



# Holy Family Community School 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Good Evening & Welcome.

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This webinar will start soon.

# School Personnel

Principal:

Ms. Ingrid Fallon

Deputy Principals:

Ms. Denise O'Keeffe

Dr. Derek Maher

Mr. Liam Ferguson

Secretary:

Ms. Lorraine O'Connell

Clerical Officer:

Ms. Elaine Quinn

Additional Needs  
Coordinator:

Mr. Michael Savage

# The Transition from Primary to Post – Primary

Change in school system

Social change

Change in school-work

Mentors

Free Book Scheme

iPad

# A Typical School Day

- 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
- 15-minute break & 40-minute lunch
- Home Pass

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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11:00	Sci 1Sci-7.1 Rm. 17	Fre 1Fre-2.1 Rm. A2		Geo 1Geo-A Rm. A2	His 1His-A Rm. A2
12:00	Fre 1Fre-2.1 Rm. A2	His 1His-A Rm. A2	Rel 1Rel-A Rm. A2	Eng 1Eng-A Rm. 2	Hom 1Hom-3.1 Rm. 13*
13:00			Mat 1Mat-A Rm. A2		
13:40	Bus 1Bus-1.5 Rm. 24	Geo 1Geo-A Rm. A2		Iri 1Iri-4.1 Rm. A2	Mat 1Mat-A Rm. A2
14:40	Rel 1Rel-A Rm. A2	Dig 1Dig-A Rm. A2		Fre 1Fre-2.1 Rm. A2	Iri 1Iri-4.1 Rm. A2

# School Programmes

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Junior Cycle  
(3 years)

Transition Year  
(Optional – 1  
year)

Leaving Certificate  
Applied  
(2 years)

Leaving Certificate  
Established  
(2 years)

# 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.)

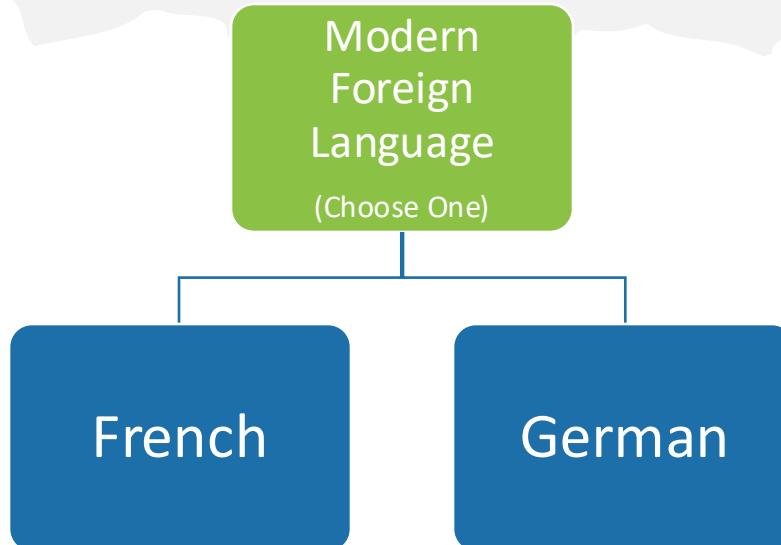
Digital  
Wellbeing  
(D.W.)

Physical  
Education  
(P.E.)

Religious  
Education  
(R.E.)

