

Dear Parent/Guardian/6th Year student

In these unprecedented times we are all becoming familiar with the arrangements for the assessment of the current 6th Years following the Minister for Education's announcement last Friday that the Leaving Certificate 2020 is postponed and being replaced with a Calculated Grades system and the option to sit the Leaving Cert at a later date.

This time now provides students with the opportunity to focus on options available to them post Second Level and as Guidance Counsellor to the current 6th Years I continue to be available to them to provide information and support as they move forward and progress to the next stage of their lives after CPC!

It is worth keeping in mind that

1. The CAO Change of Mind facility will remain open until July 1st
2. Should any students who are exempt from Irish and/or Third Language wish to apply for a course in one of the NUI Universities, the NUI exemption application form is available on the NUI website and I would encourage students to make this application as soon as possible should it be relevant to them.
3. Higher Education institutions are posting their Alert Lists in relation to changes of courses in their institutions.
4. Colleges of Further Education are continuing to accept applications for their PLC courses.

I continue to offer Google Meets if students wish to avail of them in addition to being available to answer emails should students need any assistance with PLC applications/ CAO Change of Mind/general Guidance queries.

Indeed, if any parents/guardians have queries regarding their son/daughter's options post Second Level please do not hesitate to contact me on [elainemcdonnell@cpckilcullen.com](mailto:elainemcdonnell@cpckilcullen.com)

I will continue to post information on Google Classroom and would encourage students to check this information. Many colleges are holding virtual open days and live Q & A sessions which may be of interest to you/your son/daughter.

Can I take this opportunity to wish the Class of 2020 the very best of luck in whatever path they may choose to take after CPC and to let you know that I will be available to support them as best I can to get on that path!

Take care everyone,  
All the best,  
Elaine McDonnell