

September 2019

Dear Parent /Carer

**SENIOR PHASE INFORMATION SESSION  
WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.00 – 8 PM**

Welcome to Session 2019-2020. We would be delighted to invite you into the school on Wednesday 25 September from 6.00 pm for an information session. We would like to take this opportunity to discuss some of the challenges of the session ahead for our young people, the exam structure and subject requirements in both Maths and English, getting their preferred post school destination and how we would like to work in partnership with you throughout the session.

This year we will have a series of workshops for you to attend depending on the stage your child is at in the senior phase. Each workshop will be 30 minutes long. There are workshops for everyone whatever stage of school your child is currently in. Workshops will run several times throughout the evening – see below. This will give you the option to choose the workshops most pertinent to you and your child and also to arrive at the point that suits you that evening.

<p>Workshop 1 <b>Expectations in the Senior Phase</b></p>	<p>An opportunity to hear about assessment requirements and the work ethic required to be successful in National Qualifications. <b>Aimed</b> at S4-5 parents and S6 parents who wish to refresh their knowledge.</p> <p>Running 6 pm and 7.30 pm</p>
<p>Workshop 2 <b>Success in English</b></p>	<p>PTC English Susi Davidson will outline the key requirements to deliver successful outcomes in English. <b>Aimed</b> at S4-5 parents.</p> <p>Running 6.30 pm, 7 pm, 7.30 pm</p>
<p>Workshop 3 <b>Success in Maths</b></p>	<p>PTC Maths &amp; Computing Michael Sammons will outline the key requirements to deliver successful outcomes in Maths. <b>Aimed</b> at S4-5 parents</p> <p>Running 6.30 pm, 7 pm, 7.30 pm</p>
<p>Workshop 4 <b>Next Steps – Post School – <i>It's never too early!</i></b></p>	<p>Is your child considering leaving at the end of this session? Do you need help as to how to support them as a parent? Our Careers Advisor will give invaluable advice as to their next steps. <b>Aimed</b> at S4-5 parents whose child may leave at the end of this academic year and <b>all</b> S6 parents</p> <p>Running 6.30 pm, 7 pm</p>

Workshop 5 <b>UCAS for Parents</b>	Invaluable advice from Napier University on the process of applying to University successfully. <b>Aimed</b> at S6 parents whose child is applying to University and S5 parents thinking ahead to next year  Running 6.30 pm, 7 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 6 <b>Widening Access to University entry</b>	Advice on organisations that can support young people into achieving their place at university – LEAPS information <b>Aimed</b> at S6 parents whose child is applying to University and S5 parents thinking ahead to next year  Running 6.30 pm, 7 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 7 <b>Scholar – the online Revision Tool</b>	<b>Aimed</b> at parents of S4-6 who wish to hear about this excellent free resource for pupils to help them revise for a host of National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses. Your chance to see how it works.  Running 6.30 pm, 7 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 8 <b>Informal PTC Q &amp; A</b>	<b>Aimed</b> at parents of S4-6 who wish to ask a specific question to a PTC out with English & Maths.  Running 7 pm
Workshop 9 <b>Stressless</b>	<b>Aimed</b> at parents of S4-6 who wish to understand how to better support their child through any stress they encounter.  Running 6 pm, 6.30 pm, 7 pm, 7.30 pm

If there is anything in particular you would like us to cover during the evening please do not hesitate to get in touch. It is important that you get as much as you can from this evening so we can all support our young people in the best possible way.

We look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 25 September. If you are unable to attend but would like some information, we will put our presentations on the website. As always do not hesitate to contact us if you would like clarification about anything.

Kind regards

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