

Policy regarding Private Lessons

The School evaluates and modifies its curriculum on a regular basis to ensure that it meets the needs of the students. Excellent examination results and entry of students to top class universities shows that the main principles of the curriculum breadth; balance; and progression are being met. For these reasons the School strongly discourages students from taking private lessons because they are usually unnecessary and ultimately do not enhance a student's prospects for gaining university admission.

Students should only consider taking private lessons for the following reasons:

- When a school-based subject cannot be taken because a set has not been formed due to low demand or time tabling restrictions.
- For remedial work on the advice of the student's teacher / Head of Department.
- To enrich the student's educational experience without interfering with their school-based subjects or programme.

Attendance at School and any other school exams / activities will always take priority over private lessons or externally taken subjects. This implies that the curriculum requirements of the School cannot be changed to meet the needs of private tuition.

The School will not be including subjects studied outside the School (completely or parts e.g. Maths units) on the School Leaving Certificate.