



## **Retail a good Career Choice for Leaving Cert Recipients**

Retail Excellence, Ireland's largest retail representative organisation, has today (16<sup>th</sup> August) extended a hearty congratulations to all Leaving Certificate students who have received their results after years of studying.

The industry body has also urged students to consider the world of opportunities that exists for school-leavers in the retail industry.

Spokesperson for the organisation Lorraine Higgins said: "Many wrongly consider retail as a temporary career move when in fact lots of magnificent permanent opportunities exist in the industry. People who start working in retail straight out of school develop a range of life-skills and can aspire to further education and development with many of our retailers investing in good employees. Opportunities for career advancement are particularly focused in the areas of IT and eCommerce but also HR, marketing and sales and accountancy."

"Irish retailers employ over 282,000 workers across the state making the retail industry the largest private industry employer in Ireland. Many of our members have exciting expansion plans which augurs well for further job creation and recent school leavers could potentially be the largest beneficiaries of these new employment opportunities."

"We at Retail Excellence extend our warmest congratulations to all those receiving their Leaving Certificate results today and express our hope that many of these new school leavers become the future stars of the industry."

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### **About Retail Excellence**

Established in 1995, Retail Excellence is owned by the members, for the members. We are an organisation which invests in innovative and exciting learning, market intelligence, human resources services, Government representation and member networking initiatives. Retail Excellence has over 1,750 leading retail companies in Ireland. Our members are the most progressive and innovative retailers. Retail Excellence is by far the largest retail industry body in Ireland.