

# WHAT WILL COLLEGE LOOK LIKE IN 2021?



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# THINGS TO CONSIDER



- Will remote teaching and learning continue and will this have any affect on student progression through Higher Education?
- Will the above style suit your child?
- Will they be able to keep up with the demands of assignments and study required from the kitchen table or bedroom?
- What effects might this have on securing accommodation at the fairest prices, if students are required to spend some time on campus?







# THE REALITY OF CAO IN 2021

- Almost 80,000 (79,303) applications have been made for CAO courses this coming year compared to 73,035 in 2020
- Up to 10,000 applicants from previous years, (*deferred courses or students changing courses*) are expected apply for CAO college places in 2021 (*Irish Times March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021*)

*The above may affect points requirements for college entry, particularly in courses that are already very competitive.*



# BREXIT EFFECT (**DUBLIN LOCATED INSTITUTES**)



- This year there has been an increase in the number of students from EU countries from 1,945 to 4,646
- Many of these applicants may be applying to Irish universities instead of their traditional destination to UK universities  
(<https://www.ucd.ie/newsandopinion/news/2021/march/09>)
- UK students, especially from Northern Ireland, can still come into the Irish higher education system without paying EU fees
- These students come into the Irish system through the CAO while most other non-EU students are admitted separately.
- *Applications from the UK are up 10% to 2,248.*





# BREXIT EFFECT (**OUTSIDE DUBLIN**) MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY



- The 'OSE' numbers for 2021 entry  
(*other EU applicants from France, Germany etc*)  
and UK applications for 2021 ....  
NO significant increase in either  
category for Maynooth University
- MU do not envisage this 'Brexit'  
change as having a noticeable  
effect on their admission points in 2021



# BREXIT EFFECT

- There has also been a “significant increase” in the number of mature applicants who want to return to education. *(Irish Times March 10<sup>th</sup> 2021)*
- Each year between 500 -700 Irish students were attracted to Scotland by free fees - they no longer exist as fees are now the same as England at £9,250 per year
- Almost half the extra 6,268 CAO applications in 2021 are from students living outside the Republic *(Irish Independent March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021)*

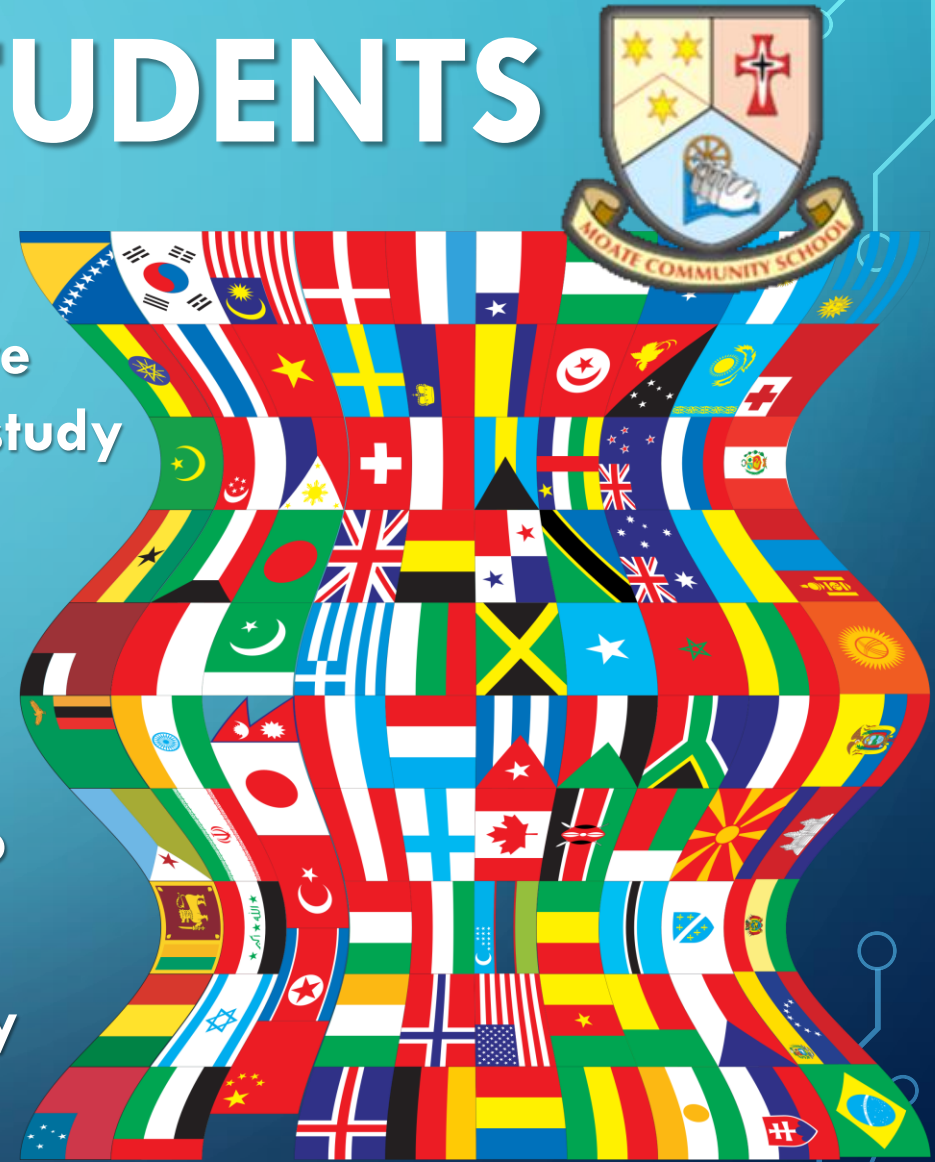




# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- 32,000 international students study in Ireland
- Many international students have such a positive undergraduate experience they return again to study Masters, PhD's or continue with their research
- Inspired by the talented pool of Irish university graduates, many multinational companies (e.g. *Google, Facebook, Intel, HP, Boston Scientific*) have internships for students and a range of job opportunities upon graduation
- Irish universities work very closely with industry to ensure their graduates are workforce ready

Source: <https://www.iua.ie/for-students/international-students/>



# GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS

- Simon Harris recently stressed the need for an integrated higher and further education system including an overhaul of the apprenticeship system to increase the number of registered apprentices to 10,000 per year from 2025

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/oireachtas/brexit-effect-causing-college-applications-from-other-eu-states-to-double>

