



Holy Family Community School 8th February 2021

Information Meeting for 6th Class Students and their
Parents/Guardian



School Personnel

Principal: Ms. Ingrid Fallon

Deputy Principals: Ms. Denise O'Keeffe, Mr. Derek Maher
& Mr. Liam Ferguson

Additional Needs Coordinator: Ms. Paula Dunne

Year Head: Mr. Pádraig Meredith

School Secretary: Ms. Lorraine O'Connell



First Year Classes



Mixed-Ability

Stanford

Balfe

Boyle

Bodley

Ó'Riada

O'Carolan

Wilson

Name:			
School: Holy Family Community School			
Group:			
Date of test.	Level: E	Age: 12:03	Sex: Male

Profile

Verbal	
Quantitative	
Non-verbal	
Spatial	

Summary

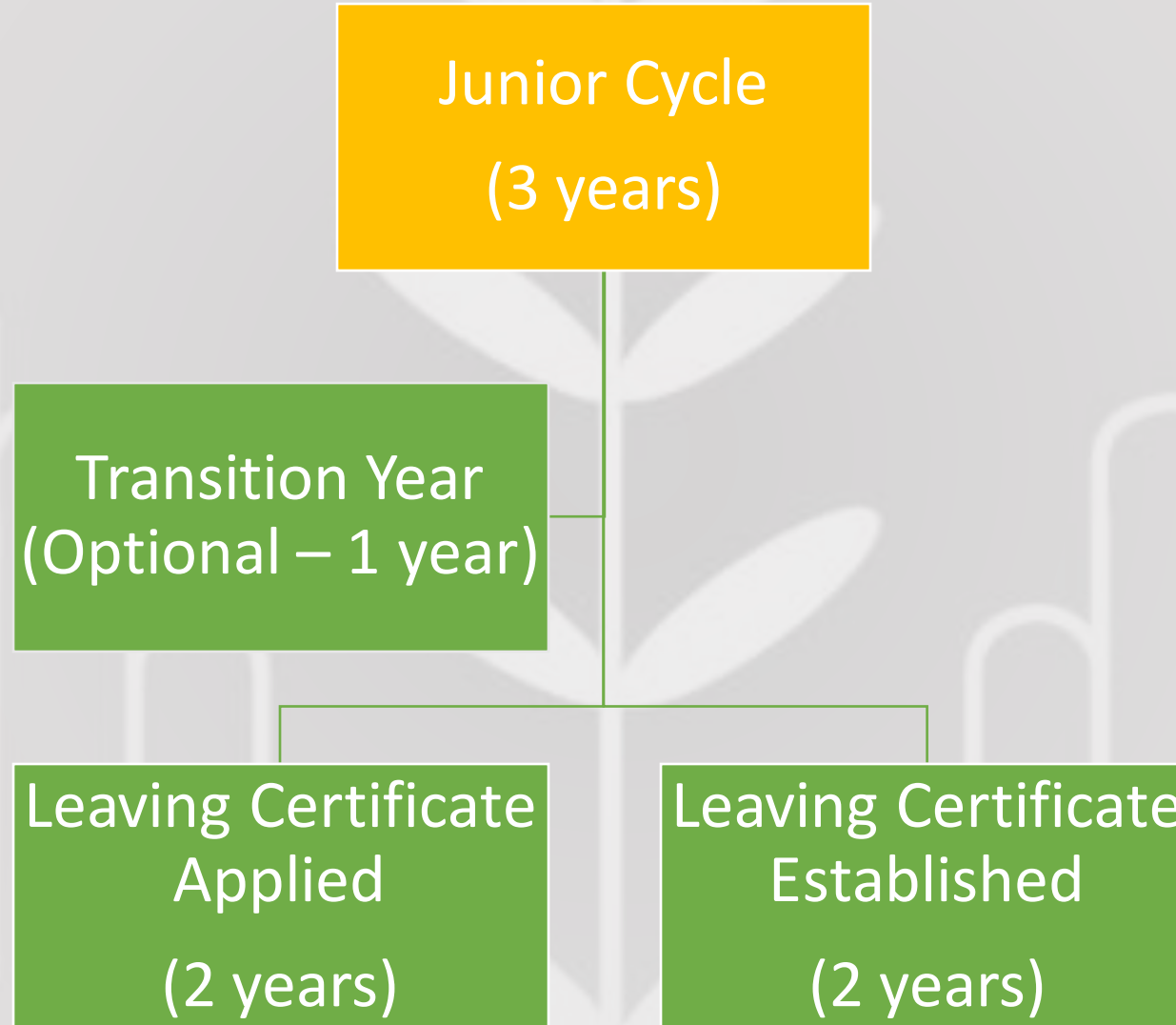
profile of scores from CAT4 is evenly balanced and this means that he can learn effectively number of different ways.

