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Dear Parent /Guardian,

As we approach the midterm break we had hoped to have some clarity around the return to school dates. As you will have heard from media reports there is a strong desire to reopen schools as soon as it is safe to do so. We hope and pray that we will have some positive news in this regard over the course of the coming week. We will keep you updated.

Remote Learning

Our teachers have been working hard to adapt their resources to reflect the 'remote learning' model that we are now engaged in. They are continuing to find creative and effective ways to keep your children motivated whilst away from school. Whilst remote learning is no substitute for face to face teaching the feedback from students is that the model we are operating is working well for them.

In these unprecedented times our challenge has been to balance the continued engagement of our students in their learning whilst also being mindful of their wellbeing. We recognise that this is a difficult time for you as parents and we understand the challenges that 'learning from home' present for you. Thank you for your feedback, all of which has informed our planning as we continually reviewed our practice over the five weeks since returning to school.

Junior Cert and Leaving Cert Mock Exams (Provisional Arrangements)

We have surveyed our 3rd & 6th Year students in relation to the Mock Exams and their feedback has informed our decisions around the timetabling of these exams. We have notified the students that the provisional plan for the mocks is that they will take place in the week after they return to school, giving them a week of teaching and settling back before their exams begin. A return date has yet to be confirmed. To help students with their revision plans the mock timetable has been published on schoology. Clearly we are in a situation of huge uncertainty and as such this plan may change in light of announcements from Government in the coming week and we will update you should any amendments or changes be necessary.

Upcoming Dates

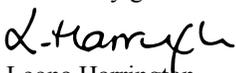
Monday 22nd February: Remote learning will resume on Monday 22nd February. We also look forward to welcoming our Claddagh students back to the school building on this date.

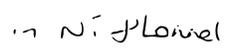
Wednesday 24th February: School will be closed on Wednesday 24th February as all staff members are involved in Junior Cycle training. There will be no remote lessons on this date.

Tuesday 9th March: Subject Choice Information Evening for 1st Year Students (moving into 2nd Year). This will be an online meeting and details will be circulated to parents after the midterm break.

Finally, I would like to extend a thank you to our parents for your invaluable support over the last number of weeks. I would also like to acknowledge our students, we are so proud of the wonderful commitment, courage and resilience they have shown during these unprecedented times. We encourage them to take time over the midterm break to recharge and step away from the screens. I hope that the break from 'home schooling' allows all our families to have a more restful week.

With every good wish,


Leona Harrington
Principal


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Deputy Principal


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