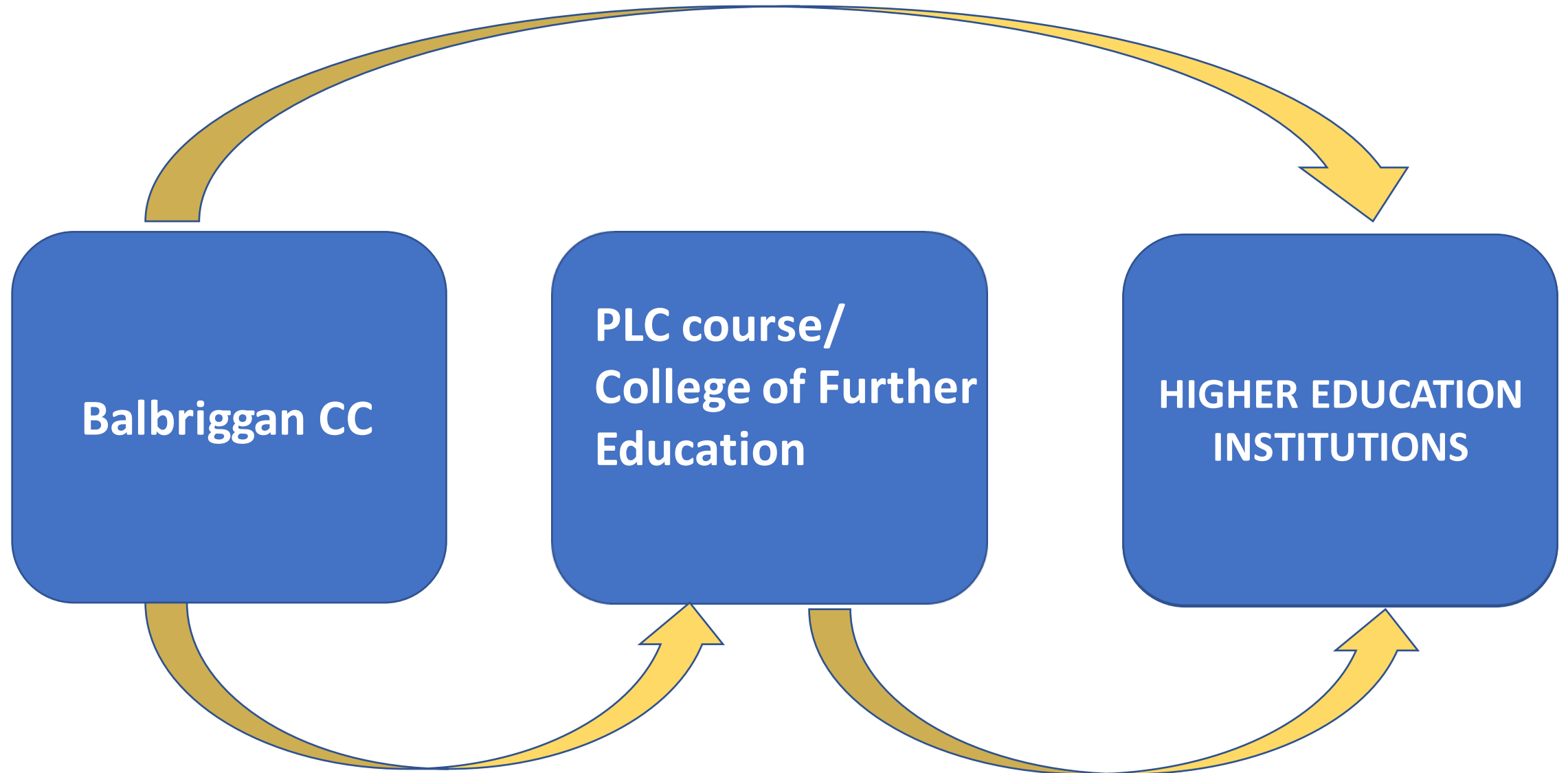
How to Prepare for Leaving Certificate 2021

