



**SALESIAN COLLEGE CELBRIDGE**  
**“We care, develop, believe- together we achieve”**

24/03/2022

Dear parents/guardians,

We hope this letter finds you all well. As part of the Career Guidance service in the school we intend to run the Differential Aptitude Test Series (DATS) in the school on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>. These tests are administered in many second level schools and the results (which are private and confidential to each student) can be a valuable tool to assist your son on choosing a Third Level course or a career pathway. The tests assess a student’s aptitude in eight different areas; Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Perceptual Speed and Accuracy, Mechanical Reasoning, Space Relations, Spelling and Language Usage. These types of tests are used for recruitment for the Army, the Navy, the Gardaí, the ESB, for entrance into Third Level courses such as medicine (the HPAT) and Architecture (Space Relations) and increasingly by potential employers. They will provide your son with valuable experience in this style of test as well as greater insight into their understanding of their own skills and aptitudes so we would strongly advise that all students sit these tests. The cost of the tests is €10, which includes the test papers and their correction which are machine scored by the test company.

The fee should be paid through our Easy Pay system by 5pm on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>. **We will be unable to collect money past this deadline** as the test papers will be ordered before the Easter break to facilitate their delivery to the school. To make the payment please go to the school website and click on ‘School Payments’. Log into your Easy Payments (EPP) Account. Fee name can be found under fee category ‘Careers’ and select 2021/2022 Fifth Year DAT Tests. We also require you to give your permission to sit the DAT tests at this time by ticking the box that will appear with your payment.

We will be speaking to students in detail about all of the above and ask that they pass all information on to you but if you should require any further information on any of the above or have any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school at any time.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours faithfully,

Mr J. Leonard

Ms M. Harris

Deputy Principal

Guidance Counsellor