



22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

This has been an exciting week in Loreto College Swords as we hosted two online graduations. On Wednesday, the Transition Year class had their graduation and on Thursday, the Leaving Cert Class of 2020 graduated, making school history thanks to the wonder of technology. Both were emotional occasions, attended by the students, their families, their teachers and invited guests from the Board of Management and Loreto Education Office. Thank you to the many students and our teachers who worked to make these events such a wonderful success, and to Ms. Gorman and Ms. Gunn for coordinating.

We congratulate Isobel McCaffrey, and Ciara Markey, TY, and Abigail McCaffrey, 6th year on their student of the year awards. Well done to Danielle Buggle, our Head Girl, for her sincere speech that captured her time in Loreto College so wonderfully. We thank you parents and guardians for tuning in to the graduations and for your messages of thanks.

Emptying lockers: The process of emptying lockers and collection of belongings (books, lab coats and P.E bags) has begun. All students are invited in to the school by a text appointment and must adhere to HSE guidelines upon arrival. A day has been set aside for each year group and the timetable is below:

Fri 22 nd May	Mon 25 th May	Tue 26 th May	Wed 27 th May	Thur 28 th May
6 th years	5 th years & TY	1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year

The final week of term: The summer holidays begin on 29th May. You will appreciate that this year there are more written reports required of teachers than usual. Teachers will begin the report writing process from Monday next. As a result, there will be a reduction in the level of online teaching, however work/assignments will be given to your daughter early in the week and teachers will be in further contact later in the week. Teachers will be less available for online communication, and all communication will cease when the summer holidays begin on 29th May. Please encourage your daughter to stay engaged in her learning until then.

Calculated grades for Leaving Certificate 2020: The updated guidelines issued yesterday 21st May are now available from the DES website and the link is available here <https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/74606/745492ee42f64db9aedcd1863f0cd368.pdf#page=1> . The document contains clarification on a range of topics including practical, oral and project work, change of levels, subjects studied outside of school, and RACE.

We think of you and your families at this time, and we wish you well for the week ahead. We will be in touch again once more before the end of term.

Until then, keep safe and God Bless.

Mr. Macnamara and Ms. Gunn