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Dear Past Pupil,

Since September 2017 the school has been affiliated with the Trinity Access Programme (TAP). This provides many benefits for the students in our school including the Trinity Access 21 programme (TA21), which consists of the following four pillars:

- Mentoring
- Leadership
- Pathways to College
- Postgraduate Certificate – 1 year Cert for teachers in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning

We are currently extending the TA21 programme to include both second year and third year students. Part of this programme involves establishing a mentoring programme between Drimnagh Castle alumni and current second year students. Recent academic research indicates a direct correlation between access to mentoring and an increase in college applications for mentees. We feel that offering a similar opportunity to our students would help to generate more interest in third level education.

Considering these benefits, we are currently recruiting mentors to work with individual groups of second and third year students. This will involve attending a one hour long training seminar and three 40 minute mentoring sessions within the current academic year. We intend to hold the training session in the school on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**. We have pencilled in some provisional dates for the mentoring sessions during the following weeks; **19<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> April**. These dates are flexible and we hope to minimise disruption to your schedules.

If you are interested in the programme, please contact the Drimnagh Castle TA21 team at [TA21@drimnaghcastle.ie](mailto:TA21@drimnaghcastle.ie) by the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

**Additionally please forward this information to any former Drimnagh Castle students who you feel may be interested in this initiative.**

Regards,

Drimnagh Castle TA21 team