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

# Junior Cycle Option Subjects (Resource Dependent)



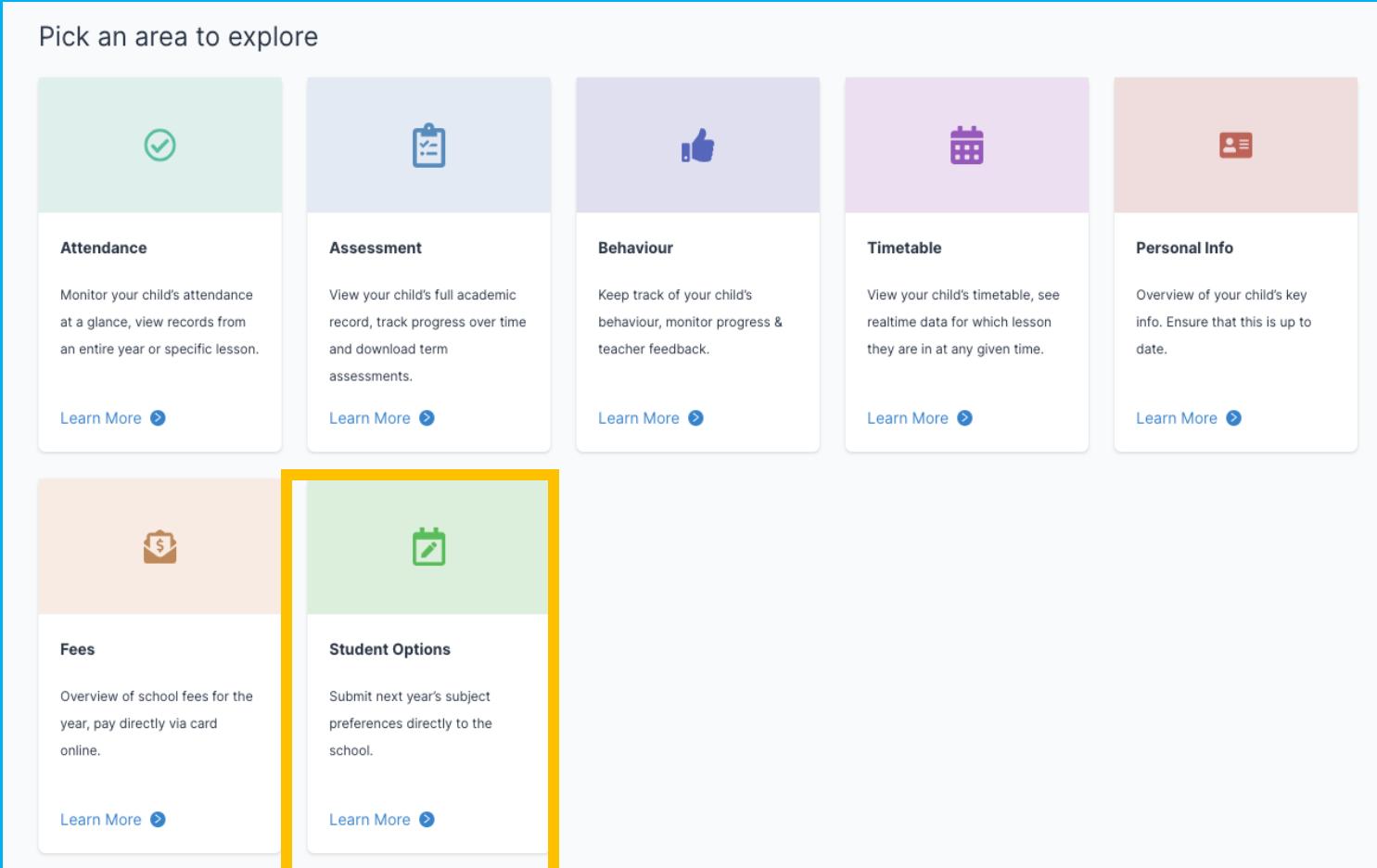
Students study two of these



# Junior Cycle Option Subjects

## Digital Form (VSware)

Pick an area to explore



The screenshot shows a grid of features:

- Attendance**: Monitor your child's attendance at a glance, view records from an entire year or specific lesson. [Learn More](#)
- Assessment**: View your child's full academic record, track progress over time and download term assessments. [Learn More](#)
- Behaviour**: Keep track of your child's behaviour, monitor progress & teacher feedback. [Learn More](#)
- Timetable**: View your child's timetable, see realtime data for which lesson they are in at any given time. [Learn More](#)
- Personal Info**: Overview of your child's key info. Ensure that this is up to date. [Learn More](#)
- Fees**: Overview of school fees for the year, pay directly via card online. [Learn More](#)
- Student Options**: Submit next year's subject preferences directly to the school. [Learn More](#)

