



RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Helping your child to become college ready

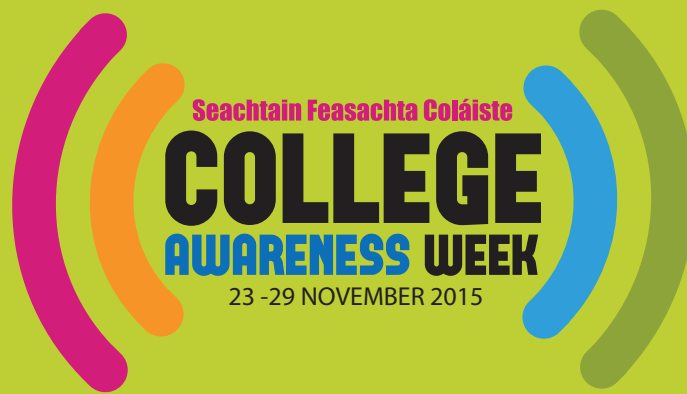
***In bringing up children, spend on them half as much money and twice as much time.
Author Unknown.***

Tips and Advice:

- ✓ Attend parent-teacher meetings and maintain contact with your child's school
- ✓ Be aware of subject selection and subject levels which your child is taking. Ask your child's teacher or guidance counsellor if they are taking the correct range and level of subjects which will allow them to progress to college.
- ✓ Make sure your child meets with their guidance counsellor.
- ✓ Talk with your child about the importance of extra-curricular and voluntary activities; these will help your child to identify and develop their interests and talents.
- ✓ Help your child to make summer plans so that they continue to grow and explore their areas of interest.
- ✓ Attend the Higher Options Fair in the RDS when your child is in 5th and 6th year: www.higheroptions.ie

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- ✓ Visit the Open Days in the HEIs that your son/ daughter is considering in 5th and 6th year.
- ✓ Learn about the difference between Further Education Colleges (www.fetac.ie) and courses offered in Institutes of Technology (IOTs) and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs): www.nfq.ie
- ✓ Research the grant application and requirements in order to prepare for the cost of college: www.susi.ie



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Websites:

All colleges have access offices and further details can also be found online.

For information on the **Higher Access Route to Education** and the **Disability Access Route to Education**:
www.accesscollege.ie

For information on **student grants**, please check out: www.studentfinance.ie; www.susi.ie

For information on the **national curriculum** at all levels, please check out:
www.curriculumonline.ie/

For general **resources on actively supporting** your child's education: [www.schooldays.ie/](http://www schooldays.ie/)
For general information about **parenting**: www.helpme2parent.ie

For information on all **college courses, personality tests and interest inventories**, and **Open Days**, please check out: www.qualifax.ie

In spite of the six thousand manuals on child-raising in the bookstores, child-raising is still a dark continent and no one really knows anything. You just need a lot of love and luck – and, of course, courage.
Bill Cosby, Fatherhood, 1986.