

CFES Parent Feedback

“How can we as parents support our daughters to get to college?”

There was a fantastic turnout of parents who attended the first Mentoring session for their daughters on Tuesday February 10th. The meeting for parents began with 2nd year students from the Leadership Team informing their parents of CFES activities held so far this year relating to:

1. Pathways to College
2. Mentoring
3. Leadership

Dr. Rónan Smith from Trinity College Dublin delivered a presentation to the parents outlining the following:

- The purpose of College for Every Student (CFES)
- The organisations and other 10 schools involved in this project
- The aims of the project – such as promoting a college going culture among students in our school while focusing on and tracking our current 2nd year cohort

After some questions from parents, they were then asked to chat in small groups re how they, as parents, can support their daughters to get to college. Parents then shared their ideas to the main group as follows:

- ✚ Help them choose subjects/courses in 3rd year (parents would like assistance to help guide/support this process)
- ✚ Parents would like help re finances for college – know costs, grants, HEAR etc.
- ✚ Parents can help build daughters’ confidence by saying “you can”, “when you go to college”
- ✚ Parents can set expectations re going to college
- ✚ Communication – have chats/discussions with daughters about college
- ✚ Attend Parent Teacher Meetings, chat with teachers
- ✚ Ensure your daughter has high attendance rates at school
- ✚ Use language such as “when you go to college” or “what are you going to study in college”
- ✚ Parents expressed an interest in support re Project maths

Parents were also encouraged to check information on the school website and to follow @colaistebride and @cbcareers on Twitter

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed.

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