- **Subjects option available from tomorrow morning (9<sup>th</sup> January 2026)**
  - **Step 1: Students choose their preferred Modern Foreign Language**
  - **Step 2: Students choose their preferred option subjects and must rank them 1 – 4 (1 being the most preferred)**
- **Must be completed by Friday, 16th January 2026 at 3pm**
- **Impossible to give every student all their subject choices – every effort is made to give students their preferred options**

# School Communication

Importance of  
correct mobile  
number

VWare  
Notifications (turn  
on notifications)

VWare: Timetable,  
Behavioural,  
Attendance and  
Academic Reports

School Website

School and Parents'  
Council Social  
Media

School Dialann  
(Journal)

Vware is for  
Parents/Guardians  
only



# Extra-Curricular Activities & Committees at Holy Family Community School (before/during/after school):

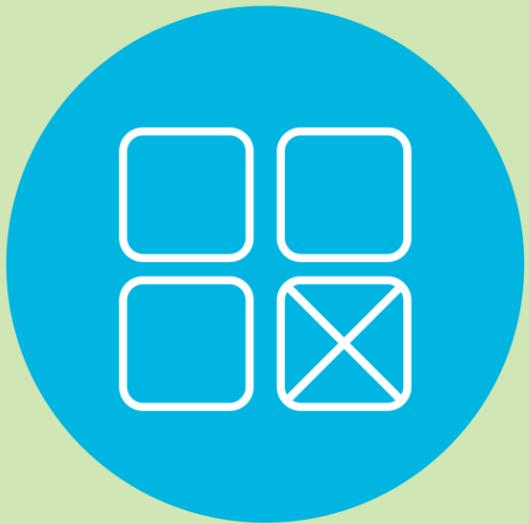
Athletics, Amber Flag, Beo, Chess, Crafting, Coding, Debating, Drama, GAA, Gaisce, Green Schools, Musicals, Journalism, Soccer, University Visits, and Volunteering...

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Presentation  
by  
Simon Close

# Setting up, Configuring & Managing Your Devices



**No Inappropriate  
Applications**

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**MDM**

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**Locking Down  
Service**

# Full Device Set-Up and Security for \*6 Years

**To ensure that your child's device is secured for educational use only, our technology team at Wriggle put your child's device through a 77-step process to make sure that:**

- The device is set up with a device management profile so that it can only be used for educational purposes
- The device is configured correctly for school and overseen by our dedicated Apple, Microsoft and Google engineers
- School specific device restrictions are applied to the device to adhere to school policy
- Your device is set up with all the apps you need for school preloaded to your device
- Device safety management is in place for \*6 years
- New school apps and updates are automatically pushed to your device for a full \*6 years

# A16 iPad

Device



- 6GB RAM
- 128GB
- A16 Bionic Chip
- 477 grams
- Liquid Retina display
- 11inch (diagonal) LED backlit Multi-Touch display with IPS technology
- 2360x1640-pixel resolution at 264 pixels per inch (ppi)
- True Tone display
- 500 nits brightness
- Facial Recognition
- Supports Apple Pencil

# Bundle Price

	128GB
Device	€369
Heavy Duty Case	€50
Wriggle Service, MDM License & Support, Device Security (6 years)	€120
Jamf Safe Internet	€25
Total	€569
Wriggle Pay Finance	€21/month for 36 months (Approx)
Insurance (Optional)	€4.99 p/m Approx

