

The results of the 2020 Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades will issue **online** at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Below are the key dates and events associated with the calculated grades resulting process and to inform you of the next stages.

### Key Dates

The following grid outlines the key dates associated with the 2020 Calculated Grades process.

7 <sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am	Results of the Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied Calculated Grades will issue.
7 <sup>th</sup> September	UCAS offers received by students
11 <sup>th</sup> September	CAO first round offers
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Students can access their estimated percentage mark and calculated mark through the student portal.
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Appeals application process open to students through the student portal from 9.00 a.m.
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Appeals application process closes at 5.00 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	CAO round 2 offers

### Accessing Results

Students will be able to access their results on-line on the Calculated Grades Student Portal from 9.00 am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme students will have access to their results through the student portal, from 9.00 a.m. on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, from which they will also have the option to print a statement of provisional results.

Leaving Certificate Applied students can access their results through the student portal but they will not have the facility to print a statement of provisional of results.

A statement of results for each Leaving Certificate Applied Year 2 student will be received by the school in the coming days. We will distribute these to the relevant students.

### Access to Data.

The Calculated Grades Student Portal will reopen on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am and will provide students with the percentage marks they were awarded by the Calculated Grades process. They will also be able to access the estimated percentage marks provided by their schools. Students may wish to have access to and consider this data if they are considering an appeal of their Calculated Grade.

It was also intended to provide students with the class rank order provided by the school on 14 September. However, an issue has arisen regarding the provision to students on 14 September of their class rank order in subjects, provided by their school as part of the Calculated Grades process.

The issue relates to the General Data Protection Regulation and the personal data of candidates. The Department is seeking legal advice on this matter

## **Appeals Process**

Students unhappy with their Calculated Grades results will have access to an appeals process. The appeals process will be an administrative process and students may not appeal against the information provided on their behalf by the school as these have already been subjected to a school alignment process and oversight by the school principal.

Students may lodge an appeal through the student portal from 9.00 a.m. on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September to 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Stage 1: Checks will be undertaken to ensure that the intended information was recorded correctly by the school and that the information was transferred correctly into the data collection system.

Stage 2: There will also be a review to ensure that the data was correctly received and processed in the national standardisation process conducted by the Department.

Data checks will include a check to ensure that the rank order of the class group for the subject and level taken has been preserved in the standardisation process and that students placed on the same school-estimated mark in the same subject and at the same level taken by the school are conferred with the same calculated mark conferred by the Department.

Stage 3: Students unhappy with the outcome of this process can seek a review by Independent Appeal Scrutineers.

All students will have the opportunity to sit the postponed Leaving Certificate Examinations which are scheduled to begin on 16<sup>th</sup> November subject to public health advice.

## **Student Support**

It is recognised that for the Leaving Certificate class of 2020 the tradition of coming back to school to celebrate the results with teachers and classmates on the day that the results issue will ***not*** be the same as in previous years.

In recognising the unique set of circumstances for those students who receive calculated grades in 2020, we will put a number of measures in place to support students on the day and in the following number of days. These measures recognise the role that schools played in nurturing and supporting students throughout their years in post-primary.

We will provide support to students in an appropriate way on the day, through enabling students to come to the school if they wish at a ***scheduled appointment time if necessary***, following COVID-19 and health and safety protocols, to meet with members of the Student Support Team such as Guidance Counsellors, Year Head etc. Please note that due to current restrictions ***no person can come to the school without the approval of the principal or a pre-arranged appointment***.

From mid-morning on 7<sup>th</sup> September and in the following days ***Ms McDonnell will be available to offer support and advice. Ms McDonnell will be available on [elainemcdonnell@cpckilcullen.com](mailto:elainemcdonnell@cpckilcullen.com) or by phoning the school office on (045) 481524.*** These planned interactions with students are intended to support wellbeing and to discuss future education and career options, but there can be no discussions about school estimated marks submitted as part of the calculated grades process. Any questions or queries in this regard should be directed to the Calculated Grades helpline/email. Guidance Counsellors will play a crucial role in supporting these

young people to navigate the next steps in their education and career journey by providing up to date information and reassurance in a calm and positive manner.

In addition, ***Ms Mills (Year Head to the class of 2020) will similarly be available through [sabrinamills@cpckilcullen.com](mailto:sabrinamills@cpckilcullen.com) or on (045) 481524 to offer support and/or advice.***

***Former students who attend the school for a scheduled visit will also be required to respect physical distancing requirements and to behave in a responsible way, in line with public health advice and the school's visitor policy. This includes the requirement to wear a face mask. Gathering large groups of students in one venue is not recommended at this time. The health and safety of the entire school community must be considered.***

The Leaving Certificate student helpline which is provided by the National Parents Council post-primary will be available from 7<sup>th</sup> September for students to reach a guidance counsellor with any queries that they may have.

The wellbeing of the students who receive the calculated grades will be supported through a number of additional measures.

- a. The Leaving Certificate student helpline, at 1800 265 165, which is provided by the National Parents Council post-primary will be available from 11.00 am on 7 September for students to reach a guidance counsellor with any queries that they may have. This helpline will operate until after the CAO first round offers and is staffed by qualified guidance counsellors. Further details can be found at <https://www.npcpp.ie/leaving-cert-helpline/>
- b. HSE/HSE-funded service providers will be available to support students through the provision of e-mental health services. <https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/covid-19/minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>
- c. Wellbeing resources developed by the National Educational Psychological Service are available at [www.gov.ie/leavingcert](http://www.gov.ie/leavingcert)
- d. CGEO helpline will be available at 1800 111135 or 1800 111136 from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm from Monday 7 September to Wednesday 16 September. Outside of these hours queries may be e-mailed to [lcsupport2020@education.gov.ie](mailto:lcsupport2020@education.gov.ie). Please note this helpline is provided for queries relating to the Calculated Grades results only and cannot provide advice on any other matters.
- e. Information available from the Central Applications Office (CAO) at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

I would like to wish all students receiving results tomorrow the very best of luck.

J Leonard

Principal