



*AccessCampus*  
UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK

# Study Club

In association with



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## Study Club

The study club has been set up for pupils of designated schools in the Limerick City South area. The club takes place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 4.15 pm and finishing at 7.15 pm. To become members of the Study Club pupils have to fill out an application form and meet with co-ordinator of the club. It is hoped that a parent/guardian will also be involved in this discussion. After this and once the pupils agree to adhere to the rules of the club they then become members of the AccessCampus Study Club.

The club is held at the AccessCampus which is based in the LEDP (Old Krups building) in Roxboro'. Members must attend at least two sessions per week, three if possible. The main focus is on study and homework but there will be extra tuition available as members become more familiar with the club. The club will cost €2 per session or €5 per week.

Strict rules apply to membership of the club, which are clearly outlined in application pack and during the discussion.

As the club develops there will be a range of activities available such as field trips to U.L. and L.I.T. labs and facilities where staff will provide a range of taster sessions which will provide an insight into potential courses at each institution. There will also be a range of interactive and fun sessions included in the club's activities.





# Introduction



We in the University of Limerick are very pleased to continue our involvement in the wider community of Limerick and its environs through our AccessCampus and its homework club. Originally conceived and implemented by previous Presidents of the University of Limerick it continues in its quest to make the University accessible to all parts of society through supporting "fun to learn" initiatives.

The Homework Club provides a basis for the reinforcement of learning at school with the added bonus of seeing the practical applications of the knowledge gained through interaction with professionals.

Our Access programme at the University of Limerick has grown steadily from an intake of 52 students in 2002/03 to 98 students in 2005/06 availing of the access route to undergraduate programmes, while in the current year we now have Access graduates availing of post-graduate studies.

It is initiatives such as the homework club that allow students the confidence, knowledge and opportunity to grasp the Access opportunities that exist. We, through our programmes, demonstrate our ongoing commitment to Access initiatives such as the Homework Club and we look forward to welcoming many more students to the programme at the University of Limerick.

Professor Don Barry  
University of Limerick



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# Welcome



AccessCampus at LEDP is proud to be involved with the development of the homework club, and through it being able to provide opportunities for all those involved to be the best they can be. My staff and I have worked hard to put together a programme that is centred around you. We exist to ensure that you achieve your dreams and in achieving them you gain valuable experience and life skills.

We are proud to be able to assist you in your studies and will be always available to make sure your grasp of the information, you gain at school is reinforced by your homework. I look forward to helping you achieve your dreams and through our practical sessions to allow you to understand better the type of career that best suits you.

Donal O'Leary

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# Your Club

Welcome to your club, the club that will help you be the best that you possibly can be. A homework club that helps you with your schoolwork but is interested in far more than just homework. A club that has a list of other activities that will allow you to see how the work that you cover in school and homework is relevant to many other areas of your life and one that will give you the tools and the direction to achieve a career in the area of your life that most interests you.

The homework club is run by AccessCampus which is a coming together of the University of Limerick and the local community (LEDP). It exists to bring out the best in all the students that use its services. It runs three days a week and its only goal is to help you by allowing you access to the best expertise and guidance available in a state of the art room fully equipped with the most up to date computers and technology. All the facilities and guidance are available to make sure that your homework can be completed in a way that helps you understand better the subjects covered in school in a friendly atmosphere that brings out the best in you.

Running alongside the homework club are a whole series of other opportunities to develop your skills. Whether its photography or video game design, soccer or music or one of dozens of other careers you will get a chance to talk to the professionals and experience what they deal with in their everyday lives.

To get involved in your club costs just €2 a day or €5 per week and membership is open to all students in the schools recognised in the local community area. This is too good an opportunity to pass up and places will fill up very quickly so get your application in today and open up a whole career of tomorrows.





# Scholarship Programme

Members of the club will get assistance and advice with online CAO applications over the month of January and also assistance when requesting copies of P21 forms, which are vital when applying for grant aid or other financial assistance.

Each year members of the Study Club may apply for an AccessCampus scholarship, of which there are two available, if they are advancing on to third level education.

## Criteria

- 1► Be a member of the AccessCampus Study Club
- 2► Attend a DEIS Designated Secondary School  
and / or  
Be in receipt of or qualify for Access Supports
- 3► Require reference/reports from school, home and AccessCampus
- 4► Have achieved entry to a third level institution
- 5► Have shown consistent positive behaviour within the school environment
- 6► Have played a proactive role in AccessCampus Study Club activities
- 7► Have shown initiative and progression during tuition and similar Study Club activities
- 8► Be willing, if required, to act as an ambassador for and on behalf of scholarship stakeholders







# The Year Ahead



**Exploring the world of Business:** generating and developing new business opportunities.

*Briga Hynes, Kemmy Business School*



**Introduction to Media Studies:** The Simpsons, U2 and Soccer, Using examples from the everyday mass media, this session will examine how we can use Sociology to understand the media.

