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Young People with Exceptional Academic Ability

Dear Principal,

As you may already be aware, The Centre for Talented Youth, Ireland at Dublin City University provides specialised courses for young people with exceptional academic ability in verbal and numerical reasoning. As the start of the new academic year is upon us, we wish to identify students aged between 12 and 16 years who may fall into this category. If you have a student or students who are performing in the 90th percentile or above in the standardised school tests, they are likely to make good candidates for our Talent search assessment. (The CTYI assessments are better able to pick up on exceptional academic ability, giving a clearer distinction between a bright child and a high ability child).

Students who participate in the Talent Search are eligible for a number of programmes run by CTYI in DCU over the summer months. The top scorers (95th percentile or above) are eligible for the CTYI summer courses, the next highest scorers (85th to 95th percentile) are eligible for the CAT programme and all other students can participate in the DCU Summer Scholars programme. Brochures for all of these programmes are available on our website, www.dcu.ie/ctyi. Furthermore all Talent Search students will be eligible to participate in CTYI correspondence courses which are run throughout the year. Courses during the summer include Medicine, Engineering, Psychology, Novel Writing and Computer Gaming. All the courses have a university curriculum and are ideal for any student interested in attending a third level institution.

Please find enclosed several copies of our assessment application form. If you feel there are students in your school who may fit the profile described above, I would be grateful if you could pass our brochure on to his/her parents. Please note that CTY Ireland is a non-profit making organisation. While we do charge fees for our courses (outlined on our brochures), we have scholarships and financial aid available to ensure that all children, regardless of their family's economic circumstances, are afforded an opportunity to participate.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colm O'Reilly', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Colm O'Reilly
Director