



50 PATHWAYS-TO-COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Below is a list of activities to build excitement about college for your students:

1. Have younger students follow current 6th years with their college selection process this year (through letters, emails, visits).
2. Plan a college road trip; include a map and route, budget, where would you visit and why.
3. Fill out a CAO form. This is fun to do with 2nd through 5th year.
4. Have students write to colleges to get catalogues, admission videos, and/or merchandise.
5. Think into the future by writing a letter home from college describing the experience.
6. Ensure that all students can take home a picture of themselves on a college campus.
7. Decorate classroom doors in college colours/ logos.
8. Visit a college campus as a year group.
9. Have college students/professors visit the school and speak to classes.
10. Have teachers talk about their college experience at the beginning of class.
11. Have a college gear day (wear hats, shirts.)
12. Display teacher diplomas in the front hall.
13. Have a notice board displaying recent 6th years that were accepted into colleges – A College Hall of Fame
14. Mark a road map and label colleges.
15. Look at campus maps and compare colleges from maps. What can you learn about college from just a map?
16. Brainstorm a list of as many colleges as you can think of without asking others.
17. Have a "college of the day" mentioned in the morning announcements.
18. Decorate hallways with college gear.
19. Do an online college scavenger hunt.
20. Follow college teams.
21. Have the school library display college catalogues, books, and other resources for students and parents.
22. Send home a list to parents about helpful websites about college.
23. Make a collage using old college catalogues.
24. Interview teachers/parents/community adults/mentors about their college experiences.
25. Have a school-based college fair with local alums representing their alma mater.
26. Check out www.studentfinance.ie to learn more about ways to finance your college education.
27. Interview current college students.
28. Collect pictures of teachers when they were in college and make a teacher college face book.
29. Attend a college sporting event.
30. Buy supplies at the college bookstore to use as class prizes.
31. Research about different college courses.
32. Have a school-wide college trivia question each day.
33. Make a list to compare secondary school to college.
34. Make a list of dream jobs/careers and look at the level of education needed.
35. Love history? Find out how certain colleges were started and when.
36. Have 6th year students talk to younger students about their college search.
37. Make a list of different kinds of colleges (two-year; four-year; public, private); find examples of each and how they differ.
38. Invite parents on a college trip.
39. Have students ask parents and other relatives and friends about how they learned about college and/or selected one.
40. Throughout the year, weave two minutes about college into what the class is currently studying, reading, and discussing.
41. Let parents know about free activities, art shows, and exhibits happening on the college campus in the school's weekly parent newsletter.
42. Have college students demonstrate a science experiment.
43. Find out the difference between an Institute of Technology and a University.
44. Discuss the phrase "There is a college for everyone."
45. Write a song or a poem about college.
46. Take pictures when visiting a campus and have students present their experience to younger students.
47. Find out where favorite authors and inventors went to college.
48. Check out the HEAR/ DARE website to find out about alternative entry routes www.accesscollege.ie
49. Have students make a list of all the people who could help support them in their quest for college.
50. Make a shoebox collage with college names, facts, and interesting tidbits.

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