*Eoin Devereux, Dept. of Sociology*



**Robocode - Using gaming ideas as a basis for teaching programming**

Robocode is a strategic computer game about robot wars, where you create your own virtual robots using the Java programming language and have them fight. In Robocode these virtual robots are called "bots". They actually can go straight, turn right, find an enemy's position, and shoot them. They can use both simple and sophisticated algorithms to predict where the enemy will be or how they should move to avoid their own demise.

*Chris Exton, Computer Science and Informatics*



**"How wings work and when they won't"**

This activity will introduce the study club to the ideas behind how fluids like air or water behave. A lab demonstration will show two different types of flow called laminar and turbulent, which engineers need to understand if they are going to design aircraft wings. A second demonstration will show how an aircraft wing works using a scaled wind tunnel model. More importantly, it also shows when an aircraft wing will stop working.

*Dave Newport, Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering*







# The Year Ahead



**Photography:** The art and method in learning how to make rather than just take a photograph

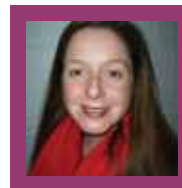
*Eoin Stephenson, Information Technology Division*



**Waste Water Treatment:**

What happens to our liquid and solid waste after leaving premises?

*Eoin McCann, Science College*

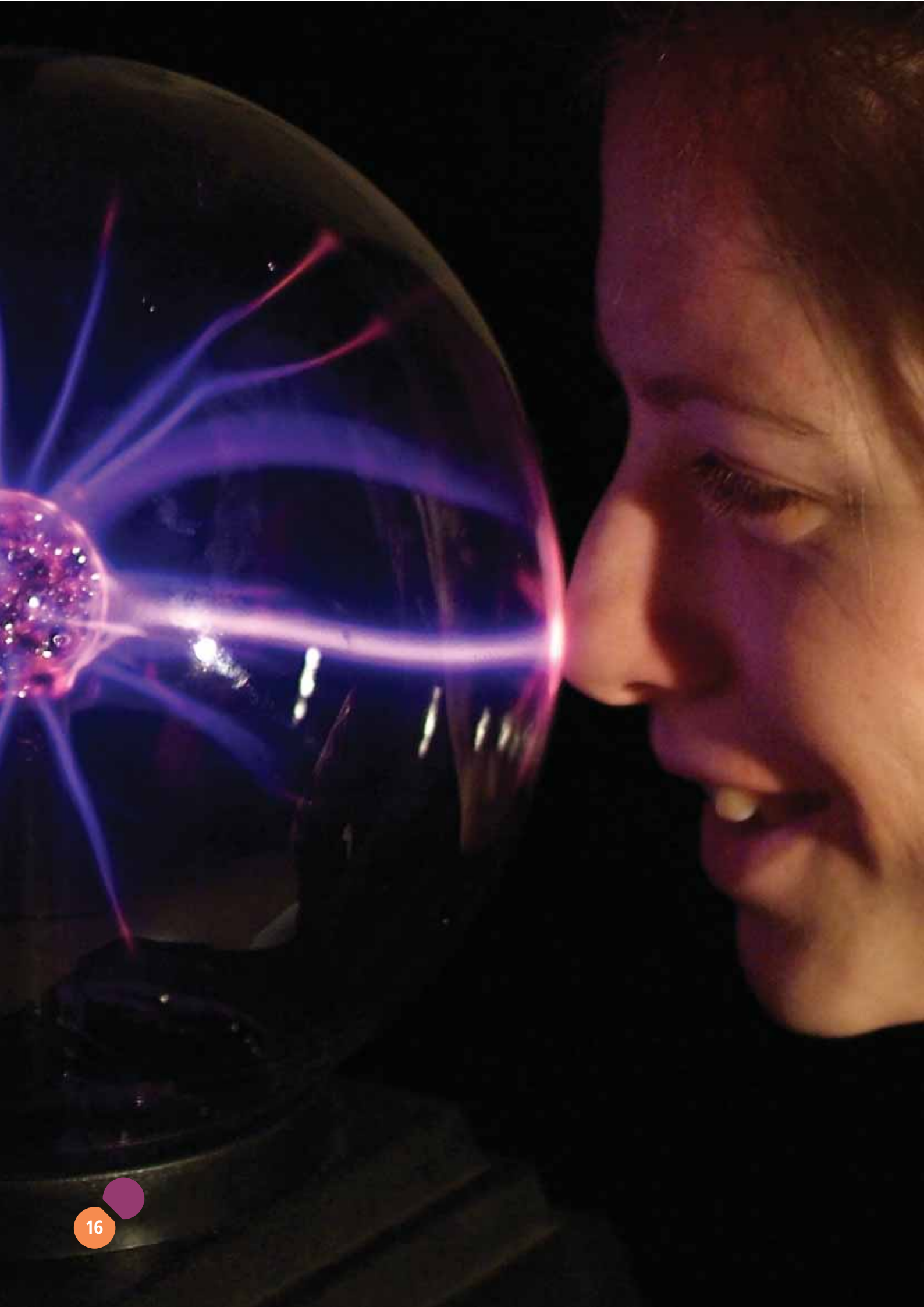


**Taster Session on Professional Event Management:**

An introduction to this expanding industry - The Oscars, Rock Concerts, Festivals, Sports Tournaments, International Conferences and Incentive Travel. A look behind the scenes!