- is likely to learn by reading, writing notes and essays and discussing topics as well as use more hands-on approach across all subjects.
- This means that should be capable of doing well in many subjects.
- A clearer preference may develop over time which may help direct choices for the future
- should use a range of methods when learning and revising: reading, writing notes and use pictures, charts and diagrams (mind maps) to provide visual clues to help remember key facts and information.
- verbal skills can be developed further by reading widely from a range of sources like non-factual information and poetry and through books, the internet, newspapers and magazines.

First Year Assessment

- CAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) – Gives information on students' abilities, strengths and possible need for additional support
- Fee paid directly to the school
- Dates to be confirmed
- Parents/Guardians receive the results

School Programmes



New Junior Cycle Framework

- New Junior Cycle Specifications in all subjects
- Name of qualification: Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)
- Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) and Assessment Tasks (ATs)
- More details on all subjects:
<http://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/curriculum>



Junior Cycle Compulsory Subjects

Compulsory **Examination** Subjects

English

Gaeilge*

Geography

History

Mathematics

Science

Compulsory **Non-Examination** Subjects

Civil, Social
and Political
Education
(C.S.P.E.)

Digital
Wellbeing
(D.W.)

Physical
Education
(P.E.)

Religious
Education
(R.E.)

Social,
Personal
and Health
Education
(S.P.H.E.)

Junior Cycle Option Subjects

Modern
Foreign
Language
(Choose One)

French

German

Students to study two of these

Applied
Technology

Business

Engineering

Graphics

Home
Economics

Music

Visual Art

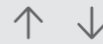
Wood
Technology

Junior Cycle Option Subjects Digital Form

1 Engineering



2 Applied Technology



3 Business Studies

4 Graphics

5 Home Economics

6 Music

7 Visual Art

8 Wood Technology

- Subjects option form issued online tonight (notification link via text)
- Students rank the subjects 1-5 in order of preference
- **Return subject options form by Friday, 19th February 2021 at 5pm**
- Impossible to give every student all their subject choices – every effort is made to give students their preferred options



Extra-Curricular Activities & Committees at Holy Family Community School:

Athletics, Amber Flag, Chess, Coding, Debating, GAA, Gaisce, Green Schools, Soccer, University Visits and Volunteering...



The Transition from Primary to Post – Primary

Change in school system: longer day; larger school; moving between classrooms; and following a timetable

Social change: old friends; new friends; from oldest to youngest; from one teacher to many teachers; impact of Covid19

Change in school-work: One-hour classes; new subjects; homework; assessment

Mentors: 6th year students who agree to be available to the first-year students to help with the transition from Primary to Secondary school

iPads: moving from only books to hybrid learning

A Typical School Day

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mon	22MATHS	2OPTB	22ENG	2OPTC	2OPTA	
	MATHS	HEC	ENG	ART	WOOD	SPHE
	C.KA	MMCC	S.CY	R.K	D.T	P.M
	33	13*	33	31	28	33
Tue		2GAE		2SCIA		22MATH
	RE	GAE	HIST	SCI	GEOG	MATHS
	T.OB	M.MOY	O.FI	M.FI, S.DeI	J.S	C.KA
	33	33	33	16	33	33
Wed	2SCIA		2TT	2OPTB		
	SCI	PE	WB	HEC	DW	
	M.FI	A.OG	Y, G	MMCC	G.ST	
	16	100	33	27	33	
Thu	22ENG	2OPTC	2OPTA		2GAE	
	ENG	ART	WOOD	RE	GAE	GEOG
	S.CY	R.K	D.T	T.OB	M.MOY	J.S
	33	31	28	33	33	33
Fri		22MATHS	2OPTC	22ENG	2SCIA	
	CSPE	MATHS	ART	ENG	SCI	HIST
	N.MCA	C.KA	R.K	S.CY	M.FI	O.FI
	33	33	31	33	16	33

15 minute Break

40 minute Lunch

- School starts at 8.45am
- One-hour classes
- School ends at 3.40pm
- Six classes a day and four on a Wednesday (finish at 1pm).
- Wednesday Wellbeing Time



Information Pack

- Information Pack published on the school website in early Summer
 - Class name
 - Uniform supplier
 - Book list & Book Shop information
 - Calendar
 - Personal Accident Insurance
 - Voluntary Contribution
 - Easy Payments Plus

School Communication

Facility ePORTAL Login details

Please enter your login details below, then click on the Login button.

