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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing regarding your son/daughter's forthcoming assessment in **Leaving Certificate Computer Science**.

As you may know the final award is split between 3 assessment pieces, these are listed below:

- **2 x Exams** (on the same day in May / June) – worth a combined 70% of award
  - **Sections A** (Short answers) & **Section B** (Long Answers)
    - Section A: (answer any 9 of 12 questions)
    - Section B: (answer any 2 of 3 questions )  
(Sections A & B are a written exam paper and duration is 1.5 hours)
    - Section C Python coding (1 hour) – on computer.
- **1 x Coursework Project** – worth 30% of award

For the **Coursework Project**, the State Examinations Commission (SEC) set the students a brief outlining a 'problem', they then have 12 weeks to plan, design, build and test a solution to this problem, using a combination of the software management process and any number of the technical skills taught in class.

Upon deadline, their completed reports and code are loaded onto an online cloud space where the SEC will assess accordingly. This will be done under the framework of the level they take in the final exam (higher or ordinary).

The SEC have just released to me the following information that I wish to share with you.

The coursework brief will be sent to schools **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 and completion date is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. The 2 areas of their course which it will cover are *Information Systems and Data Analytics*.

Please make a note of this information so you are aware of these key dates in your child's education.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [tim.slight@abbeycommunitycollege.com](mailto:tim.slight@abbeycommunitycollege.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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