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### **Revised arrangements for Junior Cycle 2020**

Dear Parents and Students.

The Minister for Education and Skills Joe McHugh TD announced Wednesday 29 April 2020 revised arrangements for this year's Junior Cycle – see attached PDF.

- All third year Junior Cycle students to be awarded certificates for the completion of Junior Cycle by the Department of Education and Skills
- Schools given autonomy to assess students and all students to receive a report on achievement

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 and short course.

In drafting that report the school has already amassed a considerable amount of data on student progress to date: exam results from 1st & 2nd year, Mock results, CBAs, short course assessments in CSPE, SPHE and P.E and students will be asked to collate their OAL (Other Areas of Learning) using a school template.

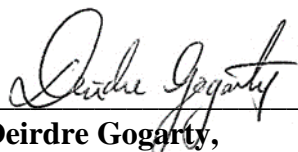
Schools are also being given autonomy to decide whether to run school-based assessments before the end of the year. While reference was made to examinations, an examination is a not a viable option at this stage given the logistics involved and the views as expressed in emails, calls and letters that I have received from parents and students. Reference has been made to student wellbeing, health and stress, access to devices and scheduling such access as well as the varied domestic circumstances from which students are operating.

Teachers will consider an appropriate form of assessment (task, project, assignment, essay style question, presentation or other) that can be administered over the coming weeks that will contribute to reporting on the student's achievement for Junior Cycle. Teachers will issue advice to their students this week. The Board of Management has discussed and approved the issuing of the school report as outlined. Students are encouraged to continue engagement with their teachers while giving of their best over the final four weeks of term and I wish them and their parents all the best.

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Yours sincerely,

  
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