



Christian Brothers Secondary School Mitchelstown

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

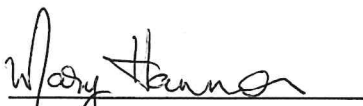
During Term 1 in both English and Maths for Second Years we used a team teaching option. Each class had the same teacher as last year where possible, with the support of an additional teacher as required. The additional teacher sometimes worked with the main class teacher with groups within the room, and in some cases worked with a group withdrawn from the full classes for a short period. The aim of using this approach was to help students deal with the increase in pace and level in second year and to encourage them to do Higher Level in both subjects for as long as possible.

While we encourage students to do Higher Level, we all recognise that this may not be the preferred path for all. Before Christmas the English teachers reviewed the timetabling arrangement, in light of the Term 1 test results and individual feedback from some students have spoken of their wish to do Ordinary Level English. The consensus is that the support teacher will now facilitate the students who have decided at this stage to take the Ordinary Level course for JC. The three class teachers will begin working on the Shakespearian play in January, and this is not required on the Ordinary Level course.

If you and your son have decided that Ordinary Level is the best choice for him, please ask him to collect a Change of Levels form from me. Should you wish to discuss levels with his English teacher, please contact the office. While choice of levels is ultimately for you and your son to decide, we strongly encourage that you speak with his English teacher if you have any concerns or are uncertain.

Wishing you and yours a very happy new year and I look forward to working with you over the year ahead.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



Mary Hannon,

Principal.