Username

Password

Login



- SMS Text Messages
- School Website
- School Twitter
- School Dialann
- ePortal: Timetable, Behavioural, Attendance and Academic Reports

Mr. Gary Hoey

Education Solution
Specialist




Process



1. Online Store Opens
2. Place your order
3. Wriggle will set up and configure each students individual iPad with everything that they need
4. A second Online Store will open for books
5. The first delivery will include the iPad and “Getting Started Guide”
6. A second delivery will follow with all of the books
7. You will have full access to Wriggle’s support team, to help with any issues or questions

You will shortly receive a Parents Information Pack with full details of everything that you need to know

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device



Can I bring my own device, or buy my own iPad?

Question

This isn't an option for a number of important reasons, including:

1. **Wriggle place settings on each iPad before they are ever even switched on. This ensures the safe and secure use of each iPad by students.**
2. **These settings are also essential in enabling Wriggle to support you with any issues that may occur.**
3. **Each student needs to have the same device, so that they will all work in the same way, and have the same features and functionality.**



	32GB	128GB
Device	€379	€475
Heavy Duty Protective Case	€45	€45
Service and Support	€120	€120
Books	To Be Advised	To Be Advised
Insurance (Optional)	€7 - €8 p/m Approx.	€7 - €8 p/m Approx.

Option to Pay Monthly over 36 Months with no penalties for lump sums or early repayment

Any costs after 1st year are minimal (the purchase of a small number of books may be required)

*€850 is the expected approx. Total cost of the full bundle based on overall costs from last 2 years



Digital Learning

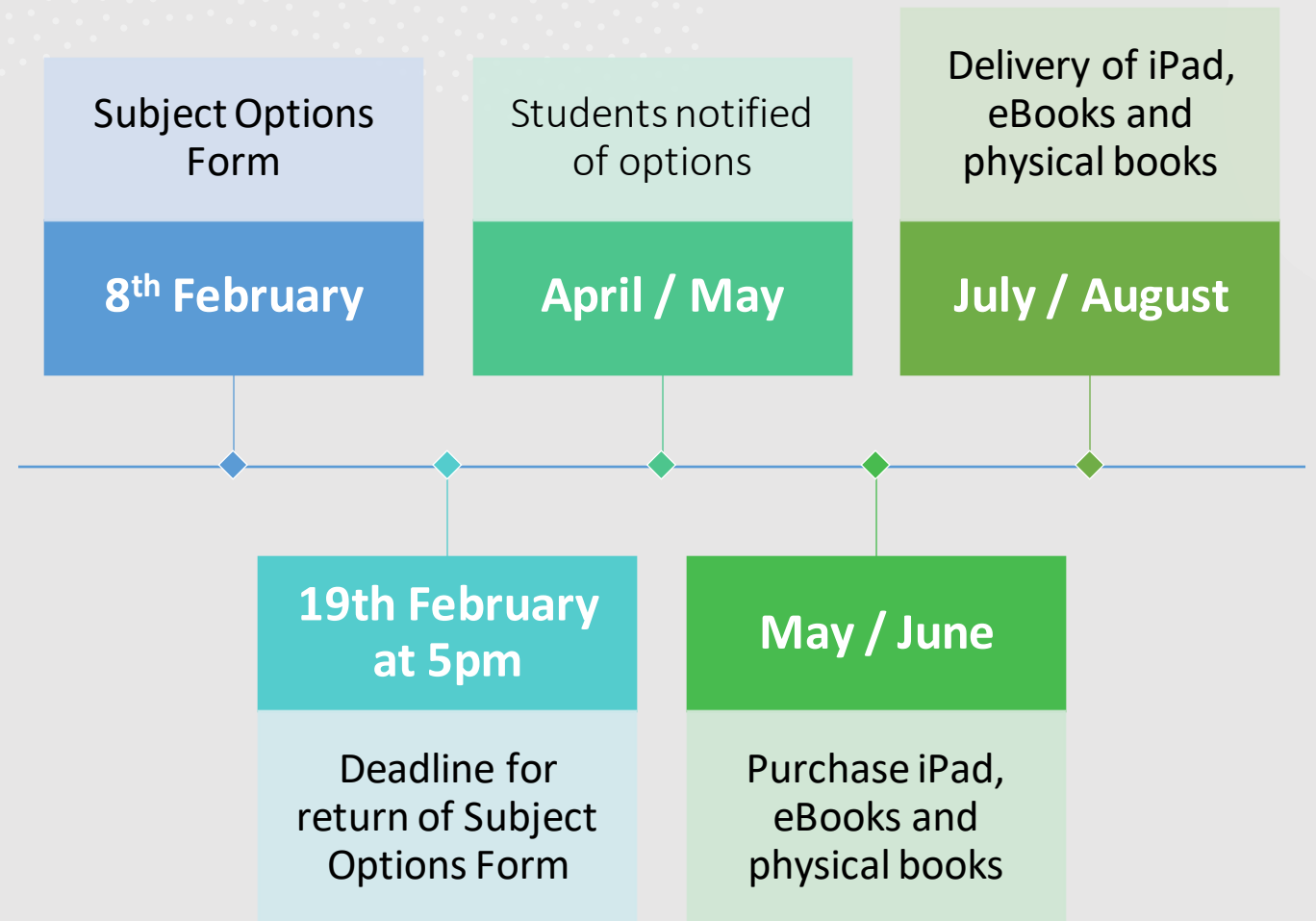
Benefits

- eBooks – lighter than ‘real’ books
- students develop skills required for the modern world
- facilitates self-directed learning

