

Open days

Open days are a useful way of finding out more about a particular college or course. Many are often open on a Saturday and schools will organise for students to attend them during the week. They are designed so that you can visit the college and tour around the facilities. They provide an opportunity for you to talk to current students and tutors about the course and resources on offer.

These visits can help you compare the different courses and colleges while giving you a feel for the place to see if you think it would suit your learning needs. On a practical level it could give you an idea of the distance and travel time required for you to get there from home.

As all PLC students will be interviewed for a place on their course, visiting the college during an OPEN Day can give you an added talking point. You would be able to mention things that you had seen or discussed at the open day and could be clearer about why you chose their course or college.

www.cao.ie has a list of the IT and University Open Days. www.qualifax.ie under 'future Career Events' allows you to search for PLC and other Open Days – you can put in your college and search to see when have their Open Day.

Susan at CYS is available to assist students with preparation for PLC interviews.