

CareerHub

College Open days and Career events guide for Parents and Students

The business of this time of year can be overwhelming for parents and students. Trying to choose a career/ course and getting bombarded with different dates and courses and locations.

Over the next couple of months you, or your son or daughter may visit college open days. How do I approach them? Use the following plan.

1. Preparation. 2. Language/lingo 3. At the event 4. After the event

<p><u>Preparation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you an interest area? E.g., Sciences?• Create a mock Cao list, what courses are you interested in?• Look up the college website and read the prospectus.• Explore what they are offering in your faculties of interest• Make a provisional list of the courses you want to hear more about.• Create questions.	<p><u>Language</u></p> <p>Modules: These are the subjects integral to the course.</p> <p>Minimum entry requirements: There maybe something you need to achieve outside of points, e.g., a third language, H4 in Irish.</p> <p>Susi grants/ Dare disability access route to education/ Hear Higher education access route.</p> <p>Faculty: like a department of a particular interest e.g., science</p> <p>QQI: is Irelands higher education system Erasmus: EU work placement for students</p>
<p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the minimum entry requirements?• Is there a way to access this with QQI awards via a PLC if I don't get my points?• What are involved in the modules?• What is assessment like?• What careers have graduates gotten?• Is there development for future study?• Am I required to major in something?• Will I be at a disadvantage if I don't have something?	<p><u>After the event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do another mock Cao list, have you new ideas?• What still haven't you found out?• Have you explored all ways in to your chosen course?• Make goals with your subject grades and a study plan.