



Future Options

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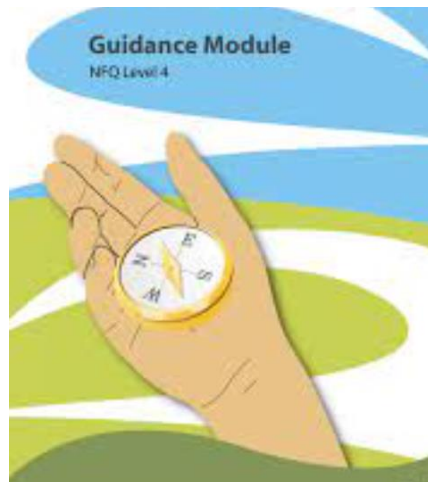
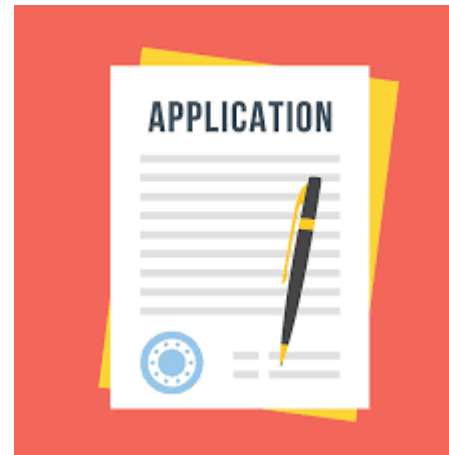
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Options after School



Overview to the Guidance Department



Options





Points total = best
6 subjects

Points are
calculated from
one sitting of the
LC **ONLY**

Entry
requirements can
be satisfied with
more than 1 sitting
of LC.

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College requirements

2

Course requirements

3

Course Points score



Level 8

2 x H5 + 4 X O6

3 X H5 + 3 X O6 TCD

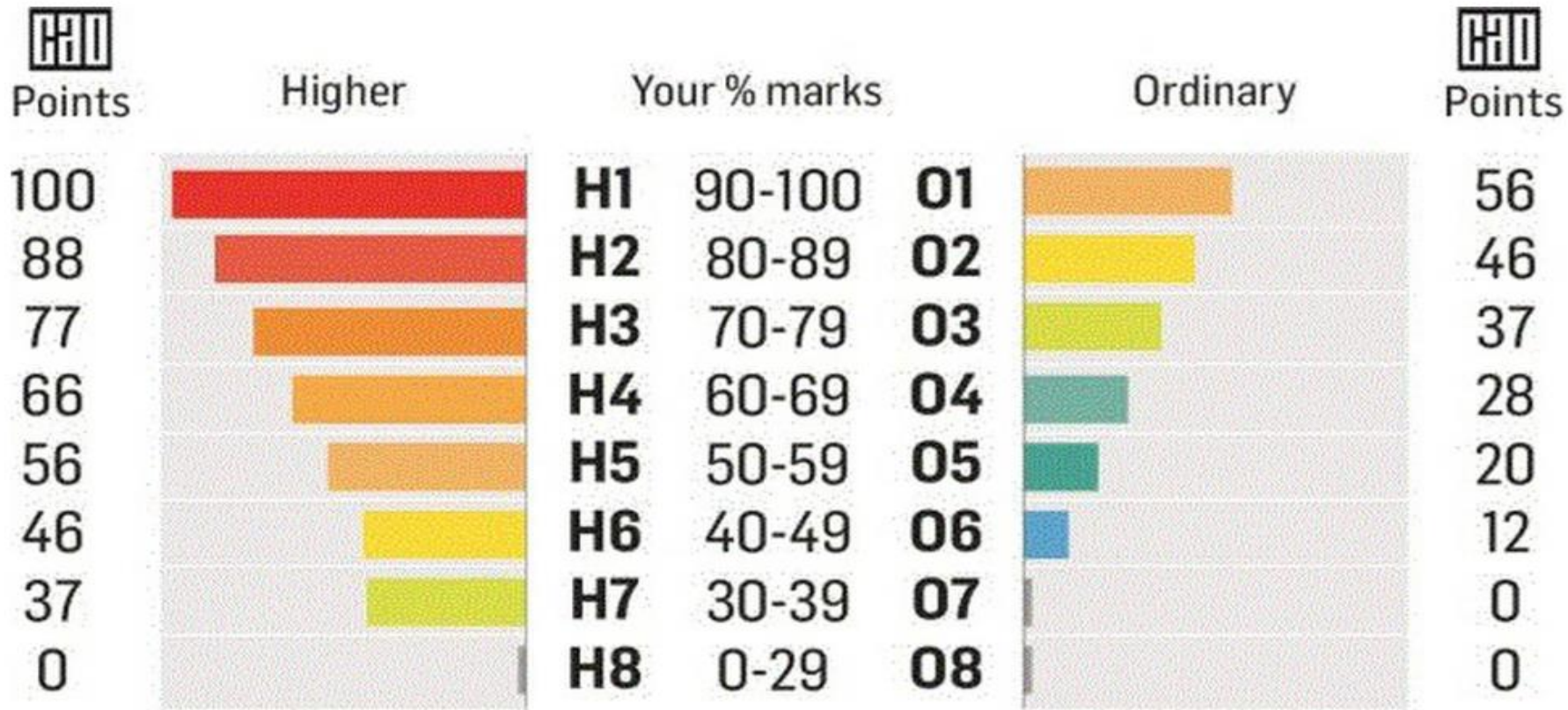
**Modern Language for some NUI
courses.**

