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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well during these challenging times. Normally at this time of the school year, we would be meeting with Transition Year students and their parents/guardians to outline their options for Senior Cycle here in Abbey Community College.

As a result of Covid-19 and our current period of remote teaching and learning, the school cannot provide the usual information sessions for students and parents about their options for Senior Cycle. This year, we will move to online information to support students and their parents/guardians in making their choices.

We invite you to our *Virtual Options Evening*, this Thursday, 4th February, 2021 at 6.00pm.

Presentations for Senior Cycle Options will be available from 6.00pm on Abbey Community College's YouTube page.

This page can be found on our school website homepage or by clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuvbVLOU4LhQGTvtV2U8LrA>

Presentations will be available on the following options for Senior Cycle in Abbey Community College:

- 5th Year Leaving Certificate Subject Choice
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

The option that your child makes for Senior Cycle in Abbey Community College should be carefully considered and discussed with you, their parents/guardians. More resources which will help both students and parents/guardians make this informed choice are available on our school website under the section *Curriculum – Senior Cycle Options* or by clicking the following link: <http://www.abbeycommunitycollege.com/page/Senior-Cycle-Options/6713/Index.html>

We would ask that all supporting materials (Virtual Options Evening Presentations and Resources on Website) are reviewed and discussed by students and their parents/guardians.

Once you have made the decision on which option you would like your child to take for Senior Cycle, please note the process and dates of submission / application for the relevant option:

5th Year – Leaving Certificate Subject Choice

1. An *Assignment* will be posted to the Transition Year Group Team (Transition Year Class of 2020/21) on *Microsoft Teams* on Friday, 5th February at 09.00am. Students will be directed to one *Form*. **This *Form* must be completed by Thursday, 11th February at 12.00pm.**
2. VSware Submission of Subject Preferences: Parents/Guardians must log into their VSware account and enter their child's subject preferences for 5th year. Although, four subjects are to be chosen alongside the core three (English, Mathematics and Irish), all students, with their parents/guardians agreement, will select six subject preferences with number one being their first choice etc. We will make every effort to ensure that students get four of these six subjects, however, it is particularly important that careful consideration is given to all six preferences. **Subject preferences can be entered on VSware from 09.00am on Friday, 5th February until 12.00pm on Thursday, 11th February.** A video demo of how to enter subject preferences on VSware can be found [here](#).

5th Year – Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

An *Assignment* will be posted to the Transition Year Group Team (Transition Year Class of 2020/21) on *Microsoft Teams* on Friday, 5th February at 09.00am. Students who have chosen to apply for the Leaving Certificate Applied for September 2021 will be directed to two *Forms*. **Both *Forms* must be completed by Thursday, 11th February at 12.00pm.**

As always, we are here to answer questions and support you in this decision-making process. If you have queries, after reviewing the presentations from our *Virtual Options Evening*, please contact the relevant staff via email at info@abbeycommunitycollege.com

5th Year Leaving Cert Subject Choice

Ms. Tynan: Guidance Counsellor

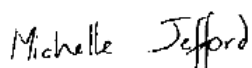
Ms. Finnegan: Guidance Counsellor

5th Year Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

Ms. Doherty: Programme Co-ordinator

We wish to thank you for your continued support of Abbey Community College.

Yours sincerely



Michelle Jefford

Principal