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Parent pilot initiative that you may like to link up with

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Dear David,

I hope this term has got off to a good start for everyone in Ballinode College.

As a diocese we are conscious of the strains in family life in quite a number of homes today. By way of offering support / encouragement to parents we hope to pilot an "Evenings for Parents" series in Sligo over the coming weeks.

I bring it to your attention as it might be sometime you / the Board of Management of Ballinode College might like to consider for your own school community next year. This is not a faith based initiative. Rather it seeks to encourage awareness, good communication and good relations within families, mindful that everyone has a personal spirituality.

You are welcome to encourage participation in this series ... with a view to getting the series known in your school community.

The notice we have encouraged Catholic schools to forward to parents is as follows: **Elphin Diocese hosting "Evenings for Parents" series in Summerhill College beginning Tuesday April 12th @ 8 pm. More info @ www.elphindiocese.ie/parents . Series seeks to support good communication and happiness within families.**

More information below.

Thank you.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PRINCIPALS / SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Evenings for Parents - Sligo & Boyle regions of diocese only

Beginning Tuesday April 12th the diocese will pilot a six session course (8 - 10 pm) in The Library, Summerhill College, for twenty couples at various stages of child-rearing.

The purpose of the course, which will be delivered by husband and wife team [REDACTED] Calry parish, is to support participating couples review family communication in a fun, non-threatening and participatory way, one that is mindful of present day challenges and of the importance of teamwork among parents.

The diocese is happy to recommend it on four grounds:

- (i) It comes highly recommended and integrates excellent adult learning techniques.
- (ii) We believe there will be no evening without laughter as well as learning.
- (iii) It offers participating parents time-out with other committed parents.
- (iv) It provides participants with opportunities to raise "family" and "faith" related concerns (in so far as they might like to).

Ideally we would love two couples associated with each school in the greater Sligo / Boyle area to participate and be part of the review at the end. Single parents are also very welcome and likely to benefit but it would be good if they brought a friend as some of the group work etc. involves sharing.

Our hunch is that it will go very well and it would be great to have a few people associated with each Sligo school as a point of reference in terms of future promotion.

More information / booking details @: www.elphindiocese.ie/parents .