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A Thuismitheoirí:

Tosóidh Ranganna Ullmhúcháin Theist Iontrála na Scoileanna Gramadaí ar an Mháirt, 1<sup>ú</sup> Meán Fómhair agus rithfidh siad ón Luan go dtí an Déardaoin, ó 3.00pm go 4.00pm gach seachtain. Má tá sé de rún agat do pháiste a chur chuig na ranganna seo (féach thíos), cuir toradh sa bhreis léi/leis ar na laethanta seo le do thoil.

Mar aon leis an chinneadh a rinne Bord na nGobharnóirí, a cuireadh in iúl do thuismitheoirí ag deireadh mhí an Mheithimh, le háit a ofráil sna ranganna seo do na páistí amháin a rinne an obair le linn na dianghlasála nóthar an samhradh, gabh i dteagmháil liom ar an Mháirt idir 9.30am agus 10.30am nó idir 11.15am agus 11.45am ar an fhón dá mba mhaith leat an cheist seo a phlé liom, ach glactar leis go bhfuil cead ag do pháiste freastal ar na ranganna má rinne tú **ceann amháin** dá leanas:

- na leathanaigh freagraí a chur chuigam ar Whatsapp nó trí ríomhphost thar an samhradh
- ag deimhniú go ndearna do pháiste na quiozanna Mata Gaeilge ón Líonláithreán
- ag deimhniú go ndearna do pháiste na quiozanna Mata Luathaithe
- gur phléigh muid an cheist seo cheana fein agus d'aontaigh muid go bhfuil cead ag do pháiste.

Bliain an-trom a bhí ann do na páistí go dtí seo, dá bharr sin mholfaínn duit do mhachnamh a dhéanamh ar an cheist seo go cúramach as siocair go mbeidh an obair iontach trom ar fad (sonraí le teacht an tseachtain seo chugainn). Thiocfadh leis go gcuirfeadh an tAire an rud ar fad ar ceal go fóill beag (le reachtaíocht ó Chnoc an Anfa) ach tá áit deimhnithe ag na páistí uilig i Scoil Iósaef, sruth Gaeilge an Domhnaigh Mhóir, a raibh a torthaí GCSE agus Ard-leibhéil ar a laghad chomh maith céanna leo siúd sa taobh Gramadaí den scoil thar na blianta.

Má chineann tú nach mbeidh do pháiste ag déanamh Scrúdú Iontrála na Scoileanna Gramadaí, ní gá duit a dhath eile a dhéanamh seachas é/í a thógáil ar 2.45pm gach Luan go Déardaoin mar is gnách.

Tabhair faoi deara le do thoil nach mbeidh muid ag cur teisteanna na bpáistí chun an bhaile ach cuirfidh muid iad go fóill ar an líonláithreán i gcomhair le haistriúchán agus freagraí. Marcálfaidh mé na teisteanna ar scoil agus cuirfidh mé na torthaí chugat go pearsanta trí Whatsapp nó rphost.

Is mise le meas,  
Conor

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A Thuismitheoirí:

The after-school Grammar School Entrance Exam Preparation Classes will begin on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September and will run from Monday to Thursday, from 3.00pm to 4.00pm until further notice. If it is your intention to send your child to these classes (see below), please send her/him to school on these days with an extra piece of fruit.

As per the Board of Governors decision, communicated to parents at the end of June, to offer places in these classes only to pupils who have engaged with the test preparation material, either during lockdown or over the summer, please contact me on Tuesday between 9.30am and 10.30am or between 11.15am and 11.45am by phone if you would like to discuss this issue with me, but please take it as read that your child is eligible to attend if you have been doing any one of the following:

- sending me the answer sheets via Whatsapp or email over the summer
- ensuring that your child has been completing the Irish Maths quizzes from the website
- ensuring that your child has been completing the Accelerated Maths quizzes
- we have already discussed this issue and agreed that your child is eligible.

It has been a very tough year for the children, so I would advise you to consider this issue very carefully indeed as the programme of test preparation is very intense (details to follow next week). It could still be the case that the Minister will cancel this year's test (requiring legislation in Stormont) but all the children are guaranteed a place in the Irish-medium stream in Donaghmore, whose GCSE and A'Level results have been consistently at least as good as the English-medium Grammar side of the school over the years.

If you decide that your child is not sitting the Grammar School Entrance Test, you need take no further action other than pick him/her up at 2.45pm each Monday to Thursday for the as normal.

Please note that we will not be sending the children's tests home but will continue to post them on the website, along with answers and translations. I will mark the tests in school and send you individual notification via Whatsapp or email.

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