Level 7/6

5 X O6

Faculty Requirements

Irish H4 for Primary Teaching



+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules



Distinction 66



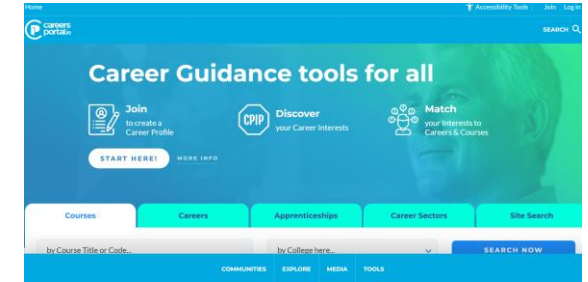
Merit 46



Pass 28

Some Colleges do not accept LCVP as a "Matriculation/Passing subject".

Resources

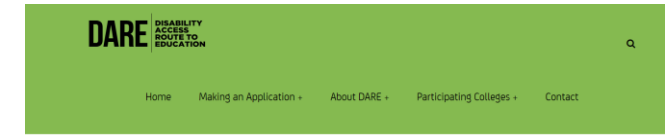


- [CareersPortal.ie](https://careersportal.ie)
- [Central Applications Office \(cao.ie\)](https://cao.ie)
- College websites : [University College Dublin \(ucd.ie\)](https://ucd.ie)
- [Undergraduate | UCAS](https://undergraduate.ucas.ac.uk)
- [Study in Europe | European Universities Information | EUNICAS](https://eunicas.eu)
- [PLC Courses and Further Education in Ireland - PLC Courses Ireland](https://www.plc.ie)

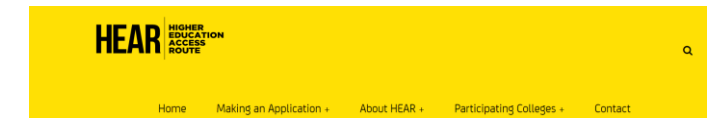


Access routes to college

- **DARE:** alternative admissions scheme for school leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education. DARE offers **reduced points** places to school leavers who, as a result of having a disability, have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.



- **HEAR:** is a college and university scheme that offers places on **reduced points** and extra college support to those who are resident in the Republic of Ireland and underrepresented at Higher Education due to their socio-economic background.



- **SUSI: Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)**

Before applying for your grant, we would encourage you to review the eligibility criteria by selecting your student type based on whether you are PLC, Undergraduate, Postgraduate or Studying Outside the State.

You can also use our Eligibility Reckoner where you can quickly and easily self-assess whether you may be eligible for a grant.

[Disability Access Route to Education \(DARE\) | UCD Registry](#)



Disabilities eligible for consideration

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- ADD/ADHD
- Blind/Vision Impaired
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia
- Dyslexia/Significant Literacy Difficulties
- Dyscalculia/Significant Numeracy Difficulties
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (Incl. Brain Injury & Epilepsy)
- Physical Disability
- Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness

Overview of the CAO Process- The most important step.....

