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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK

12/12/12

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We intend having a day of aptitude testing for our TY students. These tests are called DAT's (Differential Aptitude Tests). They include tests that assess eight important aptitudes: Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Perceptual Speed and Accuracy, Mechanical Reasoning, Space Relations, Spelling, and Language Usage.

These tests may be useful as a practice for the student's future as some employers require candidates to sit tests as part of a company's recruitment policy. They may also be useful in determining if a student is under performing in their academic work and may identify students who may have learning difficulties. Scores can be used to produce a profile showing a student's strengths and weaknesses and they may be useful in determining suitability to some career paths. A combined Verbal Reasoning and Numerical Ability score can be used as an index of scholastic ability.

We will be administering these tests here in school on Monday 17th December. Students are required to bring in 2 HB pencils and an eraser. If you have any queries in relation to these tests please visit the students reach programme on the careersportal website or contact the Guidance Counsellor's.

We wish to remind parents to check and ensure that students are completing their weekly work experience diary; they have personalized login and passwords details for to enter details on the reach programme.

Yours sincerely,

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Guidance Counsellors