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Dear Parents/ Guardians

Thank you for attending the First Year Parent Teacher Meeting last Wednesday. We are sorry that it was so rushed at the end but hope that you got to meet most of the teachers. Normally, of course, the Parent /Teacher meetings take place much earlier in the year.

Our meeting afterwards on subject choice was very useful from our point-of-view as it was good to hear the views and concerns of the parents. When we are devising the curriculum I can assure you that the views of the parents, students and staff are paramount but of course we also have to work with the limitations of the resources that we have, as all schools do.

One of the dilemmas for some parents is whether to drop the Modern European language (MFL – French or Spanish) or not. There are now lots of college courses that do not require an MFL but there are still a lot that do. Queries like this are best addressed by a Guidance Counsellor and Daithi Hughes will be happy to advise. You can contact him after Easter at the school or e-mail him at daithihughes@msletb.ie. He also has results of CAT tests that might help. However most students will know their preferences after “trying out” all subjects this year.

The portal on VShare for submitting subject preferences will be open shortly after the Easter and you will be notified of this by text message. A guide to resetting the VShare password is on our web-site here www.dvs.ie. A link to the subject choice presentation is also available in the “Notices” section.

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