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Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

Upon completion of the Junior Certificate, our Third Year students now have three options open to them for the continuation of their studies at DVS. Transition Year was introduced here last year and proved to be very successful despite the limitations imposed by the covid restrictions.

Transition Year is one of the options that will be available to our current Third Years and, in my opinion, most of the students would benefit greatly from taking that route. An information evening on TY for parents of '22/23 applicants is scheduled to take place in the school on **Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm** (immediately following the 3rd Year P/T meeting)

Students skipping TY and going straight on to Fifth Year will generally take seven exam subjects for the Leaving Certificate. Before the end of this term, these students will have to make their subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. A small number of students may find that the Leaving Certificate Applied is more suitable to their needs and career choice.

After the February mid-term break, once the mock exams are over, we will begin this subject choice process. This will initially involve class meetings with the Guidance Counsellor and discussions with subject teachers. The information meeting for parents on Leaving Cert subject choice will take place on **Tuesday, 8th March at 7:00pm**. This information meeting is to outline the Leaving Certificate Programme and to explain the subject choice process. Parents of students opting for TY do not need to attend this meeting.

After this meeting, students will be required to make their preferences in consultation with their Parents/Guardians. These preferences will be used to formulate the option bands so that the optimum number of students will get all or most of their chosen subjects. The Career Guidance Counsellor will be available to give advice on an individual basis throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martin Fallon'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Martin Fallon