CHOICE



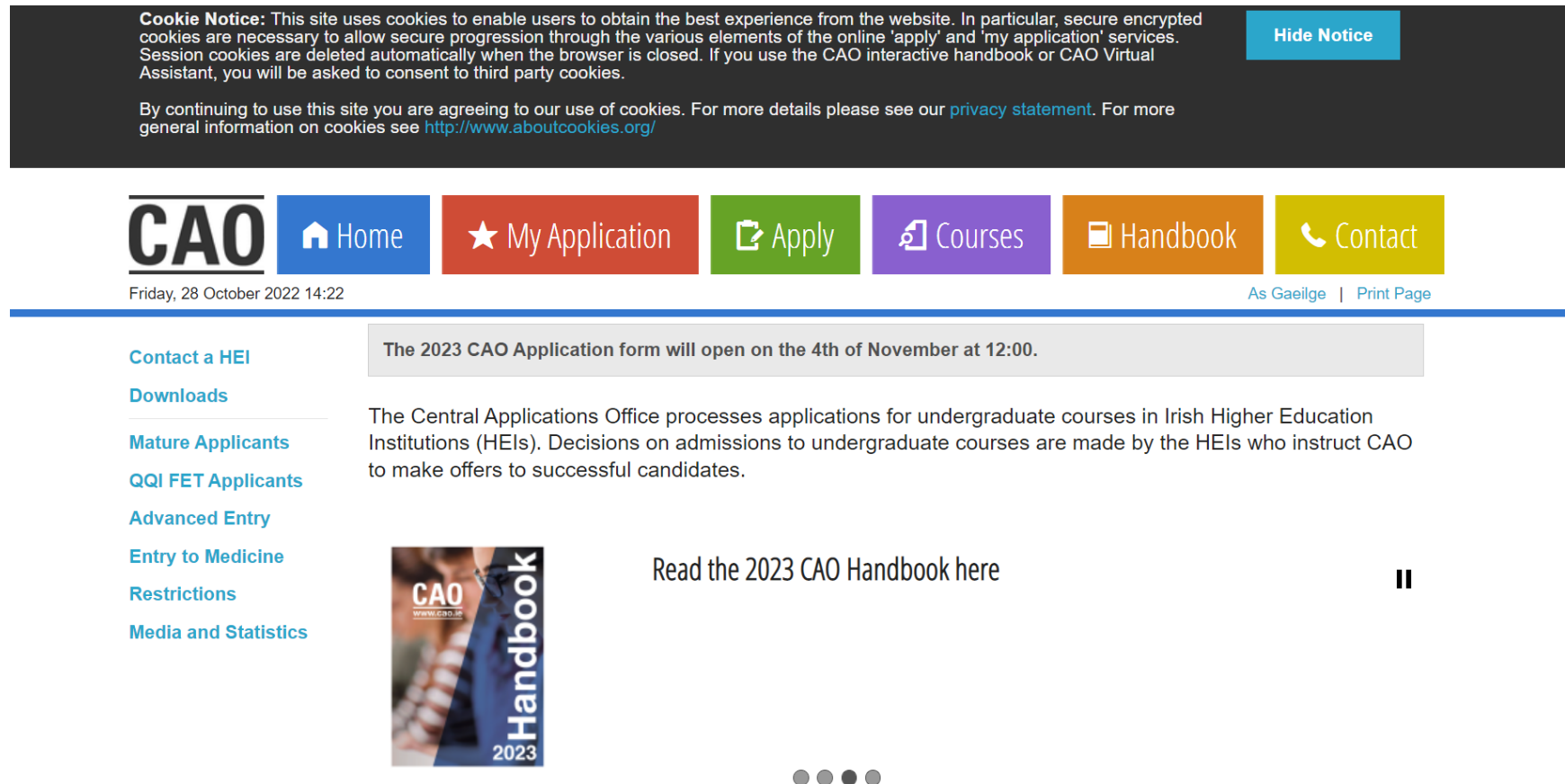
Filling out the CAO

- ✓ Put in Your dream course
- ✓ Fill out in **Genuine** order of preference.... Seems simple!
- ✓ Always have a “bank” course.
- ✓ Make sure you know minimum entry requirements
- ✓ If you are applying for a restricted course apply by Feb 1st
- ✓ Know all you need to know about your course...



CAO website

- [Central Applications Office \(cao.ie\)](http://cao.ie)



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The 2023 CAO Application form will open on the 4th of November at 12:00.

The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.

