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Dear Parent/Guardian

S3 Options Presentation 6pm
S3 Parents' Evening 6.30 - 8.30pm
S3 Options Presentation 8pm

This package includes important information for parents of pupils in S3. Please take time to read all the information provided and keep your child's report for reference at the forthcoming Parents' Evening.

The S3 Parents' Evening will be held on **Wednesday 13 February 2019** from **6.30pm to 8.30pm**.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to attend a short presentation on options at **6pm and 8pm** in the canteen which will be given by Mr Magowan and Mrs McGonigal. There are two presentation times to allow parents the opportunity to attend one, at a time that suits.

An appointment sheet for the Parents' Evening is enclosed. Please can you indicate on the sheet the teachers you would like to see and sign it. Pupils can then start to make appointments directly with teachers. Please can you also bring the appointment sheet with you on the evening, it is the only copy of your appointments.

Appointments are of five minute duration. A five minute gap has been built into your child's appointment sheet to allow for 'travelling time'. Please note that although your child's appointment sheet has these gaps, the teachers' sheets do not. Half of the year group will have been issued with 'even' times and the other half with 'odd' times. A bell will ring every five minutes to facilitate the smooth running of appointments.

Also enclosed is your son's/daughter's S3 Report which I hope you find informative. It should provide you with a clear picture of your child's attitude, progress and effort in each subject as well as an indication from their teachers about appropriate levels of study in the subject should they consider it as an option for the Senior Phase. Please note that:

- if more than one teacher has taught your child's class, all will be named in the report. Your child will tell you the current teacher for Parents' Evening appointments.
- Behaviour and homework will be graded Excellent, Good, Inconsistent, Needs Improvement. Homework may be blank if not regularly issued.

At this stage pupils are considering their options for next year. They have been working on a draft version of the option form in class looking at possible pathways until they leave school and have completed their initial options, choosing the six subjects they would like to study without the restrictions of columns. The final options form will be issued to pupils after all considerations are made. In the meantime it is important that pupils consider their future beyond school and do as much research as possible about the possibilities available to them and the qualifications they might need in the future. They have already had some support for this in school and I would ask parents to take some time to sit down with their child and look at the Options Information Booklet when it is issued and use the 'My World of Work' website in advance of completing their final options.

All the documentation used with the pupils has been published on the school website and in google classroom. If any parent/pupil would like a printed copy, please see me. I will be available at Parents' Evening to answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 13 February 2019.

Yours faithfully

Mr Tom Magowan
Depute Headteacher