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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find enclosed information regarding **Senior Cycle Options for current Third Year students** in Abbey Community College.

Information sessions regarding *Senior Cycle Options* are being provided to third year students in school. An assembly will also take place for all third year students. For students who may be absent from school, this information will be available on their *Third Year – Year Group Team*.

The option that your child makes for *Senior Cycle* in Abbey Community College should be carefully considered and discussed with you, their parents/guardians. Following our *Senior Cycle Information Talks*, parents/guardians and students can access all presentations, information and supporting materials regarding all *Senior Cycle Options* on our school website [here](#).

Senior Cycle Options for third year students in Abbey Community College:

- Transition Year
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Leaving Certificate Established - Subject Choice
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

Once a decision has been made 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:

### **Transition Year**

A Microsoft Form will be posted to the third year *Year Group Team* on Microsoft Teams on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Students who have chosen to apply for Transition Year for September 2025 must complete this form with their parent/guardian by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 5.00 pm. This form must be completed by both students and their parents/guardians. An application to Transition Year received after the specified deadline is considered a late application.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Year – Leaving Certificate Subject Choice**

1. A Microsoft Form will be posted to the third year *Year Group Team* on Microsoft Teams on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Students who have chosen to move directly to 5<sup>th</sup> year in September 2025 must complete this form by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 5.00 pm.
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 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 until 5.00 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A video demonstration of how to enter subject preferences on VSware can be found [here](#).

Please note that all subject choices submitted within the allocated timeframe will be entered into the first round of subject choice allocation. Any late submissions will be processed thereafter.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Year – Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)**

A Microsoft Form will be posted to the third year *Year Group Team* on Microsoft Teams on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Students who have chosen to apply for the Leaving Certificate Applied programme for September 2025 must complete this form with their parent/guardian by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 5.00 pm.

As always, we are here to answer questions and support you in this decision-making process. If you have queries, after reviewing the presentations, information and supporting materials on our website, please contact the relevant staff via email at [info@abbeycommunitycollege.com](mailto:info@abbeycommunitycollege.com)

### Transition Year

Mr. B. Cahill: TY Year Head

Ms. Doherty: Programme Co-Ordinator

### 5<sup>th</sup> Year Leaving Cert Subject Choice

Ms. Lyons: Guidance Counsellor

Ms. Finnegan: Guidance Counsellor

Ms. Tynan: Guidance Counsellor

### 5<sup>th</sup> Year Leaving Certificate Applied

(LCA)

Ms. Connery: LCA Student/Teacher Link

Ms. Doherty: Programme Co-ordinator

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

Yours sincerely

*Michelle Jefford*

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