



15-5-20

Dear Parents

I do hope that you continue to remain safe and well. On behalf of all our staff, we again wish to thank those of you working in healthcare and other essential services.

Assessment Week – [Louise Marshall](#)

On Monday, we begin the penultimate week of term, which is assessment week for all students, except this year's Form 6. You can link to the [timetable](#) here. Teachers have been instructing students on uploading answer sheets or filling them out online and are aware of all SEN accommodations.

Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades – [Siobhán Daly](#)

A special unit is being established within the Department of Education and Skills to provide guidance to schools on the preparation of Calculated Grades. We will be contact with our roadmap and timeline when that guidance becomes available. In the meantime, we ask that parents and students do not contact any staff member to discuss any aspect of this process but instead email LC2020@thekingshospital.ie, where we can collate your questions.

Virtual Art Gallery

Congratulations to Erica Barry, winner of Week 2 Creative Challenge and to Katy Kennedy and Seán Lynch, joint winners of Week 3. All the curated submissions can be viewed in our [Online Gallery](#) and well worth a visit to see the talented artists we have in our midst.

Virtual Valedictory – [Kerrie O'Reilly](#)

This has been a particularly difficult and anxiety-ridden few weeks for our Form 6 students but we are really pleased with their collaboration with staff on our Virtual Valedictory celebration, which will take place in two parts tonight. At 7pm this evening the entire KH community will receive an email with a live link to the Virtual Valedictory. We begin, as we would in school, with a Service led by Rev. Campion.

At 7.45pm another email will be sent to just the Class of MMXX, their families, and staff. It will begin with the announcement of the Valedictorians, followed by the Head boy and Head girl speeches and continue into the Concert.

RIAM Exams – [How to Guide for recording performances](#)

Virtual Sports Activities – [Derek Maybury](#)

We continue to encourage everyone to accumulate 60+ minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity / exercise each day. Our circuit training sessions are posted every Tuesday & Thursday at 4pm on our Instagram page [@kings_hospital_school](#). We also have a weekly backyard sports challenge sent to 1st & 2nd form students each Wednesday. For more exercise ideas & to see the catalogue of short video sessions check out our Twitter page [@KingsHos_Sport](#).

Well-Being – [John Aiken](#)

Students are reminded to remain in contact with their house-person for pastoral care. However, you can also email members of the wellbeing team as listed in the [Well-Being Procedural Pathway](#).



Thoughts from Chapel – [Rev. Campion](#)

Rev. Campion has enlightened and entertained us, nightly on social media, since school closed and will continue to do so until the end of term. Thousands enjoyed his dance moves last Friday night. All of his posts to-date are now available on a dedicated [YouTube playlist](#).

Access to School for Personal Belongings – Cormac Ua Bruadair

Personal belongings, from lockers and boarding rooms, can be collected by those living within a 5km radius of the school. On the 8th June, that will be extended to those living within a 20 km radius of the school. For those living outside of these distances a family member or friend may collect belongings, should they be passing the school legitimately. In all cases people **must** apply for a time slot by emailing facilities@thekingshospital.ie otherwise access cannot be granted to the school campus.

School reopening

We are working hard to plan the reopening of school at the end of August albeit with some form of social distancing and adjustments to be made throughout the school. We are committed to doing whatever remedial work is necessary to provide a safe and holistic educational experience for your child and our staff when they all return. As guidelines and requirements for school re-openings become available, we will keep you informed and updated throughout the summer months. Students that are resident overseas will most likely have to quarantine before returning to school. We will work closely with those families to assist in that regard.

As May 18 approaches we can look forward to the easing of some of the restrictions with some businesses reopening; and I am sure the students are excited to see small groups of friends and extended family again.

I hope you enjoy the weekend ahead.

Yours

Mark Ronan

Headmaster/Principal