 Read the 2023 CAO Handbook here [||](#)

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CAO Personalized Hand book....Excellent Guide!

- [Central Applications Office \(cao.ie\)](http://www.cao.ie)



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Below you can find all of our content to help you decide where you would like to study.

Courses 



CAO Timetable of Events*

2023

September • CAO 2024 Interactive Handbook available online at www.cao.ie

October

November • CAO online application facility opens on **6 November at 12:00 noon**
• Facility to add/change course choices opens on **6 November at 12:00 noon**

December

2024

January • Discounted application fee (€30 fee) available up to **20 January at 5pm**

February • Normal closing date for applications (€45 fee) is **1 February at 5pm**
• Online Change of Course Choices (free) facility closes **1 February at 5pm**
• Online facility to amend course choices becomes available (€10 fee) on **6 February at noon**

March • Closing date for amending course choices is **1 March at 5pm**
• Most tests and interviews for restricted courses are held in March and April
• Closing date for final completion of online DARE/HEAR forms is **1 March at 5pm**
• Closing date for completion of Mature Applicant section of CAO form is **1 March at 5pm**
• Late application facility opens on **5 March at 12:00 noon**
• **DARE/HEAR** supporting documentation to arrive in CAO before **15 March at 5pm**

April • Most tests and interviews for restricted courses are held in March and April

May • Closing date for late applications is **1 May at 5pm**
• Online Change of Mind (free) facility becomes available on **7 May at 12:00 noon** (expected date)
• Check and Confirm reminder email sent to all applicants before end of May. Inform CAO if you do not receive it.

June • Leaving Certificate examinations

July • Change of Mind Closes on **1 July at 5pm**
• Round A offers for certain categories of applicant e.g. mature, deferral, etc. are issued in **early July**
• Exceptional closing date for late applications for those already attending a participating HEI is **22 July at 5pm**

August • Round Zero offers for certain categories of applicant issued in **early August**
• Current year Leaving Certificate results issued (date to be confirmed)
• Round One offers (date to be confirmed)
• HEIs begin registration

September • HEIs begin registration
• Results of Leaving Certificate appeals released (date to be confirmed)
• Offer season ends (date to be confirmed)

Tá leagan Gaeilge den Lámhleabhar seo ar fáil.

Updates to the handbook, such as new courses and cancelled courses, may be viewed on the CAO website.

Go to www.cao.ie,

click on 'CAO Handbook' and see the table with the title 'Important Changes'.

CAO Application- 7 step approach

- [Registration](#)
- [Adding Level 8 & Level 7/6 Course choices](#)
- Indicate if applying for Exemptions, DARE, HEAR & SUSI grant
- Contacting CAO with new information or changes to application
- [Change of Mind Procedure](#)
- [Offers](#)
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Registration

Applicant's Personal Details

Qualifications & Assessment Summary :

Please tick the qualification/assessment section(s) that are relevant to you.

- Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985-2023)

Payment Options :

Credit or Debit Card



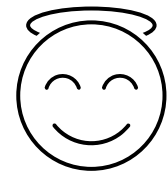
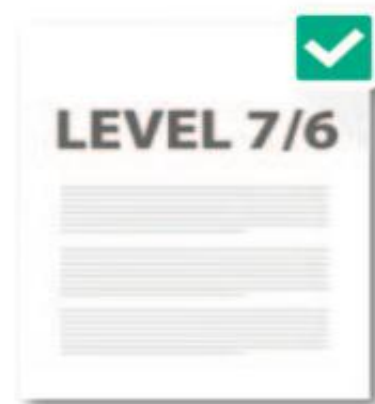
Create Account

Adding Course Choices

INTRODUCING YOUR COURSE CHOICES

Step 5

Add your Level 8 and Level 7/6 course choices before 1 February to avoid restrictions



Two Separate Lists.....



Change of Mind Procedure

Change of Mind - 7th May (12:00 noon) to 1st July (17:00)

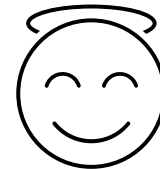
At the beginning of May applicants will be able to register an online change of course choices, free of charge. If you change online an acknowledgement will be sent to the e-mail address you used at the application stage.

There is no fee for using the Change of Mind facility.

