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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Normally at this time of the year we would be having an Information Night for parents, to discuss the process of subject choice for Third Years going into Fifth year. Clearly, this is not going to happen now. The hand book outlining the subjects for Leaving Certificate has been prepared by our Guidance Counsellor and is now available to view and download from our web-site www.dvs.ie . The PowerPoint presentation that he normally gives should be available on the students' Microsoft Teams accounts shortly. If you have any particular questions, he can be e-mailed at daithihughes@msletb.ie.

In order to plan in time for September, I now require the students to select their subjects for next year. This selection is to be done on-line by the parents logging on to **VShare**. By now everybody is familiar with this. Use google chrome on the internet to get drumshanbovs.vshare.ie or click the VS icon on the bottom of our web-site www.dvs.ie.

The subject options window is now be available to you on VShare. After logging in, click on “options” or subject choice on the left hand side of the screen. You will be presented with the options/subject choice page from where you will be able to select the subjects from a drop down list. The selection can be changed as many times as you want until the deadline.

Remember, we are only talking about the options subjects for the exams – not the core English, Irish & Maths. Each student will do four of the following optional subjects:
French, Spanish, Engineering, Business, Design & Communications Graphics, Art, Physics/Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Biology, Construction Studies, History, Geography, Home Economics, Music. (Some subjects may be available subject to demand)

Each student is required to indicate, in order of preference, the subjects that they want to do. As they may not get to do their top four, they are asked to list their top seven. If French or Spanish is needed that should put that down as the number 1 choice. A modern European language is still a requirement for a significant number of University courses.

The deadline for making the selection in Tuesday 31st March at 11pm. If, for whatever reason you cannot input your selection on VShare, you can e mail daithihughes@msletb.ie. or if you have password issues you can contact me at martinfallon@msletb.ie. or our School Secretary at bernimcloughlin@msletb.ie

Students that do not get their preferred subjects when the options bands have been created will be contacted by Mr Hughes. The priority when creating the bands is that no student will be precluded from entering a career or course by the choice made available to them. It is usually desirable but not always essential that students get to do all of their preferred subjects. For example, although French / Spanish might be essential for some courses, it might not necessarily be the student's preferred subject.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Fallon