



Headmaster Email to Parents

30-5-20

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you once again for all that you are doing in the efforts to contain this virus and support all those that are affected by it. This extends to our students who are playing an intrinsic role; staying apart from family and friends, engaging enthusiastically in online education and being challenged in their preparation for state exams.

Teaching and Learning – [Louise Marshall](#) & [Siobhán Daly](#)

We have received positive and helpful feedback from students, staff and parents around the online taught input schedule, and a further updated timetable was sent to your inbox yesterday.

As we plan end of term assessments along with a revision schedule, we are taking into account digital and connectivity issues some students might be experiencing, and will engage with those students directly to assist in any way we can. You will receive more detail on the rest-of-term schedule, including guidance on the assessments, next week.

Congratulations to Sarah Culleton Form 3 who was the winner of the Week 1 Artwork of the Week Creative Challenge. Students have been invited to submit examples weekly, of their original work; Painting, Drawing, Photograph, Cartoon, Sculpture, Video or Digital Image, Music, which is being curated by the Art Department. The contributions so far have been outstanding. Week 1 is available to view [here](#).

Junior and Leaving Cert – A message from the SEC (State Exam Commission)

Leaving Certificate Fees: The closing date for payment of the Leaving Cert examination fee is being extended until after the exams are complete and the results have been issued.

Junior Certificate/Cycle Fees : Students will not be required to pay an examination fees to the SEC in relation to the 2020 Junior Cycle examinations, the SEC will be issuing a refund to all students who have already paid. There is no need to contact the State Examinations Commission as refunds will be made automatically. Further details will be sent to all schools in the coming days.

School Trip Refunds - [Cormac UaBruadair](#)

There is discussion taking place among EU government leaders this week around issuing vouchers instead of refunds from airlines. As soon as an official statement is made we will provide more clarity, as it relates to school trips.

Well-Being – [John Aiken](#)

This week our house people, guidance department and well-being team made personal calls, through you, to check-in with your children. The balance of calls will take place next week. Students were very appreciative of the call, and staff the opportunity to make the one-to-one contact with them and hear about their experiences. Please email any well-being



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concerns you may have about your child to their houseperson, who will then follow the [Well-being Procedural Pathway](#).

A new presentation from our school counsellor, Clair Breen, on 'Worrying', is now up on the website in our [Covid-19 support section](#).

Sport – [Derek Maybury](#)

Coaches and PE teachers have been engaging with students in many formats to encourage them to keep up their fitness levels and stay connected. Over the coming weeks there will be backyard challenges and relay races done through Google Classroom, as they will be missing their Sports Day.

Performing Arts – [Kerrie O'Reilly](#)

Students are busy preparing for virtual RIAM exams in June and curriculum practicals for end of term assessments. Students are just rehearsing at the moment but we will send a how-to-guide on how to optimise their video recordings for their final submissions.

Planning for Valedictory MMXX is well underway. As in normal times there are plenty of opportunities for students to participate, or this year contribute by sending photos and videos. Encourage your Form 6 student to get involved in this unique virtual Valedictory by contacting the valedictory committee to find out more.

Bank Holiday Monday

As Monday 4 May is a Bank Holiday, a gentle reminder that there will be no taught input on that day.

I wish you all, within the current restrictions, a relaxing Bank Holiday Weekend and most importantly that you remain safe and well.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster/Principal