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Dear Bernard,

Many thanks for accepting our application for this year's FIRST LEGO League.

You will recall that St. Gerald's College won the inaugural Irish final of the FIRST LEGO League in the 2007/8 season. As a result of the excellent assistance, both technical and financial, of the sponsors SAP we went on to win the overall award for the research project in the UK & Ireland final in the University of Birmingham and from there to win the overall award for teamwork at the Open Asian Championship in Tokyo.

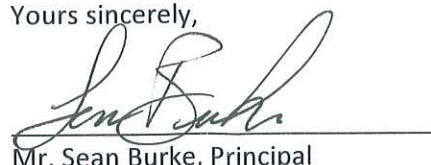
It may interest you to know that of the 8 members of the St. Gerald's College FLL team who competed in the competition in it's inaugural 2007/8 season, all have chosen careers that have been directly influenced by their experiences in the competition. The table below outlines their current career choices:

| Name            | College Course                          | Institution                           |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Jamie Chambers  | BEng in Robotic Engineering             | University of Limerick                |
| Micheal Clune   | BEng in Robotic Engineering             | University of Limerick                |
| Darren Mc Tighe | BSc in Energy                           | University of Limerick                |
| Ciaran Mulgrew  | BSc in Energy                           | University of Limerick                |
| Charlie Smith   | BSc in Live Event Technology            | University of Glamorgan               |
| James Mc Hale   | BA in Archaeology & IT                  | National University of Ireland Galway |
| Daniel Mannion  | BEd in Primary School Teaching          | St. Patrick's College Dublin          |
| Shane Kavanagh  | Apprenticeship as Electrical Technician | ESB                                   |

Another student, Vincent O'Brien, who was not on the actual team but who is very friendly with Jamie Chambers and Micheal Clune and spent many hours helping them design and build the team robot has also chosen the BEng in Robotic Engineering in University of Limerick.

On behalf of the students and the school I would like to thank both you and the sponsors SAP and Medtronic for your continued involvement in the competition. There can be no doubt that it is responsible for inspiring our students toward careers in science, technology and education and it has instilled in them the self belief necessary to become leaders in their chosen field.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Sean Burke, Principal