Making Changes:

- subject to the exceptions and restrictions mentioned below, you may change course choices (without fee) as often as you wish, up to 17:00 on the 1st July;
- if you submit a Change of Mind it cancels and supersedes all the previous course choices in any category in which changes are made. However, choices in the two categories (Level 8 and Level 7/6) are considered to be completely separate from each other for this purpose e.g. a change of Level 8 course choices will not affect Level 7/6 choices.
- if you do not wish to change the courses in one category, do not submit a change. Your original courses in that category will remain unchanged.
- do not mix courses from different categories (Level 8 and Level 7/6) and make sure to list all of your course choices for the particular category which you change.
- except for **Restricted Application Courses/Restricted Categories of applicant** (see below), you may enter on the form courses which did not appear on your original application.

Watch the [`CAO Change of Mind` video](#) for a step-by-step guide to the process.



CAO Offers

First round offers: What do I do?

The video player interface features a green background with the text "The CAO Offer Process" in large white letters. A laptop in the center displays a yellow envelope icon with a green checkmark. To the right, there is a document labeled "OFFER" and a grey envelope. The video title "The Offer and Acceptance Process" is in a black box at the top left, with a channel name "CAO" below it. A large letter "A" in a circle is on the far left. On the right side, there are three icons: a heart, a clock, and a share icon. The video progress bar at the bottom shows a play button, a progress line, and a timestamp of "05:28". The text "our next step" is partially visible above the progress bar. The CAO logo and the Vimeo logo are in the bottom right corner of the player.

Source: CAO/Vimeo



CAO offers post LC

- You will receive an offer from Level 8 & Level 6/7.
- You can only choose one offer.
- Once you choose your offer, every offer below that offer on your list will be removed FOREVER!

