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Dear Parents/Guardians and 3rd Year Students,

The DES have announced that in 2020, the Junior Cycle learning achievement of students will be recognised through a specific form of certification designed to meet the current, exceptional circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For each student, certification will involve two elements:

- **A State Certificate of completion of Junior Cycle from the Department of Education and Skills.** Students will receive a State Certification that they have completed three years of Junior Cycle education. This certification will be provided by the Department of Education and Skills.
- **A School Report setting out the learning achievements of students in Junior Cycle.** Students will receive a written report on the broad range of learning that they have achieved in each subject and short course at the end of Junior Cycle. This assessment of their learning will be provided by their teachers. Schools will have autonomy in how this assessment is to be arrived at and the format in which the report is provided.

In light of the above and following discussions with teachers we have decided that the students' final grades will be based on three elements.

- 20% of each student's final assessment in each subject.
- 20% will be derived from already completed CBA's, AT's, practical work and so on (Summative assessments will suffice where there are none of the aforementioned completed)
- 60% based on the Mock exam result and teacher professional judgement as to the grade that this Mock result would have translated to in the Junior Cycle exam.

Assessment Dates

The practical subjects will set their assessment tasks in the week beginning 11th May. The deadline for completion of these tasks will be Thursday 14th May.

All other subject assessments will take place in the week beginning 18th May. We recognise that our students have differing home contexts, sometimes making it difficult to engage with learning at certain times. To prioritise the wellbeing of our students all assessments will be made available to the students at the beginning of the week and they will have the autonomy to complete them at a time which suits their particular circumstances. Students will complete the tests and submit them through Schoology. Your child's teacher will advise them of what will be included on each assessment.

Other Learning Experiences

In line with the New Junior Cycle, the report will record students' achievement, effort and participation in the broader dimensions of learning including involvement in extra and co-curricular activities. Ms O' Reilly will be contacting the students next week to work with them on gathering this information.

End of Year Assembly & Prayer Service

The end of year Assembly and Prayer Service will take place on Friday 15th May. Ms Finnegan will be in contact with the students through Schoology to advise them of the time and with details of how to log on.

As the year draws to a close we hope that our 3rd Year group look forward with optimism to the new school year as they step up to the role of senior cycle students.

We thank you as parents for your continued support and pray that you remain safe and well as we continue to negotiate the challenges of this crisis.

With every good wish,



Leona Harrington
Principal



Róisín Ní Dhonncha
Deputy Principal