

the top 1,000 Irish businesses

business



SUCCESS: Tim Kenny, group finance director, Musgrave Group, and Chris Martin, chief executive, Musgrave Group. The company is ranked in seventh spot with its turnover increasing from €2.7 billion to €3.7 billion in the last 12 months.

Cork listings in top 1,000

NUMBERING system: Cork ranking first, then overall position in brackets; third figure is turnover estimate.

1. (4) ADM Ireland Holdings & Subsidiaries, €7.7 billion.
2. (7) Musgrave Group, €3.7 billion.
3. (10) Janssen Pharmaceutical (Irl) €2.8 billion.
4. (12) EMC Ireland €2.4 billion.
5. (19) Apple Computer International €1.975 million.
6. (46) Dairygold €876 million.
7. (58) Bord Gais Eireann €755 million.
8. (61) Pepsi Cola International €750 million.
9. (71) Conoco Phillips €560 million.
10. (80) Glaxo SmithKline (Cork) €450 million.
11. (85) Eli Lilly €400 million.
12. (88) Schering Plough (Brinny) €400 million.
13. (91) Pfizer Ireland Ringaskiddy API Plant €378.1 million.
14. (106) Banta Global Turnkey €316.3 million.
15. (109) Heineken Ireland € 311 million.
- 16 (112) De Puy (Ireland) €300 million.
17. (126) Henry Ford & Son €275.08 million.
18. (135) GE Healthcare €260 million
19. (146) Flextronics International Cork €235 million.
20. (184) Barry's of Mallow €182.7 million.
- 21 (190) Carbery Group €178.9 million.
22. (210) Millipore Ireland €162 million.
23. (211) Sanmina SCI €161 million.
24. (221) GN ReSound Ireland €155 million.
25. (223) Fournier Labs Ireland €152.12 million.
26. (240) Bon Secours Health Systems €137 million.
27. (254) Johnson & Perrott — Avis Licencee €125 million.
28. (261) Bowen Group €123.8 million.
29. (264) John Fleming Construction €123.01 million.
30. (277) Novartis Ringaskiddy €117.6 million.

31. (294) Beamish & Crawford €106 million.
32. (295) Cross Refrigeration (Irl) €105 million.
- 33 (307) East Cork Oil Company €101.66 million.
34. (311) Choice Hotel Group €100 million.
35. (343) O'Flynn Construction €89.9 million.
36. (355) Goulding Chemicals €83 million.
37. (362) FMC International €80 million.
38. (375) Thomas Crosbie Holdings/Irish Examiner €76.5 million.
- 39 (388) John A Wood €75 million.
40. (390) O'Callaghan Properties €74.34 million.
41. (394) Tyco Sensomatic €73.4 million.
42. (395) Allied Foods €73.1 million.
43. (396) Drinagh Co-op €73.01 million.
44. (400) Cork Co-operative Marts €72 million.
45. (413) M/A-Com Eurotec BV €70 million.
46. (421) GW Biggs & Co €67 million.
47. (441) Kevin O'Leary Motor Group €64 million.
48. (445) Kentech Group €63 million.
49. (467) Howley Civil Engineering €60 million.
50. (469) Marathon Oil Ireland €60 million.
51. (485) Alps Electric Ireland €58 million.
52. (489) Motorola Ireland €58 million.
53. (490) Murnane & O'Shea €58 million.
54. (523) Barryroe Co-operative €54 million.
55. (527) Blarney Woollen Mills €53.7 million.
56. (533) O'Brien & O'Flynn €51.8 million.
57. (549) Pfizer Cork €50 million.
58. (551) Punch Holdings €50 million.
59. (559) Barry Fitzwilliam Maxium €48.5 million.
60. (564) Newmarket Co-operative Creameries €48 million.
61. (574) Grainger Sawmills €46

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62. (585) ICI Dulux Paints Ireland €45 million.
63. (610) Yves Rocher Manufacturing Ireland €42.7 million.
64. (613) EPS Pumping & Treatment System €42.2 million.
65. (619) Kearys of Cork €41.9 million.
66. (625) Bandon Co-op Agri & Dairy Society €41 million.
67. (633) Cashmans Bookmakers €40 million.
68. (637) Irish International Trading Corp (Cork) €40 million.
69. (643) McCarthy Commercials €40 million.
70. (695) DCC Ireland €35.66 million.
71. (707) Galvins Wine & Spirits €35 million.
72. (710) Lisavaird Co-op €35 million.
73. (722) Farmatone Connectors International €34 million.
74. (725) Cognis Ireland €33.7 million.
75. (729) Freefoam Plastics €33.35 million.
76. (741) Resort Condominiums International €32.62 million.
77. (743) Ferrero Ireland €32.5 million.
78. (750) Barrys Tea €32 million.
79. (765) Quality Plastics €31 million.
80. (783) Horgan's Delicatessen Supplies €30 million.
81. (795) John F Supply €29.77 million.
82. (807) Collins Supervalu €28.8 million.
83. (810) Topps International €28.25 million.
- 84 (836) Southern Milling €27 million.
85. (837) Castletownbere Fishermans Co-op Society €26.8 million.
86. (854) Kerry Bio Science €25.8 million.
87. (859) Sifco Turbine Components €25.38 million.
88. (864) APW Cork €25 million.
89. (865) CAB Motor Co €25 million.
90. (866) Cambrex Cork €25 million.
91. (905) SWS Group €24 million.
92. (909) Uponor €23.4 million.
93. (919) O'Donovan's Off licence €23 million.
- Financial companies: 77. Bupa.