This is why order of preference is so important

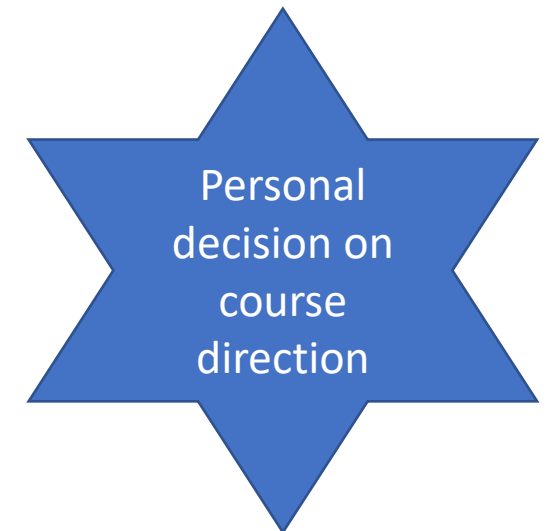
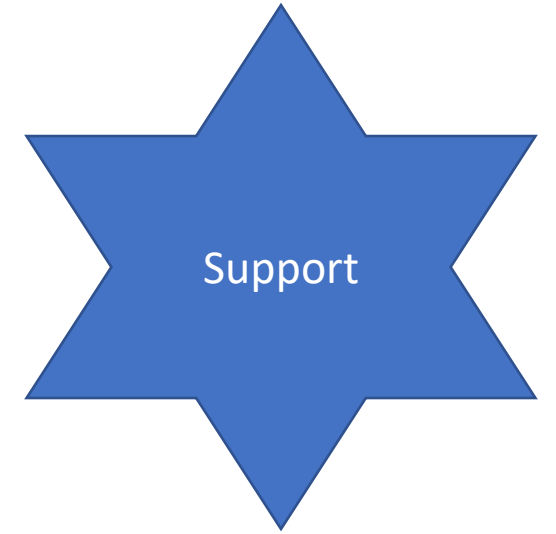
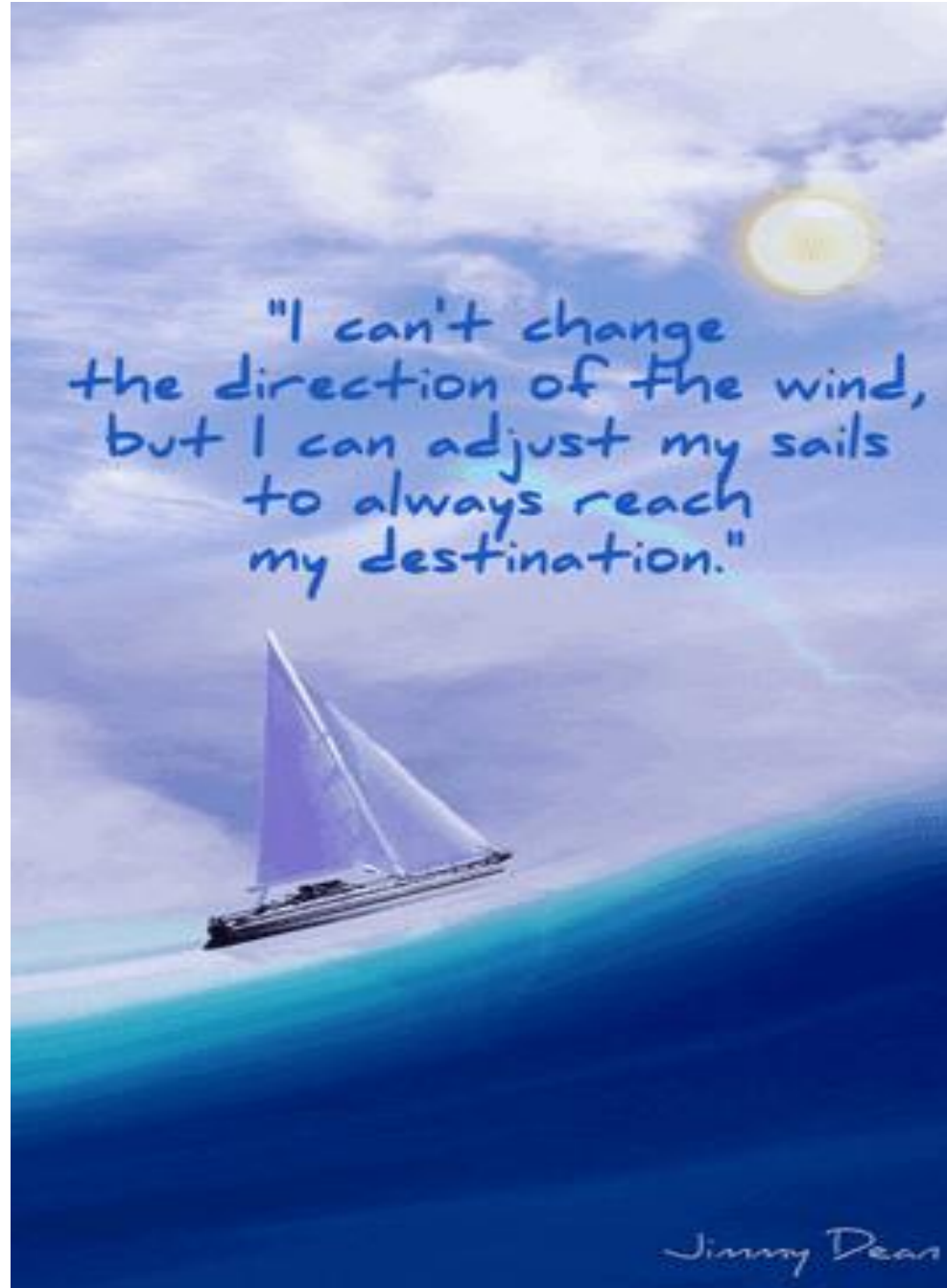
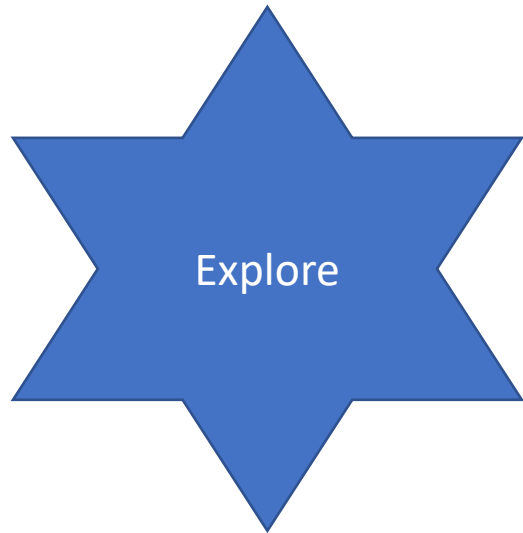
Important!

Deferral & Round 2/3 offers

You need to contact the HEI- deferrals are not always granted. Follow the procedure on the CAO website.

You may receive a round 2 or round 3 offer for a higher preference course.





Many Thanks for your Engagement this evening

