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October 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

We would like to give you some information on the Transition Year Guidance Programme. Students attend two career modules during the year. During these classes students complete a number of self-assessment questionnaires and are introduced to useful websites that will assist them to explore various career options. This year students are using the REACH+ Careers and College Preparation Programme. Details on this programme are available on www.careersportal.ie.

In October and November the students will take the My Eirquest interest and CAT 4 Aptitude assessments.

TY 1 & TY2 - Wednesday 25th October, Periods 1,2,3

TY 3 & TY 4 - Wednesday 8th November, Periods 2,3,4

TY 5 - Wednesday 29th November, Periods 1,2,3

My Eirquest assessment reveals a picture of the student's stronger career interests. The CAT 4 Aptitude test assesses a student's reasoning abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. CAT4 comprises the following sections:

Verbal Reasoning Battery – thinking with words

Quantitative (or Numerical) Reasoning Battery – thinking with numbers

Non-verbal Reasoning Battery – thinking with shapes

Spatial Ability Battery – thinking with shape and space

These results are relevant in making college course and career decisions and they also explore a student's thinking and learning styles. These assessments are used to assist students in recognising their strengths and so aid them in making their subject choice for the Leaving Certificate.

It is vital that students are in school on the above days to complete these assessments. The tests will be completed during the school day and students will be given further information about them prior to the tests. These tests require each student's full attention but no preparation is required. Once they have completed the tests they will return to class.

The results of both assessments will be discussed with the students at an individual guidance meeting. The results of the My Eirquest interest assessment will be available online for you to view with your daughter. These results will be available in December. They are available at <https://login.myfuturechoice.com/> Students need to log into their account to access their results. The CAT4 4 results will be given to your daughter to bring home.

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If you have any queries or require further information regarding the assessments please contact us. In January we will be writing to you with further information about Leaving Certificate subject choice.

Yours faithfully

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