Students will:

- bring the iPad to class and leave the ‘real’ books at home
- use the iPad frequently but not continuously
- use the iPad as a book, a research tool, to record their work (ePortfolio)
- still complete written work

Important Dates



Contact Us:

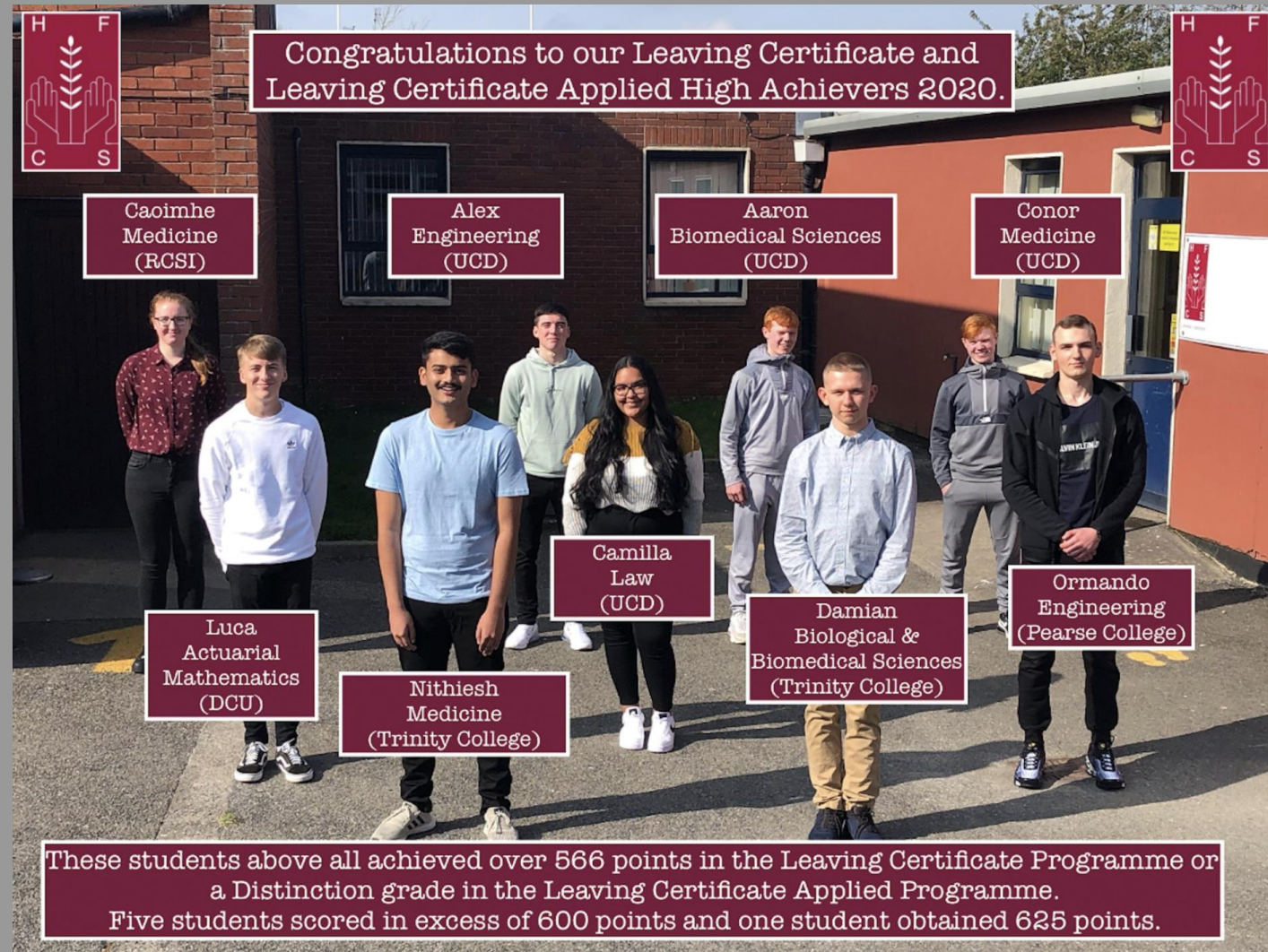
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Thank You for Listening



Education is Opportunity

Subject Optional Form is now available (link also sent via SMS message):

