



30th April, 2021

6th Year Graduation Day - 14th May, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

After yet again another unprecedented year I am writing to you with regard to your daughter's final weeks in Our Lady's School. Our 6th Years have been exemplary in their application and behaviour throughout the year despite the additional challenges that they have had to deal with. Each and every student has led throughout the school with positivity and they have shown great flexibility in their approach to their ever changing final year in Our Lady's.

We have worked hard on planning their final weeks in Our Lady's to ensure that they are recognised and celebrated appropriately.

We look forward to the last weeks with your daughter as we continue to assist them prepare for the dual process Leaving Certificate 2021, for their Accredited Grades and their Leaving Certificate exams. It is of utmost importance that the atmosphere in the school remains calm and structured, an environment conducive to preparation for the final exams. To this end, we have spoken to the 6th Year students and reiterated a number of points.

6th Year Graduation Day May 14th 2021 (In line with Covid Protocols)

We look forward to inviting the 6th Years to a Graduation breakfast on the morning of the 14th May at 8.30am in their base classrooms. This breakfast will be organised by the 6th Year Form team and the Chaplain. Throughout the day many events will be held to recognise our 6th Years' contribution to the school during their 6 years with us. These will include year awards, formal whole school awards, House speeches, the passing over of leadership badges and the formal school graduation ceremony.

Some of these events will be recorded and a graduation video will be released to 6th Year families at 7pm that night for you to share and celebrate with your daughter and family.

Students will attend this graduation day in their school uniform.

May 14th is the last day for the gathering of evidence for accredited grades.

From Mon 17th May, 6th Year teachers will be focusing exclusively on Leaving Cert exam preparation and time management for exams. The school has strongly advised all students to apply for Accredited Grades and also to sit all their Leaving Cert exams so as to give themselves the very best chance to achieve the highest grades possible.

However if some students have decided to only take Accredited Grades in certain subjects they do not have to attend these classes after 14th May. A limited supervised study will be

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available for students who are attending the full school day and are not sitting a particular exam. These classes will run up to and including Tuesday 25th May.

From Wednesday 26th May, 6th Year staff will be available at class time remotely to assist students where needed. The health and safety of our Leaving Cert students is a priority this year and we want to ensure that all students are enabled to sit their exams.

We have urged our students to be particularly vigilant in relation to their contacts and their exposure to Covid 19 **from Wednesday 26th May** to ensure that they are in a position to sit their Leaving Certificate exam 2 weeks later on Wednesday, 9th June.

The Summer term in 6th Year is a very special time for the group. We, the staff, look forward to joining with them in celebrating their time with us and with each other in Our Lady's School. We know our community is a richer place due to their positive contributions over the past 6 years.

Yours sincerely



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