O'Shea on Monday



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Top tips on how not to sit your exams

ROBERT O'SHEA
on the start of the
Leaving Cert on
Wednesday

WEDNESDAY promises to be a day of great tension across the country. Not only will Ireland play a crucial World Cup qualifier in the Faroe Islands, but thousands of students will also sit their Leaving Cert.

As a participant in the 1998 exam (*Othello*, *Silas Marner*, plucking and abrasion, the Consumer Information Act 1978, *Peig*, Venn diagrams, the Gaelic League, the Weimar Republic and Yeats came up) I feel I am experienced enough to fulminate on the subject.

Exams are not a true test of your knowledge like TV programmes such as *The Weakest Link* or *Who wants to be a Millionaire?* Exams are just some stupid questions on some stupid subject. In the real world people don't 'test' you. They show you how to do something and then they say, "Now you do that" and you do it and they say something like, "Good job."

So don't worry too much.

While it's probably too late now to cram the whole curriculum, let me give some practical advice that might make the whole process easier.

There you are on Wednesday, sitting in the exam hall scratching your forehead away, having not done enough revision.

It is time to turn over your paper. Do that. Now calmly survey the room and relax. The only head up is yours, everyone else is writing; the invigilator is smiling at you. Don't worry. Light a cigarette. Enjoy it, because now it's time to get down to business.

Circle the questions you plan on doing. Maybe you have to answer three out of eight questions. You will end up circling, say, six that you would be willing to answer. Divide that number by two and you will have the three questions you have selected.

If a question is worth 25% of the marks and the exam lasts three hours, you should spend approximately 42 minutes and 17 seconds answering it (bring a stopwatch!). If your time management doesn't work out as well as you had planned, use the tried and tested formula of a long first answer, a short second and an even shorter third.

Watch out! It is easy to be misled by the question and see what you want to see rather than what is actually there. This is known as hallucinating. To avoid this, always approach each question in the same way:

(a) First thing you should do is underline the important words (or as I like to call them, "key words") in the question.

(b) Underline the rest of the words in the question as it is confusing to read only the "key words."

(c) Highlight the "key words" with a luminous marker.

The first word in the question will usually be something along the lines of the theorise, analyse, describe, illustrate, evaluate, discuss, hammer home, consider, comment on, compare, contrast,

criticise, assess, express as a fraction, outline, explain, consider, define, re-define, argue for. These all mean about the same thing: get down as much information as fast as the biro will carry you.

Make sure you never, ever leave an answer blank. Write something. Something interesting that happened to you while you were on holidays. Or the answer to a maths question in an English exam and they'll think there was some mix-up at Education Headquarters.

Another thing you could do if you cannot think of an answer is rip the pages out of the answerbook and when the results are returned, say that it was the staples' fault and demand that you be allowed to re-sit the exam. Get another answerbook during the exam and write around a page of an answer starting mid-sentence. At the top of the page write, "Gee, this binding is a lot better than the last one." Then cross this sentence out so it won't seem so obvious that you want them to read it, but their subsequent investigation will turn it up.

One final thought.

Never lick the thing to seal the answerbook. My most potent memory from seven years ago is the acrid taste from those seals. Instead, spit a little saliva on your thumb and rub it on.

What you learn when you get a job after the Leaving Cert is that the recalled knowledge you are tested on is useless in the real world. In the real world we have the internet at our beck and call 24/7. And it is there that I found two of the best bits of advice on exams, especially if you are definitely going to repeat. They are not very useful, but I offer my heartfelt admiration to anyone willing to do one of these in the forthcoming tests.

1. Fifteen minutes into the exam, stand up, rip up all the papers into very small pieces, throw them into the air and yell out "Merry Christmas." Then ask for another copy of the exam. Say you lost the first one.

2. Walk in, get the exam, sit down. About five minutes into it, loudly say to the invigilator: "I don't understand ANY of this. I've been studying this stuff for two years! What's the deal? And who the hell are you? Where's the regular guy?"

WARNING: This article was written in a tongue-in-cheek style that the author in no way recommends any student should follow during their important examinations in the coming weeks. He cannot be held responsible for any future loss of earning power for students who follow any of the preceding advice.