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8th May 2020

Dear Parents

As you are already aware the Minister for Education has announced that the Leaving Certificate is not to go ahead as planned this year. All students are to be offered the option of receiving Calculated Grades for the subjects they are studying and the alternative of sitting the 2020 Leaving Certificate examinations at a date in the future, should they wish, when it is considered safe to hold the examinations. The decision has been taken following an assessment of public health advice and other information and the implications for holding the exams from the previously rescheduled date of Wednesday 29 July 2020.

This unprecedented decision is reflective of the unprecedented times we are experiencing. Our 6th Years, and their families, have shown tremendous resilience and strength to date in dealing with a constantly changing and challenging landscape. We thank them for working so well with us and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. As clarity emerges we will provide updates and information to students and their families. As always, we will ensure that our students' welfare is served to the highest standards by OLS.

Statement:

<https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2020-press-releases/PR20-05-08.html>

We recognise that this announcement, whilst bringing relief to many students that they are not facing into a long summer of drawn out exams, will bring anxiety to many over the way in which results will be predicted.

Please rest assured that the school will play our part fully to work with the SEC to provide all relevant data in a fair and objective manner.

I know that many students will feel concerned about how this new system of predicted grades will work but we will in OLS do our very best for each and every student where possible.

The staff of the school recognise the commitment and the hard work of all of our 6<sup>th</sup> Years and it has been an absolute pleasure to have worked with them. As their Year Head from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year I know that they are a spirited group and their resilience will stand to them now as they face new challenges and opportunities.

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Supports as always are available for students if they need them and if you feel that your daughter needs extra school related support please let us know.

The finer details of the process will be examined and considered and we will continue to work with the SEC on your daughter's behalf. Please note that if your daughter is not happy with predicted grades, there is an option for her to sit her Leaving Cert exam in the relevant subject(s) when the exams are rescheduled.

I hope the gift of the summer to enjoy rather than twelve extra weeks of study and exams will alleviate some of the concerns that your daughter might have.

Each and every student and their families are in the thoughts of all the staff who have worked so hard with them over the past 6 years.

We will be in contact with our 6<sup>th</sup> Years to let them know future plans.

Best wishes to you and your daughter at this time,

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