

Bulletin 23 for Parents/Guardians

23-February-2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope this bulletin finds you well as we return this term remote teaching and learning. A huge thank you to you all and to our students for engaging with us.

A few important reminders/notices:

• 6th years and LCA2s only

- These students will return to school on <u>Monday March 1st</u>. I am delighted to welcome our students back! Full Covid-19 measures are in place as before. School transport will run as normal.
- The school canteen will be open. Please top up fobs. Please ensure that your child has their own mask AND spares. Thank you.
- Parents/Guardians must complete a <u>Return To School Form</u> for their Child/ren in order for them return. I will send a link to phones tomorrow. This form can be completed online.
- Online classes will continue as normal for all of our other students.
- o 5th years will return on March 15th but this is subject to review by Public Health.
- All other year groups will return on April 12th also subject to review.

• School Closure on Tuesday March 2nd.

 There will be NO online on in school classes on Tuesday March 2nd. This is due to essential teacher training. This training is beyond our control as it is not school based and date cannot be changed.

• re: Leaving Cert

We met with our 6th years on Monday to inform them about decisions made about Leaving Certificate. We are still waiting on a lot more details, both about the process and subject specific issues. I will share these details when we get them. I will also have an online briefing for Parents/ Guardians of 6th years and LCA2s when this information is published by the DES.

Re: Junior Cert

 We met with our 3rd years on Monday to inform them that although the Junior Cycle exams have been cancelled the Junior Cycle has not! Work carries on as normal for all of our 3rd years and their continued engagement online is expected for all subjects currently running. They will sit a series of assessments towards the end of the year.

• Subject & Programme Choice

A talk for Parents/ Guardians of 3rd and 4th years will take place on THURSDAY evening at 7pm. This is very important when considering programmes (e.g. TY/LCA) and subjects. I sent the link for this webinar to relevant parents/guardians today.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Stay safe,

Rachel O' Connor,

Principal.