



**OUR
LADY'S
SCHOOL**
TERENURE



10th February, 2021

Re: Junior Cycle Mock Examinations

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

A big well done to all our students and their families for the excellent engagement with remote teaching and learning. I know that there are many challenges for families at these times. The high level of student engagement and support from home has been exceptional.

I fully appreciate that our 3rd Year students have added concerns around their Junior Cycle examinations and their Mock exams and are looking for clarity. The lack of clear direction from the Government about the return to school and the State Examinations means that it is challenging for schools to make clear decisions in a vacuum. We recognise how challenging it also is for our students to maintain motivation without any set dates to work towards.

We have put an interim plan in place to provide some clarity to our 3rd Years in relation to their Mock exams.

Mock Examinations

We hope to see our 3rd Year students back in the school building soon. We plan to hold 3rd Year Mock Exams on the week of March 22nd in line with public health guidelines. The in-school Mock examinations will allow our students get a real experience of sitting examinations with crucial time management practice.

This plan will also allow students to take a well deserved break and rest from screen time over the mid term break without the pressure of having to sit exams immediately on return to school.

Please note that this plan can of course change depending on any relevant Department of Education announcements and public health guidelines.

We hope to see all of our students return to their learning, whether that be in person or online, on February 22nd with the same determination and positive attitude that they have shown throughout the opening weeks of 2021.

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The 3rd Years of OLS are to be commended on their resilience and commitment to their studies despite the many challenges that they have been presented with.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marguerite Gorby', written over a horizontal blue line.

Marguerite Gorby
Principal