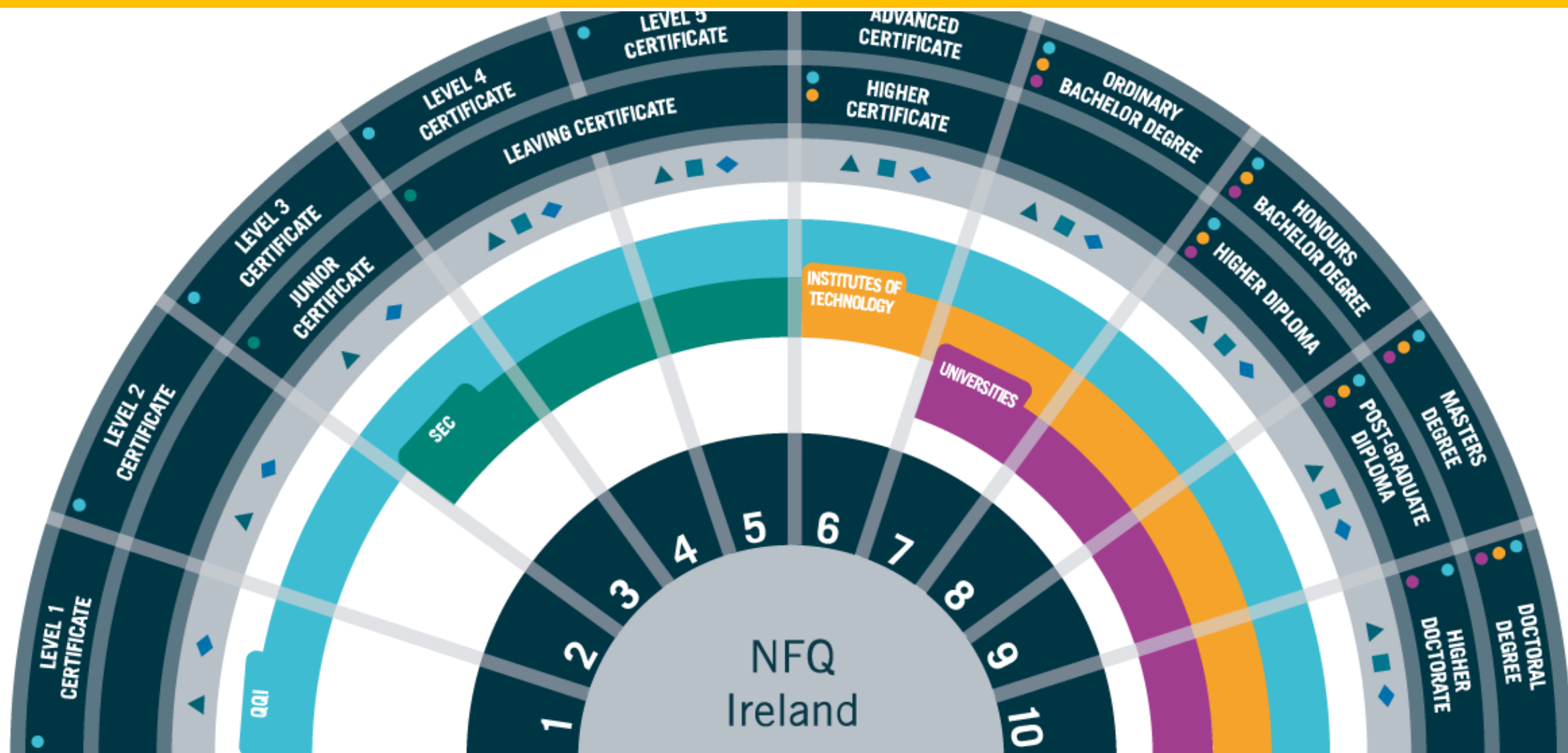
Homework and Study- There is a difference!

