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Dear Parents,

The school Board of Management and staff are aware of recent commentary arising from a publication of school league tables in relation to progression to Universities and Institutes of Technology in Ireland. It has recently been reported that our College scored 44% in this category. This means that of our 108 Students who sat the Leaving Certificate Examination last Summer, 49 accepted a place at either an Irish University or Institute of Technology.

The system of reporting the number of students who attend an Irish University or Institute of Technology is extremely unfair for a number of reasons:

1. Not all students wish to transfer to these institutions.
2. When an area is served by one post-primary school, that school is penalised in these tables for students who cannot go to these third level institutions or who wish to go elsewhere. A Community College caters for all students, treats all students equally and accepts all students who wish to enrol.
3. For students who live outside the commuter belt, it is more expensive to attend Universities/Institutes of Technology as accommodation costs become a significant issue. Some of our students have undertaken employment for a year to fund their studies.
4. Many students wish to take up apprenticeships or go to Agricultural College and these are not included in the table.
5. Students who attend English or foreign Universities are not included either, we had 7 such students.
6. Many students wish to continue their education at a Post-Leaving Certificate Course level. These courses are not included in this reckoning.

For your information, the following outlines the progression in relation to last year's Leaving Certificate Class of 108 students:

49 Students went to Irish Universities or Institutes of Technology

7 Students were offered a place in these institutions but opted to take a place in an English university

7 students were offered a place but have opted to repeat the examination. Some of these students are repeating here and some would have obtained over 500 points

7 students were offered a place but deferred until next year to work or pursue other interests.

The total number of students who were offered a course then in an Irish University or Institute of Technology was 70 out of the 87 students who applied for such a course.