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Dear Parent /Guardian,

You will be aware at this stage that the Department of Education & Skills has clarified the situation with regard to the Junior Cycle 2021 with the following statement;

"The Junior Cycle examinations will not be run in 2021. Schools will be provided with guidance on continuing to engage this year group in online learning and assessment during the period of school closure and through in-person learning when schools re-open." (Department of Education & Skills)

While the State Examinations for Junior Cycle students will not take place, they will continue to have lessons in subjects, teachers will still carry out assessments on classwork and they will still continue to cover the Junior Cycle Course . Learning in Junior Cycle lays a significant foundation for Senior Cycle, so students must continue to engage fully with their learning. Otherwise, they may find they have gaps in their knowledge in Senior Cycle which could impact on subject choice as they move into 5th Year.

We intend to provide students with an official Junior Cycle School Report at the end of 3rd Year. This will be a comprehensive report that will record their academic attainment in subjects and their participation and achievement in a broad range of areas of learning over the 3 years. It will also take account of their engagement in learning, their achievement and the results of their school assessments/or school exams between now and the end of 3rd Year. Further details on this assessment and report will be provided to students in the coming weeks.

Regarding the Mock Exams for 3rd Years, the reality is that their usefulness is now very limited, as they are usually completed as a preparation for the State Examinations. Given that there are now no official Junior Cycle State Examinations, that we do not know when schools will reopen for 3rd Years, and the loss of in school tuition time, we have made a decision not to proceed with the Mock Exams for 3rd Year students.

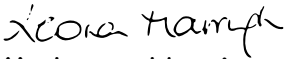
Subject Choice for Senior Cycle

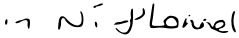
We have opened the Senior Cycle subject choice for students progressing into the Established Leaving Certificate next year. The deadline for completion of the subject choice form is **Thursday 4th March**. Forms can be access through the **OPTIONS** tab when you log into your child's Vsware account.

Students progressing into **LCA** or **TY** **do not complete** the subject choice form. **TY** applications and **LCA** applications will be available to the students in the coming days.

We hope that 3rd Years have taken the opportunity over the midterm break to recharge their batteries after this period of uncertainty. We look forward with hope to welcoming them back into the building in the near future but in the meantime expect full engagement with remote learning.

With every good wish


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