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Dear Students

I do hope you had the chance over Easter to take a break from all things Leaving Cert, even if just to clear your head a little. I wish to reassure you that all the mixed emotions you are feeling are completely understandable and although we can't provide all the answers and certainty you would like, we are here to support you, as best we can. We will only provide updates that are issued through directives from the relative government agency.

Although you are receiving plenty of information and guidance from staff already, I just wanted to recap some of the points in one email and reiterate the different areas of support available to you.

Leaving Cert rescheduling

- The new Leaving Certificate exam timetable will be confirmed in early June.
- Students with special educational needs will be fully supported in sitting the rescheduled
- Leaving Certificate examinations in line with the reasonable accommodations as already arranged for them.
- Orals and Practicals have been cancelled and candidates awarded 100% for these components
- The deadline for submission of Practical Projects and Course Work; Art, Agricultural Science, History, Geography, RE, Politics and Society, Music Composition, and Home Economics (Textiles) will now be immediately prior to the commencement of the written examinations in the late July/August period
- Practical examinations, supervised by school appointed superintendents in Art Life Sketching will take place in the late July/August period.
- The intention is to allow at least two weeks of class time, in school, before the Leaving Certificate examinations begin.

Taught Input

Attached with this email is a timetable of your taught inputs for the coming weeks. Where possible teachers have scheduled classes at the same time each week. Please have your parent email reception@thekingshospital.ie if you cannot attend a online taught input class, otherwise you will be marked absent.

Staff phone calls

Your Houseperson will be checking in with you by phone over the next week, as will Ms McGinn or Ms Tanner for Guidance Counselling. For safeguarding purposes, the call will go to your parents phone.

If you have any specific questions for the Guidance Counsellors or Housepeople, please prepare in advance, to maximise your time on the call.



Reach+

All students will shortly receive a unique licence code allowing them access to Reach+, a career and college preparation programme. The guidance department will then liaise directly with you, via email, with tips on how to use this programme, which will help you with your personal career development and planning.

Online RIAM exams

Music and Drama teachers have emailed you the options on taking your RIAM grade this term. Please let them know which option you are taking by this Friday 24th of April if you haven't done so already.

Valedictory

Mr Campion and Mrs O'Reilly, supported by other staff members, will begin working with you and your committee to plan a Virtual Valedictory, that will certainly hold a special place in the KH history books, for its uniqueness. They would like you to hold the date of May 15th in your calendars and will be in contact soon with more information. I am also very conscious that it is important, when government guidelines allow, that we should plan an event in school to mark the end of this chapter in your time with KH.

SCT 2019/20 Highlight Reel

Thanks to the rugby coaches for putting this together, marking the great season for this year's SCT <https://youtu.be/zUUpNKU9nCg>

Well-Being

Our well-being team has put together some very helpful resources along with their contact information. These along with Rev.Campion's 'thoughts from chapel' and workout videos can all be seen on our school website at <https://www.kingshospital.ie/covid-19-your-wellbeing>

It may not seem like it now, but when obstacles and setbacks come your way both professionally and personally in the future, you will have gained the strength and resilience from this experience, to keep going no matter what.

Yours,

Mark Ronan