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Dear Parents /Guardians,

This is to inform you that as part of the Guidance & Counselling Service provided by the school, your daughter / ward will be doing the Differential Aptitude Tests this Monday January 22nd. There will be no other opportunity this year to complete these assessments so it is essential your daughter is present.

The purpose of the Differential Aptitude Tests (DATS) is to help them:

- Understand their abilities better
- To see where strengths and weaknesses lie
- To plan their studies
- To think about future careers

Students will also complete a detailed Interest Inventory which will greatly assist them in choosing subjects for their Leaving Certificate.

Results from these assessments will not pinpoint exactly what occupations/careers/course of study a student should pursue, but combined with other information, can start one off on a meaningful study of the various educational and career choices which are available.

While these assessments are not difficult, they require a high level of concentration and students are strongly advised to get a good night's sleep the night before. They will need:

- Two HB Pencils,
- A pencil eraser
- A pencil parer

Students will be allowed to go home after the testing session.

Bill Core
Guidance Counsellor