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Dear parents/guardians,

We hope you and all your families are well and safe during this challenging year. We are writing to you today with some information with regard to Career Guidance and Counselling for your son in Sixth Year.

Most of the College Open Days and Information Events this year will continue to be virtual including the annual Irish Times Higher Options exhibition which we hope to attend virtually on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6.30pm. Students will be able to access the usual wide range of talks from the CAO and Third Level Institutions and attend talks discussing a wide range of career areas. They will also be able to interact directly, ask questions and speak with representatives from Third Level Institutions including all of our universities, Institutes of Technology and Further Education and Training Colleges. All information is online at <https://higheroptions.vfairs.com> (or through The Irish Times / Higher Options 2021) **and tickets must be purchased here individually at a cost of €10. School will be finishing at 11.00pm for all sixth years that day and we strongly encourage them all to attend what has always been a productive and worthwhile event.** You can also access the worksheet we will be using with your sons over the next few weeks with further information which is under the Guidance and Counselling Tab on our school website.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to a virtual meeting which will be delivered through your son's Sixth Year Microsoft Office 365 Team account on Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. We will be giving a general talk on the third level options and available to your son, how to apply to them through the CAO, PLC Colleges, UCAS and Solas etc. and what they need to be doing now in preparation. You will also have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding your son's career path and we would strongly urge all parents to attend this meeting. We look forward to meeting you on the night.

Finally, we are looking forward to working and meeting with you all throughout this very important year for your son but if at any stage you have any queries or concerns regarding your son at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school and we will arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Kerins

Deputy Principal

Ms Dolan

Guidance Counsellor

Ms Harris

Guidance Counsellor