

The Leaving Certificate 2020

- Teachers and schools will estimate an overall percentage mark for each student and the students ranking in the class.
- The data assigned to each student is not necessarily the final grade the student will receive.
- This data is then passed to the State Exams Commission (S.E.C.) for further assessment.

- The S.E.C. will then combine the data provide by the school with standardised data held by the S.E.C.
- This may result in the data provided by the school being adjusted for each student.
- After this process, a grade will be awarded to each student for each subject.
- The grades will then be published by the S.E.C. and release to students, school, P.L.C. colleges and the C.A.O.

- At a time to be determined, grades and certificate will be sent to school for distribution to students.
- Grades will also be available on-line for students to access directly.

- Grades will be released to P.L.C. colleges to offer places.
- Courses will start at a time to be determined.

- Grades will be sent to the C.A.O.
- The points will be calculated.
- A few days later college offers will be made.

College Offers

- If a student is happy with their offer they can accepted and start college for the year 2020/21 at a date yet to be determined by the colleges.

- If a student is not happy with the C.A.O. offer based on the final grades achieved, the grades can be appealed.
- The appeal process only assesses if the data was correctly entered by the school and correctly processed by the S.E.C.
- The appeal process does not involve a review of the actual data/marks given to students by schools or standardisation made by the S.E.C.
- If the student is upgraded, they will receive a higher offer from the C.A.O.
- The student may be able to take up this new offer for the year 2020/21 depending on the time-frame, or start that course in 2021/22.

- If a student is not happy with the final grades received and/or the C.A.O. offer, a student may choose to sit the Leaving Certificate exam/s at a time to be determined.
- A students can sit as many or as few subjects as they wish.
- Students can then combine their result/s from a mixture of the best grades obtained from the original grade/s awarded by the S.E.C. and the new grade/s obtained for sitting the Leaving Certificate exam.
- If this new combination of grades results in an improved offer from the C.A.O. the student can take up this college offer in 2021/22.
- If student has already started a course in 2020/21 and opts to take up the new offer for 2021/22, fees and grants will not be affected.