

November 21st 2016

RE: The Learning Curve Workshop with guest speaker Graham Powell

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter find you well.

This September saw the launch of a new programme for 1st year class of 2016-17 developed by our teachers called “The Learning Curve”.

This programme is designed to support our students in becoming independent learners as well as managing themselves and their learning more efficiently. It comprises of one class period per week and focuses on the various aspects of school life and the young person as a learner adapting to the new environment of post-primary school. It is designed to support their transition from primary to post – primary education and the management of themselves and their learning habits.

Learning habits which are developed include interpersonal, collaborative, organisational and problem solving skills. The students also have the opportunity to focus on their emotional wellbeing through an introduction to mindfulness.

A reflective journal provided allows students to chronicle their journey of their 1st year in Ratoath College through “The Learning Curve”.

The genesis of this programme is with our research through survey and interview of past 1st year students, parents/guardians & teachers, with regard to their learning habits and transition from primary to post primary school. We have also been working in collaboration with Graham Powell and his work on Building Learning Power (BLP), more information in relation to BLP can be found at www.buildinglearningpower.com.

We are inviting you to an evening with Graham Powell to hear him speak about BLP and to collaborate with him and the staff of Ratoath College on the development of this programme.

This workshop will take place on the evening of **Thursday December 1st** from 19.00-20.30 in the GP area of the school. We would hope that one parent/guardian of each student can attend.

We look forward to meeting and working with you on this exciting project and to clarify any questions you may have.

Kindest Regards

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