*Sara-Jane Kickham Department of Humanities - Lecturer in Event Management.*





# Individual Study Mentors



**Tracy Galvin:**  
*Subject - Mathematics*



**Sancha Power:**  
*Subject - Sciences*



**Roisín Corcoran:**  
*Subject - English, Maths and Geography*



**Gráinne Naughton:**  
*Subject - Business, Accountancy and Mathematics*



**Máire Ní Riordáin:**  
*Subject - Maths and Languages*



**Manny O'Grady:**  
*Subject - Science and Maths*



**Orla McCormack:**  
*Subject - Sciences*







# Other AccessCampus activities

1. Parents Homework Support Programme – this programme works with parents of primary school children. It is aimed at supporting parents and helping to enhance their skills and confidence as they help their children with school homework.
2. Irish for Primary School Parents – basic and conversational Irish for parents which will also help them as they assist their children with their homework.
3. Basic Computer Skills – 20 week course that covers basic computer familiarisation.
4. “Whizzkids” for parents – Whizzkids is a course run each year for teenagers and is based on modern technology and its uses in web design, movie making information sourcing and storing. AccessCampus will be offering taster courses for parents so that they will have an appreciation and understanding of Youtube, Bebo and such sites and also learn about modern “gadgets” in a fun and innovative way. All of which will help increase understanding of the toys and technology that teenagers and younger children are increasingly familiar with.
5. AccessCampus Men’s Club – offers a range of taster sessions from which more focussed programmes will be identified and developed.

Themes for the initial sessions are as follows-

- (a) Fine wine & brandy – links with Irish that fled with the Wild Geese and established themselves in this trade on the continent.
- (b) History – comparing Irish society of the past with the modern day.
- (c) Fly-tying
- (d) Visit and talk on science/engineering at U.L.
- (e) Men’s Health
- (f) Social event incorporating elements of previous sessions













## AccessCampus

| Monday                                |        |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Computer Room                         |        | Classroom                             |
| IWA Staff Training - Basic            | 14.00. |                                       |
| Lim. City Act. Ret. Assoc             | 15.00. |                                       |
| Lim. City Act. Ret. Assoc             | 16.00. |                                       |
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| Tuesday                               |        |                                       |
| Computer Room                         |        | Classroom                             |
| Doras - Computers for Beginners       | 10.00. | Literacy Support Class                |
| Doras - Computers for Beginners       | 11.00. |                                       |
| VEC - LSU - Literacy & Computers      | 14.00. |                                       |
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| VEC - LSU - Literacy & Computers      | 16.00. | Study Club for Junior & Leaving Cert. |
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| Study Club for Junior & Leaving Cert. | 18.00. | Study Club for Junior & Leaving Cert. |
| Study Club for Junior & Leaving Cert. | 19.00. | Study Club for Junior & Leaving Cert. |
| Wednesday                             |        |                                       |
| Computer Room                         |        | Classroom                             |
|                                       | 09.00. | Homework Support Club for Parents     |
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| Southend F.C.                         | 20.00. |                                       |
| Thursday                              |        |                                       |
| Computer Room                         |        | Classroom                             |
| Soc. Services Act. Ret.Assoc          | 10.00. | VEC LSU Adult Literacy                |
| Soc. Services Act. Ret.Assoc.         | 11.00. | VEC LSU Adult Literacy                |
| Study Club for Junior & Leaving Cert. | 16.00. | Study Club for Junior & Leaving Cert. |
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| Friday                                |        |                                       |
| Computer Room                         |        | Classroom                             |
| OLQP Primary School parents           | 10.00. |                                       |
| OLQP Primary School parents           | 11.00. |                                       |
| Saturday                              |        |                                       |
| Computer Room                         |        | Classroom                             |
|                                       | 9.00.  | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |
|                                       | 10.00. | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |
|                                       | 11.00. | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |
|                                       | 12.00. | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |
|                                       | 13.00. | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |
| Womens Studies Tutorials              | 14.00. | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |
| Womens Studies Tutorials              | 15.00. | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |
|                                       | 16.00. | Diploma in Drugs & Alcohol Work       |