

***Re: Senior Cycle 2021***

Dear Transition Year Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In the coming weeks, all Transition Year students will be required to make decisions regarding Senior Cycle. The guidance counsellor will provide information sessions on programme and subject choice this week and subject teachers will provide details of course content in each subject. All 5<sup>th</sup> year students (2021/2022) will study Irish (except where a student has an exemption), English, Maths, PE, Religion and four option subjects. Students will select six subjects in order of merit from the following options:

Art, Music, Home Economics, Physical Education, Religious Education  
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science  
Business, Accounting, Economics,  
Construction Studies, Engineering, Design & Communication Graphs  
French, German, History, Geography

Every effort will be made to allocate students their top four choices. The provision of classes will be based on student demand and the allocation of teaching resources from the DES. An information session will take place on Zoom for parents/guardians on:

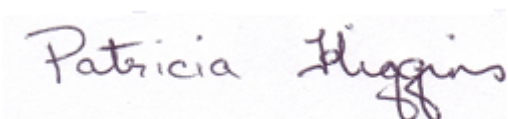
Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm

Subject Choice for Leaving Certificate & LCA

During the session, the guidance counsellor and programme coordinators will outline what is involved in Leaving Certificate Established, the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme. Details on how to enter the subject choice on VS Ware will also be presented at the zoom meeting. All subject choice information must be submitted on VS Ware by Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The Taoiseach announced last evening that remote learning will continue until 28<sup>th</sup> March for Transition Year students and that in-school tuition will resume after the Easter holidays. I appreciate that remote learning is very challenging for students, but we can take heart from the steady progress that is being made to suppress the virus in the country. There is great hope for the future with the arrival of spring and the roll-out of the vaccination campaign. I assure you that we will continue to do our best to support your son/daughter as they work towards the completion of Transition Year at Our Lady's.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patricia Higgins'.

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Principal

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021