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THE IRISH TIMES’ - INSTITUTE OF GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS’
TWENTY-SECOND HIGHER OPTIONS CONFERENCE 2008

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

This year’s Higher Options Conference on entry procedures to third level colleges in Ireland and the UK. will take place in the RDS, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Now in its twenty third year, the conference has become the definitive and centralised forum for third level choices for Irish students. It also has the official sanction of the Irish Department of Education & Science.

Last year over 180 institutions from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Europe, Australia and New Zealand participated. These institutions included universities, colleges of further and higher education, agricultural colleges, art colleges, institutes of technology, nursing and paramedical schools, year-out organisations, professional bodies and central admissions bodies such as CAO and UCAS. We are hoping to welcome even more participants this year.

The conference takes place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 17 to September 19 inclusive, in the RDS Exhibition Centre, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

The format of the conference is the same for each of the three days, to cater for the thousands of final year students who travel from all over Ireland to attend. Bookings from schools are not completed until mid-September, but we anticipate in the region of 25,000 students, guidance counsellors, and parents over the three-day period.

The format of the conference is as follows:-

THE EXHIBITION CENTRE IS OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM EACH DAY

THERE WILL BE LECTURE SESSIONS EACH DAY covering topics such as the options on offer in Irish and UK third level education, the CAO and UCAS admissions systems, alternative routes to third level through FE, how to choose a career and how to cope with college life.

SEPARATE CAREER TALKS WILL BE HELD. Provisionally these will cover careers in art and design, information technology, engineering, the law, business and finance, beauty therapies and fashion, social services, journalism and communications and the hospitality industry.

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