



Dear Parents/Guardians of TY Students,

Next Thursday, January 16th, Scoil Dara's TY Parent Teacher Meeting will take place.

This year, we are trialling a new format, with a focus being placed on subject choice for 5th year. In the next few days, you will receive your child's CAT4 assessment scores, by post. This assessment scoresheet will give valuable insight and guide students as they choose their option subjects for 5th year and the pathways through senior cycle.

We ask that you bring this CAT4 Assessment form with you next Thursday. Scoil Dara wishes to stress the importance of the presentation that will take place at 4.15pm. It will outline clearly to parents how the CAT4 assessment can be interpreted and used to effectively support students when choosing subjects/pathways through senior cycle.

It is also requested that TY students accompany their parents to this PTM, to gain full value from the experience.

4.15pm	CAT4 and subject choice presentation by Ms. Kenny and Mr. Ryan
4.40pm – 6.10pm	Subject Fair for LC Option Subjects in P.E Hall + Core Subjects Parent Teacher Meeting (English, Gaeilge and Maths), teachers of these subjects will be situated in rooms close to the hall for parents to visit, as is normal procedure
6.10pm	CAT4 and subject choice presentation by Ms. Kenny and Mr. Ryan

At 4.40pm, parents will have the opportunity to experience a subject fair, in our PE Hall. Here, stalls will be set up for all the option subjects. Parents can circulate the hall, speak to teachers of these subjects to gain full insight into the structure and make-up of each subject at Leaving Certificate level. It is hoped that this will support students and parents in making the right subject choice for Senior Cycle.

At this same time, parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers of our Core subjects (Gaeilge, English and Mathematics), in rooms, as is normally the case with PTMs. Parents are asked to divide their time equally between the subject fair and the core subjects PTM.

We look forward to meeting you all there next Thursday.



M. McDonagh