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Dear Parents and Students,

Please see information update below:

Parent, Student and Teacher Meetings

Due to COVID restrictions Parent, Student Teacher Meetings are cancelled until the situation normalises. In lieu of the parent teacher meetings teachers will complete a short progress report on students in their class and this will be made available to parents and students on VShare. We will text parents when the reports are available. This should be around the time of the scheduled meeting or in the week or so immediately after the scheduled meeting.

If any parent wishes to have a follow up phone call with a teacher in relation to feedback in the report, please contact the school and this can be arranged. Please remember that a parent can contact the school at any time to speak with a Class Tutor or Year Head about student progress and/or welfare.

Third Year Pre-Mock Assessments

In previous years we scheduled our Third Year Pre-Mock (Christmas) Assessments on a formal basis to reflect the state examination format. This year, to minimise disruption and maximise student time in class the Pre-Mock Assessments will take place in one class period as per the student timetable. The assessment will be approximately 50 minutes in duration and will cover a specific aspect of each subject specification. Students will follow their timetable as normal so there should be no confusion. The Assessments will take place on the week of November 16-20 as scheduled. Students will be told in advance when their particular subject test will take place.

Christmas Assessments

Christmas Assessments for First, Second, TY and Fifth Years will take place from December 17 to 22. Further information will be provided to students in advance of this date.

Online Materials

Teachers are putting work and notes on Teams for all students where possible and appropriate and also using Teams to assign homework where appropriate. It is student responsibility to access this material. Students are aware of this. This is a help to all students especially during absences. I encourage all students to engage with this facility. When students are absent (particularly if it is for isolation reasons) they should follow their daily timetable where possible.

COVID 19

Thank you all for your support of our COVID protocols. We had an inspection from the Department of Education Inspectorate on Monday and the inspector reported that the school fulfilled all the Safe Provision of Schooling protocols. The inspector complimented the high level of compliance, the high level of planning and the reconfiguration of classrooms and corridors.

I would take this opportunity to remind you should a positive case occur among a member of the school community we will only contact parents on the advice of Public Health. To date we have not been contacted by Public Health in relation to any concern or contact tracing involving students or staff.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Congratulations to students and staff involved in the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. This year we continued our good record in the competition with 7 projects selected for the national exhibition in January.

Other extracurricular activities taking place include the Local Enterprise Competition, Tidy Towns Programme, Shoebox Appeal, Packing for Homeless, fundraising for Temple Street Hospital, Green Schools Programme.

Lockers

While First Year students have been given lockers to help their transition to secondary school it is not possible at this time to extend this to other years, but we will continue to monitor the situation. As previously communicated students should, unless otherwise instructed leave textbooks at home and use them for homework

Uniform Policy

The school uniform jacket is an essential part of school uniform and detailed as such in our Uniform Policy. If any parent has difficulty purchasing any part of school day uniform or PE uniform, please contact the

school. Orders for day uniform are being taken by Magee's Drapery at www.mageeskingscourt.com or 087 910 1857 or from M & F Stores at 087 245 2501.

PE uniform can be ordered from www.schooluniformsdirect.com.

It is an essential requirement that students have correct uniform. This includes the school jacket pictured below.

I also remind parents that facial piercings and upper earlobe piercings are not allowed and this forms part of the terms under which students attend school here.



Yours sincerely,

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