



Standardised Testing

Friday, 30th April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Coláiste Abbáin is providing a Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) for all students progressing to 5th Year for next year on Wednesday 5th May 2021. This will be an online test completed in the school. It is essential that all Transition Year Students are **present** for this test on Wednesday 5th May 2021 from **9am - 11:00am for Class 4A** and for **Class 4B 1.30 - 3.30pm**. This assessment tool helps to:

- Identify gifted and talented pupils and those that may be coasting in class
- Pinpoint underachieving pupils and help in setting targets for future attainment.
- Identify a pupil's strengths, weaknesses and learning preferences, providing accurate and reliable information that is essential for personalised learning.

The results of these tests are important to the students involved, parents/guardians and the school. Because of their importance, **the results will be made available to each student and their parents**. The results will also be used by the school as an indicator of student potential in State Examinations and when providing career advice to students.

Note: there will be no charge to parents for this Abilities Test as the cost will be absorbed by the school.

Regards,

Tom Tynan,
Guidance Counsellor

John Nolan,
Principal