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To: Parents/Guardians of Yr8 students  
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### **Open Day 2022**

I am writing to update you on a change in arrangements that will affect your child on Thursday 3rd February.

As you may know, we had planned to hold the annual Open Night in January but, due to the restrictions and prevalence of illness in the community at that time, decided that this was not feasible.

With the recent lifting of some restrictions, we will now hold an Open Day on Thursday 3rd February. Our Year 8 students are great ambassadors for the College so, where possible, we would like them to assist with the Open Day, sharing their experiences of transferring to post-primary school and providing practical demonstrations in classrooms. Mitigations will be in place to promote the safety of all students, staff and visitors attending the Open Day, including working in small groups only.

While we would like every student to be involved, we appreciate that for some who experience anxiety or struggle in social situations, this would be a challenging and uncomfortable experience: if you feel that your child would prefer not to take part that will be fully respected and they will be under no obligation to participate.

Students assisting with the Open Day will remain in the college in the afternoon until 6.30pm: lunch will be provided and in the early afternoon there will be some activities arranged by Gary, our Youth Worker, prior to the arrival of the first visitors. Those not participating will be able to leave school at 12.15pm. One Translink bus will take students to the depot or you may wish to make your own arrangements. Students who use EA transport should make arrangements directly with the driver.

The Open Day is an important opportunity to showcase Blackwater and we look forward to having our excellent Year 8 students demonstrate their skills and abilities to visiting parents and Primary 7 students. Further information for participating students will be provided.

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