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To: The parents of students in Year 8
PSYCHOMETRIC APTITUDE TESTING

Dear Parents,

Greetings to you from St. Mary's Catholic High School!

Year 8 students are being asked to make choices regarding the subjects that they would like to pursue in year 9 for their GCSE/IGCSE exams . This is one of the most important decisions that your child will be making in the course of their educational career. As a school, we understand how important it is that they are provided with all the support we can offer to help them make decisions that will ultimately bring out the best of their potential.

 An understanding of their interests, strengths and personality type will go a long way in helping them make this choice. In this context, we are once again arranging for an aptitude/ psychometric testing to be done for our Year 8 students.   These tests are in no way obligatory but completely optional.

St. Mary's Catholic High School in conjunction with Varsity Connections have been conducting psychometric assessments at the school for the past ten years. Please see below details of the test.

VC MAP Psychometric assessment Overview

VC MAP is an in depth and accurate psychometric tool which explores 3 key areas which are used in the making career choices.

1. Motivation

    a. Highlights student's interest in 7 different areas

    b. Identifies the type of activity that appeals most to the student

    c. Guides student in stream Selection viz Arts & Humanities /Science/ Commerce

2. Aptitude

    a. Battery of tests in 9 different areas

    b. Identifies the skill sets of the student

    c. Maps student skill sets against the skill requirements for numerous careers

    d. Shortlists Career Clusters that best fit the students skills

3. Personality

    a. Analyses dimensions of personality that are useful to students in planning their careers.

    b. Helps them understand what it is about the way they feel and behave that might make them more suited to certain careers

Students will undertake all 3 modules of VC MAP online. Candidates receive a comprehensive, modular report upon completion of VC MAP which analyses all 3 modules of Motivation, Aptitude and Personality in detail. The report clearly indicates the students' level of aptitude for a range of career clusters thus helping them arrive at realistic decisions while keeping Motivation and Personality in perspective. In addition, the VC MAP Report also includes a recommended list of subjects for each one of the career clusters detailed in the report. This ensures all possible career options are explored before making informed career choices ensuring academic success.

VC MAP – Group Counseling

The VC MAP Report analyses is done via group Counseling scheduled with the students and parents during an online session. The reports will be sent to the students via email prior to this. During the group counseling session, a sample report is displayed and each page of the report is discussed. This will provide students and parents with the tools and guidance to understand/interpret their own reports. This comprehensive session will also have an FAQ section which will address common queries and any specific doubts that arise.

The test is an online test that will need to be done at home. The team conducting the tests are certified by the British Psychological Society – Certificate of Competence in Occupational Testing. **The test will be conducted at a price of AED 250 (inclusive of 5% VAT)**

Please return THE REGISTRATION SLIP to the class teacher on or before **the 13th of March 2024. The payment for this test must be made on Skiply directly on the separate section for Aptitude Test latest by the 13th of March. Please attach the skiply receipt to the slip below.**

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

_____, I WISH TO REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE APTITUDE TEST. Attached is the Skiply receipt.

Name of student: _____

Year and Section: _____

Email Id of parent: _____

Email Id of student: _____

Mobile Contact:_____