

## ST FRANCIS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are offering literacy and numeracy Booster clubs to our Primary 7 pupils in Term One. This is primarily aimed at supporting pupils who are considering undertaking the Transfer examination this year, but the skills targeted will be useful for all P7 pupils transitioning to Key Stage 3.

Literacy- Mrs McKeown 2.45 – 3.45 Thursdays

Numeracy – Miss O' Dowd 2.45 – 3.45 Wednesdays

Two timed papers will be sent home to be completed **independently** each week. These will be marked and discussed at Booster club, pupils will also undertake activities targeting exam skills and 'tricky' areas/ topics.

We are requesting a £5 donation to school funds for **each** session attended (£10 weekly) which should be sent in to Miss O'Dowd on a Monday so that we can photocopy materials based on numbers attending. This suggested donation will go directly towards replacing the Primary 7 Interactive Whiteboard.

After such a challenging 18 months, the decision whether or not to sit the Transfer examination will be a difficult one and I would urge all parents to reflect on two key factors;

- does your child **need** this exam to gain entrance to their preferred school?
- Is your child emotionally prepared for all possible outcomes of sitting this exam? What will the impact be on them in the long-term?

Only you will know what is best for your child but I hope this afterschool provision is helpful to you as you support your child in navigating these waters.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S. McKeown

Principal