

## An Introduction by the Principal

Dear Parents/Students,

The purpose of this booklet is to help you to make well-considered choices as you advance into the Senior Cycle in second level education. In Old Bawn Community School we offer three pathways after Junior Certificate.

In Leaving Certificate, we want students who are committed to working very hard over two years. They will, in general, be aiming for a high level college course.

A wide range of subjects are on offer at higher and ordinary level. Classes in traditional Leaving Certificate offer flexibility and are not rigidly streamed to cater for students' individual aptitudes, abilities and interests. For a number of students who choose traditional Leaving Certificate they may choose to undertake the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP). This is an additional subject at Leaving Certificate and will be explained in greater detail to those who have chosen the subject combinations that are needed in order to take it.

We strongly advise that students be at least 16 years of age when starting 5th year.

L.C.A will offer a good pathway for those students who want to go directly into a job, P.L.C course or an apprenticeship. The structure of regular assessment will suit the student who likes to say 'job done, move on'. This course does have an exam at the end of the two years, but most of the credits are earned during the course. Work experience is an integral part of the L.C.A course.

Transition Year is the correct choice for students who need time to upgrade their skills and levels before taking on a Leaving Certificate programme. It is a great opportunity to enrich the experience of school life. New experiences will be combined with hard work. We will aim especially for significant improvement in Maths and languages, including English. The experience of other subjects will be of great help in making choices for the Leaving Certificate course.

Make good choices!

Yours faithfully

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