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Parents of students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and Transition Years

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have now commenced the summer term of the school year with schools at present closed indefinitely. Towards the end of this week a further announcement is expected from the Department of Education and Skills following consultation between the various stakeholders. Two decisions have been made in relation to the State Examinations: the cancellation of the Junior Cycle and postponement of the Leaving Certificate to 29th July. In both instances further guidelines will be issued. I am acutely aware of the upset and stress these decisions have caused for 3rd and 6th year students and their families and teachers but please be assured that the school will endeavour to work in the best interests of all concerned.

At present, all students should be focused on a 6 week programme of work to the end of May. I am conscious of the difficulties being experienced by both students and teachers working from a domestic environment. Students may have limited access to devices and Wi-Fi/broadband, scheduling of classes and assignments are problematic and both students and teachers have demands being placed on them that they would not normally have to contend with. Should your daughter be ill or if there has been illness in the family which would impact her work, please inform the year head, via the App. The priority should be the health, safety and wellbeing of all concerned.

First Years should shortly have completed their option choices for second year and would have received option reports through Vsware.

Second Years will have completed Classroom Based Assessments and a report will issue to students in September follow Subject Learning and Assessment Review meetings.

Third Years will be updated with regard to developments with Junior Cycle but should focus on engaging with completion of courses and the OAL report (Other Areas of Learning). Students and parents will be notified regarding guidelines for any assessment expected in the next week or so. Ms McDonnell will continue to update students with arrangements for Transition Year 2020/21.

Transition Years should be completing their portfolios and following assignments as set by their teachers. It is our intention to stage the musical *Grease* early in the first term of next school year.

Fifth Years should proceed with course as set by teachers. There will be assessments for fifth year students towards the end of May with a report issuing in June. Subject teachers will be consulting with students on the nature and form of assessment.

Planning for 2020/21 has commenced but as you can appreciate a lot of it is in draft awaiting national developments. We will be in touch regarding school calendar, booklists, re-registration etc in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal