

26th August 2014

Dear Students,

We are delighted that you have chosen to come to Hansfield ETSS. We hope you will leave us as a confident, ethical citizen with a love of learning, a sense of who you are and lifelong friends. We hope, too, that you will enjoy the journey and that we will have fun with you along the way and create some wonderful memories that we can all treasure.

As you go through school life you will complete exams, achieve grades and awards and obtain certificates. While very valuable these are only a small part of what makes you individual, special and unique. They will not tell us that you often support a friend in need, that you are a good sportsperson or great debater, that you contribute to your community, that you care for a family member who is ill or brighten up someone else's day with your smile, your kindness or with your unique sense of humour.

We believe that promoting your good qualities and supporting your efforts are part of guiding you towards reaching your full potential as an empowered adult, ready to take on a valuable role in society. In doing so, we promise to work with you to help you understand your strengths, deal with life challenges and create your own dreams. We don't mind what you choose to be in the future. We will work to prepare you well for life as a young responsible adult with hopes and expectations as a member of society, as a family person and as a worker in whatever walk of life you end up in.

Many opportunities to influence decisions about your school will be presented to you. Grasp them so that you can shape how we can best live and learn together. We look forward to the exciting journey ahead and invite you to bear in mind that it is by making the 'decision to try' and 'working together, that we will succeed in accomplishing good and even great things as individuals and as a school community.

Kind regards from,

Bernie

and all the staff - John, Aine, Ann, Clare, Dan, Eadaoin, Fiona, Fionnuala, Gillian, Padraig, Paddy, Sean and Ruth.