**Mentor Pack – Session 6**

Your main goal as a mentor for this session is to help your mentees to reflect on their CAO course preferences and have them submit mock application online before the deadline.

**Reflection: Course Choices (20 mins)**

Present your own course choices to the group. Go through your level 8 and level 6/7 preferences and briefly describe your reasoning. When you are finished encourage your mentees to ask questions.

Ask your mentees to share some of their own choices. Encourage the group to discuss and make sure to ask questions on the following:

* If a student has ranked an individual institution several times in a row, i.e

1. Science TCD
2. Engineering TCD
3. Occupational Therapy TCD
4. Nursing TCD

Ask them why they have not placed similar courses in other universities higher i.e

1. Science TCD
2. Science UCD
3. Science DCU
4. Engineering TCD
5. Engineering UCD

* If a student has not filled in all ten choices, ask them if they are sure they will get one of their chosen options and why?

Finally ask your mentees if they have any more questions about the application or are unsure of anything. Explain to them that this will be your last session for the year and they will be making a mock application next.

**Assignment: Mock College Application (5-10 mins)**

Explain to your mentees that they must complete a mock application online before the deadline (Feb 1st)

Once they have submitted their application they will be able to change their mind about their preferences until the change of mind deadline (Jul 1st) by simply filling in the application again. *Make sure they understand they will only be able to do this if they have submitted an application before the 1st of February.*

The link to the online application is below. The application process will not be open until Dec 1st.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mockcollegeapp>

**Wrap Up (5-10)**

Explain to your mentees that their points will be calculated from their six best subjects from their Junior Cert. Once their results are in next year they will receive their college offers. Finish up by wishing your mentees well in their exams and give them to opportunity to reflect on the 6 session and share any thoughts they have with the group. Was it helpful? Did they learn a lot? Have their ideas about college or their exams changed?

**Mentee Pack – Session 6**

**Mock CAO Application**

Using your worksheets from session 5, complete your mock CAO application before the deadline (Feb 1st). The application can be completed online at this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mockcollegeapp>

If you have completed your application by the deadline, you will be able to change it online up unit the ‘*change of mind’* deadline (July 1st). Simply go to the link and fill out your application again with your new preferences.

Once you receive your Junior Certificate results, we will calculate your points based on your 6 best subjects. We will then send you a mock college offer based on your points and your preferences.

Don’t forget to fill it out by the deadline and good luck in your exams!

**Research Tips:**

You can find a complete list of course codes for levels 8, 7 & 6 courses at

<http://www.cao.ie/courses.php>

Carrersportal.ie has a lot of resources for second level students on possible career paths and college courses:

http://www.careersportal.ie/school/

Each college will have a book(s) containing lists and descriptions of the courses available as well as entry requirements. This book is called the prospectus and can be found online. Below are links to some college prospectus but many more are available both in Ireland and abroad:

Trinity College Dublin (TCD) Prospectus

<http://www.tcd.ie/study/assets/pdf/TCD-Prospectus-2015.pdf>

University College Dublin (UCD) Prospectus

<https://myucd.ucd.ie/undergraduate-prospectus/index.ezc>

Dublin City University Prospectus

<https://www.dcu.ie/prospective/degrees.php>

NUI Maynooth Prospectus

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/download-prospectus-booklets>

Dublin Institute of Technology Prospectus

<http://www.dit.ie/study/undergraduate/>

University College Cork (UCC) Prospectus

<http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/undergrad/what/download/>