- Homework should be completed as soon as your son/daughter comes home from school.
- Homework is consolidating learning from what has been taught in school during the day.
- Study is focused exam preparation.



ROUTES TO COLLEGE AFTER THE LEAVING CERT.





Applying to College

Considerations before applying include:

The Course - content, Entry Requirements, work placement, Erasmus

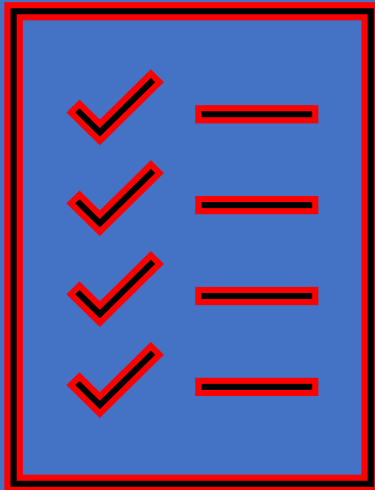
The Career Implications/Job Type

The Cost

The College

The Consequences

CHECKLIST FOR COURSES



- **CHECK THAT YOU MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR DESIRED COURSES. (REQUIRED SUBJECTS AND LEVELS ARE IMPORTANT TO NOTE)**
- **COURSE POINTS CAN, AND DO, CHANGE.**
- **PLCs DO NOT REQUIRE POINTS. THEY TOO, HAVE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. STUDENTS APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE INSTITUTION AND THEN THEY INVITE THE STUDENT FOR AN INTERVIEW. (STUDENTS WILL BE MADE AN OFFER PRIOR TO THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE), IF SUCCESSFUL.**



STUDENTS' OPTIONS AFTER THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE

PIC/College of Further
Education

1

Apprenticeship/Traineeship

3

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

2

Work

4

PLC Post Leaving Cert Course

- Open to all Leaving Cert and LCA students
- Interview held (Feb-May)
- Early Application advised
- Apply to individual colleges online



PLCs (Post Leaving Certificate Courses) available in Colleges of Further Education

Students apply directly to the individual Colleges

Students will then be invited for interview. Normally from February onwards

Applications for these courses are made after October(approx.) onwards, depending on the individual colleges. See individual College websites for further details.

Depending on the course and qualifications, students who graduate from a PLC may apply for a Job or apply for a place in a Higher Education Institution to continue their studies

Many Post Leaving Cert. Colleges have links with Higher Education Institutes in Ireland and England.

Point to Note: It is not a 100% guaranteed access route)



PLCs

Why Apply?

Specialised Course

Job Focused

Includes Work Experience

Level 5 or 6

Stepping Stone to I.T/ University



1) Higher Education Institution (Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Technology/Technical Universities)

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Some of these institutions are Non-Fee Paying and some are Fee paying. It is important to check each Institution Prospectus for information on fees
- (Dan will cover more detailed information regarding access schemes such as HEAR/DARE)
- While some Universities are Non-Fee Paying for their courses, there *will* still be fees to be paid, e.g. registration



PLCs/I.T.s/Universities



College	Type of course	No. years	Fees/Grant
University	Level8 Honours Degree	3/4 H.E.T.A.C.	Yes/SUSI Fee payment Maintenance
Institutes of Technology	Level8/7/6 Degree/Certificate	4/3/2 H.E.T.AC.	Yes/SUSI Fee payment Maintenance
Post Leaving cert	Certificate	1/2 F.E.T.A.C.	Yes/SUSI Maintenance only

Getting into I.T.s/Universities



Apply on the CAO

Basic Entry Requirements. (Check individual colleges and courses)

THE CAO

Place courses in order of genuine preference

Ten choices level 8

Ten choices level 6/7

Apply by 01/02/20 Early application 20/01/20

Alert re Medicine

Change of mind facility

Offers by mid August - be available

Choose best offer and follow registration details



CAO



Level 8	Courses
You can choose	10 Level 8s.

