



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.

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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:
higheroptions.irishtimes.com/home

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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.qqi.ie/) and courses offered in 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