# To spread the cost of paying for your child's school technology, Wriggle have several payment options

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



**Option to work with your own Credit Union**



**Option to pay by Debit or Credit Card**



# Parent/Guardian Support



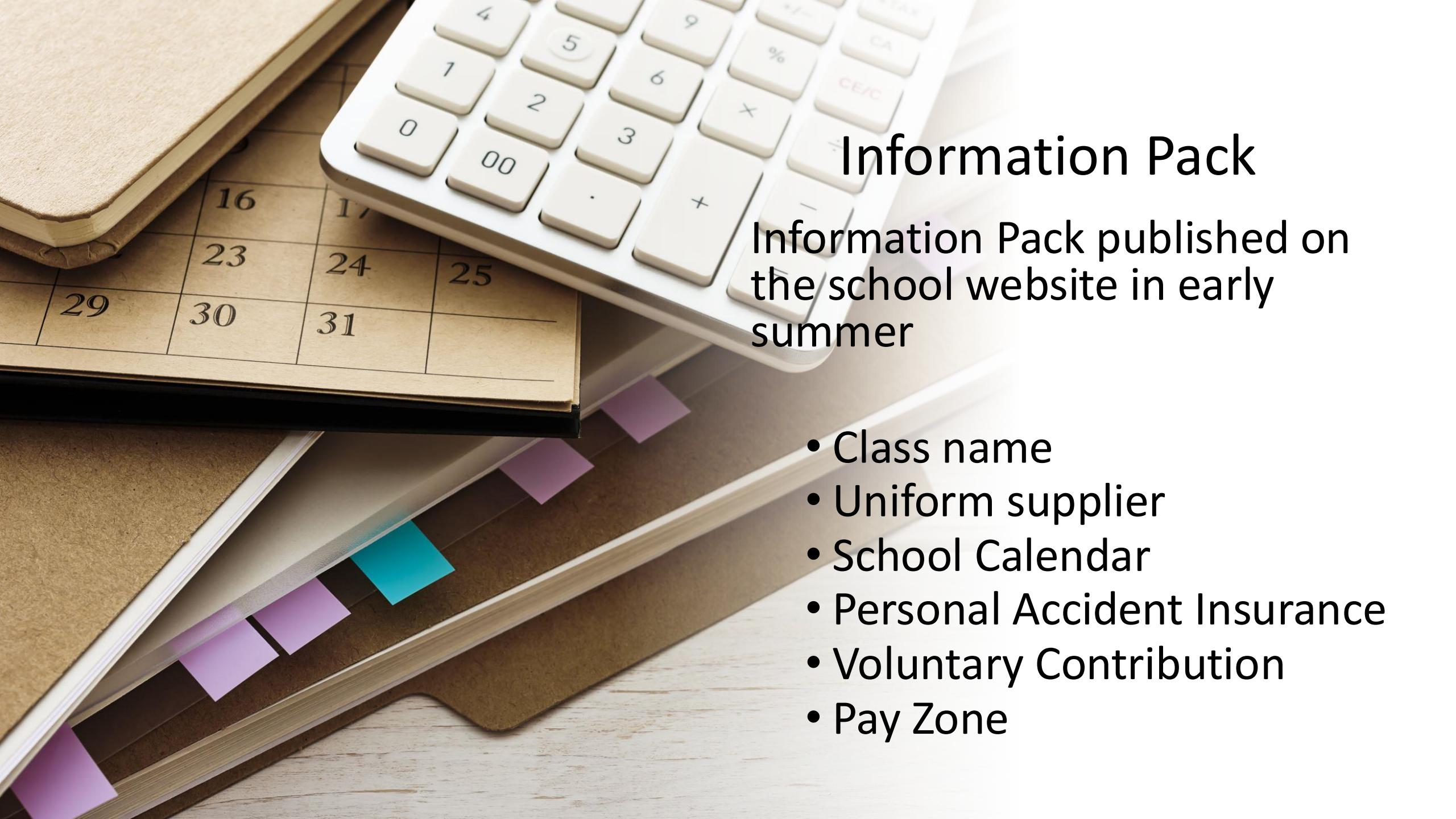
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# Information Pack

Information Pack published on the school website in early summer

- Class name
- Uniform supplier
- School Calendar
- Personal Accident Insurance
- Voluntary Contribution
- Pay Zone

# 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 – usually in May.

Parents/Guardians receive the results via Vsware

CAT4 Individual report for parents CAT

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 using 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 using 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.

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# Thank You for Listening



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