Level 6 & 7	Courses
You can choose	10 Level 6/7s

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
AL020	GY004	CR105	LM067	DT025	LC019	TR032	DN003	CK602	DC193
600	560	595	<div>All Lower Preference Courses Disappear From Student's Preferences</div>						
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275	315	275							
275	310	275							
270	305	270							

Student's

Points

Total

= 445

Cut Off
Points for
Course

DATES

Closing date 01/02/21

THE CAO

Hear and Dare apply by
01/02/21 :Final completion 01/03/21
support documents 15/03/21

All Restricted entry courses apply by 01/02/21
Interview/portfolio March/April

Statement application record – May

Medicine -HPAT register by 20/01/21
HPAT cost €145
Practise on line test material
HPAT Test February 2021

Change mind 05/05/21-01/07/21
Round 1 offer mid August
_ Round 2 offer



Language Exemption (Irish and Foreign Language, apply directly to NUI

3) SOLAS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FAS)

- SOLAS are the body in charge of Apprenticeship training and qualification in Ireland
- Students wishing to take up an apprenticeship must do two things:
 - Ensure they have an employer willing to take them on as a trainee



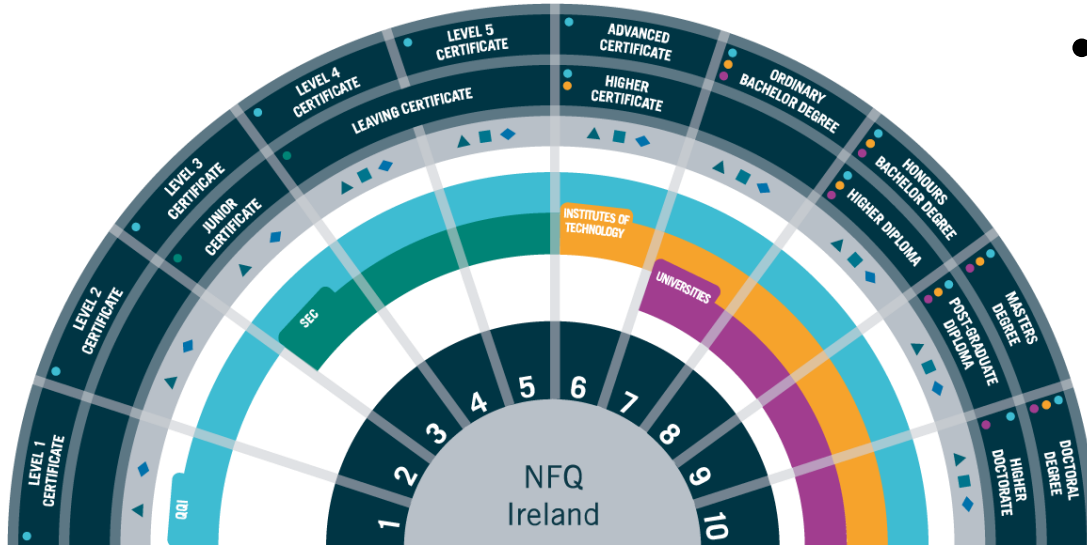
4) The World of Work

- Some students decide to go straight from school into the world of work.
- Many Agencies/Bodies and Public Services have their own individual application system and will advertise for applications at different times of the year or even every couple of years.
- Applications to the Defence Forces are made directly to the forces. Applications to the Garda Siochana are made directly to them.



QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED BY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES- THE NFQ

- Within the NFQ there are 10 levels of qualifications (Levels 1-10). Courses given by Irish colleges, universities, Institutes, or Colleges of Further Education (PLCs) in Ireland will state the levels for the courses they offer.



The National Framework & Quality (NFQ) & Qualifications (QQI) of Ireland, are responsible for setting the qualifications and quality of courses in Ireland.

