



Enniskillen Royal Grammar School – CEIAG BULLETIN **Week Beginning Monday 24th February 2025**

Revised Application Criteria for Undergraduate Programmes in the Republic of Ireland

Amendments to new equivalencies are now in place. No longer will A-level students have to earn 4 top grade results to get maximum points in the Republic's third level entry system. Instead, A-level students can use their best 3 A-levels, along with a 4th A-level or an Extended Project or an AS subject. This will mean that applicants can attain a score of 600 points with 3 A levels and 1 AS, and 625 points if one of the A-levels is Maths. NI students will also be considered for a place in a university in the Republic by applying with 2 A-levels and 1 or 2 AS levels. Students can access information on courses online at www.cao.ie. The application process is straightforward, with a deadline for late applications of May 1st. No personal statement is required, and students can change their mind and make a final choice for most courses right up to July 1st 2025.

While cost of living is an issue for many students moving to the Republic, it is worth noting that a student from NI who registers for an undergraduate programme in the Republic pays a registration fee of €2,000 per annum, compared to up to ca£9,000 for a place in university in Britain.

ATU Open Days

The first Open Day is in **ATU Donegal** on **Saturday, March 1st, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. This event is designed to support both students and parents in exploring their options for higher education and making informed decisions about their future. On the day, students and parents will have the opportunity to:

- Speak with staff from each department to get a real feel for studying at ATU.
- Attend informative talks, including:
 - **How to Apply to the CAO** – Key information on deadlines and the application process.
 - **Prep for Success** – Tips for maintaining mental health and well-being during exam season.
 - **Leaving Cert Study Tips** – Practical strategies to help students stay on track.
 - **Student Life at ATU Donegal** – Insights from the Students' Union on life beyond the classroom.

Students can **register their interest** here: <https://forms.office.com/e/UVmDnWnFYh>

Future Open Days include:

- **Mountbellew** - Wednesday, March 5th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- **Mayo** - Saturday, March 12th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Connemara** - Saturday, March 29th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Galway (Dublin Rd & Wellpark Road)** – Saturday, April 5th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For more information, please visit www.atu.ie/opendays

Legal Apprenticeship Opportunity with Davidson McDonnell

Davidson McDonnell are now offering a 4-year legal degree apprenticeship programme in collaboration with Ulster University.

The idea is that apprentices will join their team, gaining hands on experience whilst studying at Ulster University. Over the course of 4 years, an apprentice will receive valuable practical skills and a degree, setting them up for a successful legal career. The apprentice will be based in the office for 4 days a week and will be attending Ulster University one day a week (plus any additional days that are required, as the course directs). In addition, the department for the economy will pay the tuition fees directly to Ulster University and an apprentice will be paid by Davidson McDonnell for the full week (even though they will only be in attendance at their offices for a maximum of 4 days a week).

The Ulster University entry requirements are AAB at A-Level.

To apply for the September 2025 intake, please send a CV and cover letter to careers@davidsonmcdonnell.com by 31st March 2025.

<https://www.davidsonmcdonnell.com/careers>

CyberFirst Bursary Webinar - March 3rd 2025

CyberFirst national team is running a webinar during Cyber NI week on the CyberFirst bursary scheme. Students applying to any university course could avail of a bursary of £4000 each year plus an additional £2000 if they complete a summer placement. It is a great scheme as participants get access to the support of CyberFirst community.

For more information and to sign up please go to the following link:

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) Career Guide

Reflecting the strategic importance of our local screen industries, the DfE Careers Service has published a new **Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) career guide**, the first publication in a planned three-part series of Creative and Digital Industries career guides.

The **Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) career guide** has been produced in conjunction with key local stakeholders, including Northern Ireland Screen, the local FE and HE sector, and creative professionals working locally.

The guide contains helpful information on topics such as:

- Entry and progression routes and the variety of career options available across Games, Animation and VFX
- Video clips and short articles featuring local people studying and working in the sector
- Details of initiatives and schemes available to help people to gain crucial experience and to begin building a professional portfolio
- Useful advice for people wishing to explore Games, Animation and VFX careers

The **Games, Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) career guide** is available at the link below:

[Games, Animation and Visual Effects \(VFX\) career guide](#)

PwC Virtual Insight Programme

PwC have just opened applications for their 2025 [Virtual Insight programme](#) which is running from 29 - 31 July. Open to Year 12 and 13 students, the 3-day experience is designed to give students an insight into PwC: their lines of service, their culture, the work they do and how you can join them as a school leaver. You will have the opportunity to engage with their people and ask questions so that you can make informed decisions about your next steps. You will receive guidance and top tips on the application process, equipping you with the skills you need to thrive in the workplace. Further information, including full eligibility criteria and application link can be found in the **job description** [here](#).

Ulster University - Degree Apprenticeships

Students can now visit the dedicated online Degree Apprenticeship Hub where they can find out more Apprenticeships, view current opportunities, and be added to mailing list to receive updates.

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/apprenticeships/advice-for-applicants>

Interested in Studying Medicine or Dentistry?

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference date:

- Saturday 1st March from 9:30am - 3:30pm

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Year 13 - Build UK - Open Doors Initiative

Are you interested in studying Structural, Architectural or Civil Engineering, Sustainable Building, or any other aspect of the Construction Industry?

To help showcase the Construction Industry in Northern Ireland, developers are opening their sites in locations across NI to invite school groups in for a tour and informative session on what it's like to work within the construction industry.

Tracey Brothers are hosting an event here in Enniskillen and I have reserved 10 places for this visit.

Event information - Drumgarrow Village, Coa Road, Enniskillen.

Thursday 20th March: 11am – 1pm

<https://opendoors.construction/sites/drumgarrow-village/>

If you would like to attend, please give your name to Mrs Magee asap

Medicine at QUB – Open Day

Discover the opportunities waiting for you as student at Queen's Medical School in Queen's University Belfast.

Date: Monday 14 April 2025 Time: 8.45am - 4.30pm

Venue: Medical Biology Centre, 97 Lisburn Road

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/campaign/mhls/Events/MedicineatQueens/>

QUB - Undergraduate Open Day – JUNE 2025

On **Saturday 7 June from 9.30am - 3pm** you'll learn more about the courses that you can study with Queen's, plus you'll have the opportunity to hear first-hand from current students and teaching staff about learning and living in Belfast.

You will be able to experience QUB's world-class education, unique location and rich history for yourself.

Students: [Register for our June Open Day now](#)

Year 13 Summer Residential at LJMU - 2– 4 July 2025

Year 13 Northern Ireland Summer Residential for students interested in [Business](#) or [Nursing](#) programmes.

Fully funded flights, accommodation, academic workshops and social activities.
Further information and application details to follow shortly.

