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Dear Transition Year Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to you to inform you that your son has received a report from their recent 'Career Fit Series' aptitude and occupational interest's assessments they each undertook. This is a highly informative document, and we urge you to sit down and read and discuss the findings of this report with your son. The report has been sent to your son's school email address.

The Careers Fit assessment has two separate but interlinking sections. The first section of the test examines student's aptitude in three areas: verbal reasoning (ability to use and Manipulate words), numerical reasoning (ability to solve problems and manipulate with numbers) and abstract reasoning (ability to see relationships between objects, patterns, diagrams, and problem solve). The second part of the assessment questions students on their occupational interests. The results of both tests (strengths and interests) are correlated and linked to 16 potential career possibilities.

Possessing such insightful findings will help your son identify their strengths within the fields of verbal, numerical and abstract reasoning. This is extremely useful when considering their upcoming senior cycle subject choice (see suggestions on table, page two of this document, which links strengths to subjects).

Furthermore, should your son wish to consider any of the 16 possible career options suggested, they should consider researching what subjects are required (subject requirement) or would be beneficial to them, for entry into a higher education course, apprenticeship, etc. in pursuit of their career path.

I hope the information from the report encourages your son to reflect on their strengths and occupational interests and provokes thought or opens a conversation between you and your son about their future.

Please note, this table is not exhaustive of all subjects linked to the area of strength, it is a mere guide.

| Verbal Reasoning | Numerical Reasoning | Abstract Reasoning |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| English | Maths | Chemistry |
| History | Accounting | Physics |
| Geography | Applied Maths | Biology |
| Languages | Computer Science | Art |
| Biology | Physics / Chemistry | Music |
| Business Studies | Engineering | Applied Maths |
| Society and Politics | | DCG |
| Agricultural Science | | Engineering/ Construction Studies |

There will be subject choice workshops offered to your sons over the next two weeks and a parent's information evening in March to support you and your son with their senior cycle subject choice. If we can be of further support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards, Caitriona Phelan Career Guidance Counsellor St. Mary's CBS Portlaoise

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