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Re: Date for your Diary- Incoming First Year Entrance Exam

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this mail finds you and your family well. The 2021/2022 school year is an important and special year for your son/daughter as they approach the end of their time in primary school. We are very grateful for you choosing Ardgillan College as the post-primary school in which your child will continue their educational journey.

Please note that the Entrance exams for your son/daughter will take place on **Friday 8th April**. Students are expected to **arrive to the College at 8.45 am sharp** and will be welcomed by their Year Head, Ms. Delaney and our Principal, Ms. Ní Mhurchú.

Students should bring a pencil, a sharpener and an eraser. Students are to wear their primary school uniform to the exam. Assessments are due to be completed by 11.30 am approximately. Students will have a 10-minute break in between assessments and should bring a small snack with them on the day.

The CAT4 Exams (Standardised Tests done at Entrance to Post-Primary schools), are standardised tests which will be used to support the school in understanding the students' developed abilities and learning preferences. They also help to identify potential areas where a small number of students may need targeted support. The results of these tests are also used to ensure we have equal mixed ability class groups.

The CAT4 exams should hopefully reduce student/parent concerns as students cannot "study" for these exams in advance. These tests do not test any particular subject or area of knowledge. Instead, these standardised tests assess a student's potential in different areas of reasoning (verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial ability reasoning).

Please ensure your son/daughter arrives on time on the morning of Friday 8th of April. If your son/daughter cannot attend the entrance exams, please contact the main office on (01) 968 0734. Unfortunately, if they are unable to attend, we cannot facilitate another session.

If you have any further queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us at info@ardgillancc.ie.

Kind Regards,


N. Ní Mhurchú
Principal


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Year Head