



1 May 2020

Dear Parent /Guardian

Summer Reports 2020 1st 2nd and 5th years

The arrangements for the end of term reports have been finalised. This year it will not be possible to conduct summer exams in the usual way, or to replace them with online exams, as students have differing levels of access to technology. In the interest of fairness therefore, teachers will use a range of methods to inform their assessments of students' achievements. These may be projects, assignments, CBA results, test results, and levels of student engagement with teachers since school closure. Students have been or will be informed by their individual teachers on this matter.

Junior Cert 3rd Year Reports

The Minister for Education and Skills Joe McHugh TD has announced revised arrangements for this year's Junior Cycle.

Under the revised arrangements and in light of the exceptional circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the work and achievement of third year Junior Cycle students will be recognised with a state certificate from the Department of Education and Skills. This Cert will issue from the Department early in the next school year. It will provide each student with a certificate confirming completion of the Junior Cycle programme of study, including the list of subjects,

As soon as possible after the end of the current school year, students will receive a written school report on their learning achievements in each subject. *(I will have more information on this report next week)*

We welcome the announcement that students will receive a State Certificate on completion of the Junior Cycle from the Department of Education and Skills. It also makes it clear for our students that they will have completed their Junior Cycle at the end of May.

TY summer reports

Full written report containing subjects comments and their credits in each subject for the year will be completed for all TY students by end of May.

Easter Competition

Well done to the students in 1st /2nd /5th year who entered the Easter Competitions. Well done to the winners who are listed with their work displayed on our website. There was a great response and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the girls to get involved in extra-curricular during the Easter break. Thanks to the teachers in the 9 subject areas that arranged for the competitions to take place. The prizes for the winners will be distributed early next week.

All students

For all students, we expect your daughter to be accessing work now every day from Office 365 or Edmodo and following her teachers' instructions. We expect your daughter to continue to engage with her subjects and teachers and continue to do her best. For now, all teachers expect full engagement with the work and study being set.

We are still navigating through uncharted waters and we appreciate your support at this time.

I ask your daughters to continue to mind themselves, to continue to stay active and to remain positive. To our 6th year students, make sure to take a small break this Bank Holiday weekend. There is now a Wellbeing Team for all students on Office 365.

We continue to remember those in our school community affected by Covid 19 and we pray for all the staff on the front line who are caring for our neediest at this time. We also remember those of you in our school community dealing with bereavement and we pray Gods comfort and blessing on you all.

Mind yourselves and family

Mr Peter Macnamara

Principal

To Have Hope

To have hope is to believe that
in spite of the global pandemic
God continues to care for our world.

To have hope is to daily
put one's own life at risk
in order to care for those who are ill.

To have hope is to seek new and creative ways
to continue our service
to our school communities

To have hope is to be
a messenger of God's love,
to believe that courage can overcome all fear.

To have hope is to believe
that our world will rise again
as a more just, inclusive, caring society.

To have hope is to begin again as many times as necessary.

To have hope is to live.

May we bless our world with the gift of hope.