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College Open Days & Career Fair

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College Open Days and Career Fairs

Our school has attended the Higher Options and World Skills Fair at the RDS for several years to help students with their career and college choices. This educational Expo allowed our students to speak with representatives in person to make informed decisions about their future courses in their educational institutions.

In recent years, we have also attended college open days at Maynooth University, University of Limerick, Dunboyne College of Further Education, and Drogheda Institute of Further Education. These open days allow the students to sit in on lectures in their chosen areas and explore campus and college life. Additionally, we have participated in the annual Apprenticeship Expo, organized by the Meath Chamber of Commerce. This event highlights the variety of apprenticeships available, allowing students to meet with potential employers, apply for positions, speak with current apprentices, and observe live demonstrations.

Looking ahead, we are already planning visits to NUI Maynooth, DCU, DIFE, and Dunboyne for the coming year. For the class of 2024, we aim to host a mini Higher Options event at our school, featuring a Careers Fair on October 15th. This event will bring together over twenty exhibitors including universities, colleges, the LMETB Regional Skills and Training Board, Meath County Council, the HSE, Logistics Ireland Apprenticeships, and past students who will share their experiences in college and apprenticeships.

College Awareness week

College Awareness Week is a national campaign that aims to raise student aspirations and their awareness of the limitless opportunities for further and higher education beyond secondary school. During this week, we host talks from Universities and colleges throughout Ireland. We also invite local businesses and industries to talk about apprenticeship opportunities and job opportunities in their local fields. A sample timetable of events can be seen below.

Room	Old Music room	M202	M203	M209	M210
Period 1	Dublin City University (DCU)	University College Dublin (UCD)	LIA finance	Business Entrepreneur	University of Ulster
Period 2	University College Dublin (UCD)	ESB	Tara Mines - apprenticeships	Kilsarn - apprenticeships	University of Ulster
Sos					
Period 3	University of Galway	Institute of Art Design and Technology (IADT)	AMTCE Dundalk - Michael Mc Grath - robotics apprenticeships	Dunboyne College of Further Education	Dundalk Institute of Technology
Period 4	Technical University Dublin (TU)	Dublin City University (DCU) pre recorded talk	Garda recruitment	Dunboyne College of Further Education	Dundalk Institute of Technology
Lunch					
Period 5	Maynooth University	Technical University Dublin (TU)	Drogheda Institute of Further Education	Mercury Engineering - engineering and electrical apprenticeships	Dublin City University (DCU) pre-recorded talk
Period 6	Maynooth University	Technical University Dublin (TU)	Drogheda Institute of Further Education	University of Limerick Business talk	Dublin Aerospace - mechanics/ Automation/ Engineering

Subject Options

To support students in making informed subject choices, the Guidance Counsellor hosts an information evening for parents, highlighting the importance of specific subjects for certain careers and outlining course requirements. Junior Cert students also receive guidance classes where all senior cycle subjects offered by the school are discussed in detail. Additionally, senior cycle teachers visit each class to explain their subject content, outline any prerequisites, and provide a breakdown of the Leaving Cert assessment. After this comprehensive process, students make their subject choices in March.