

28 August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

**SUCCESS IN SENIOR PHASE EVENING
THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.00 – 8 PM**

Welcome to Session 2024-2025. We would be delighted to invite you into the school on Thursday 19 September from 6.00 pm for an opportunity to kick start this session with a focus on success. We would like to take this opportunity to discuss some of the challenges of the session ahead for our young people, the qualification 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. Most 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.

Workshop	Key Theme	Target Audience	Time of Workshops
Workshop 1 Expectations in the Senior Phase	An opportunity to hear about assessment requirements and the work ethic required to be successful in National Qualifications.	Aimed at S4-5 parents and carers and S6 parents who wish to refresh their knowledge	6.00 pm
Workshop 2 Success in English	PTC English Susi Davidson will outline the key requirements to deliver successful outcomes in English.	Aimed at S4-6 parents and carers	6.30 pm. 7.00 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 3 Success in Maths	PTC Maths & Physics Barry Whelan will outline the key requirements to deliver successful outcomes in Maths.	Aimed at S4-5 parents and carers	6.30 pm. 7.00 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 4 UCAS for Parents	Invaluable advice from Stirling University on the process of applying to University successfully and the all-important personal statement.	Aimed at S6 parents and carers whose child is applying to University and S5 parents thinking ahead to next year	6.30 pm. 7.00 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 5 Next Steps – Post School – <i>It's never too early!</i>	Is your child considering leaving at the end of this session? Our Careers Advisor will give invaluable advice as to their next steps.	Aimed at S4-5 parents and carers whose child may leave at the end of this academic year and all S6 parents	6.30 pm. 7.00 pm
Workshop 6 Widening Access to University entry	Advice on organisations that can support young people into achieving their place at university – LEAPS information	Aimed at S6 parents and carers whose child is applying to University and S5 parents thinking ahead to next year	6.30 pm. 7.00 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 7 Online Revision Tool - Achieve	Come and 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.	Aimed at parents and carers of S4-6	6.30 pm. 7.00 pm, 7.30 pm

Workshop 8 Stressless	A session to help equip you as to how to better support your child through any stress they encounter.	Aimed at parents and carers of S4-6	6.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Workshop 9 Digital Tools to Support Learning	Experience the key tools which your child can utilise to support their learning.	Aimed at parents and carers of S4-6	6.30 pm. 7.00 pm
Workshop 10 How to Learn	A session to outline the most effective ways to learn and revise – equipping you to support your child in their senior phase qualifications	Aimed at parents and carers of S4-6	6.30 pm, 7.00 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 Thursday 19 September. If you are unable to attend but would like some information, we will aim to have as many of our presentations on the website as possible. As always do not hesitate to contact us if you would like clarification about anything at all.

Kind regards

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