

Desmond College Career Guidance

2019/2020 started out to be a very busy year for Career Guidance and Counselling in Desmond College. September starts each year with a flurry of Career related events. The 6th years were offered the opportunity to visit the Higher Options Conference in Dublin on September 19th. The RDS is filled with prospective Students from all over the country, all vying for information from the various Colleges and Universities. Our students arrived home full of hope and ideas for their future.

October brought the onset of various 3rd Level Open Days. A large contingency of Desmond College students travelled to the University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College and Limerick Institute of Technology on October 17th. An enlightening experience for all and gave much food for thought. 25th October brought another fruitful experience for the 6th years when the Institute of Technology Tralee was visited. Students left with knowledge and experience having made videos, toured libraries and enjoyed lectures. The 5th Year students travelled to the Mid-West Carers Fair on 25th September. A wonderful opportunity for students to have time and the chance to ask questions and delve into their future prospects.

However, the careers department provides for more than just the University/college events and Students were also provided opportunities to visit the Apprenticeships Showcase in Limerick on 17th October. The Regional Skills Mid West in conjunction with the LCETB put on a fantastic informative and practical experience for all who attended.

Never to let an experience pass, the 3rd TY and 5th year female students were offered the opportunity to attend the "Inspire, Women in Engineering" event hosted by Limerick for Engineering. Inspirational and enlightening guest speakers gave all students thoughts for a future in STEM careers.

The school traditionally holds a COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK in November. Each day of the week has opportunities for students to attend guest speakers and information sessions. This year Desmond College are proud to have welcomed Shannon Hotel Management, University of Limerick, Limerick Institute of Technology, Kerry College of Further Education, Broadford Sports & Leisure, the National Learning Network, and Johnson & Johnson Apprenticeships Programme. Throughout the school, teachers talked about further education and career opportunities in their subject areas. The week included parents also by offering a CAO information evening and a study skills talk for all.

Unfortunately the career guidance events were cut short this year due to the School Closures, but in future years, like before, we look forward to the 1st and 2nd year students completing projects on Educational opportunities after Secondary School and travelling to the University of Limerick to be exposed to prospects for the future.