



28th May, 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

Congratulations to our 4th Year students on their TY graduation yesterday. The volume of certs and awards distributed is a testament to all the work that went on despite the continued challenges of Covid. The range of achievements is truly impressive!

We have provisionally booked a trip to Carlingford in late March of 5th Year for your daughter's year group to compensate for the cancellation of the trip this year due to Covid regulations. This is always a highlight of the year for our students and judging from the students' response when this was announced we know that the students really appreciate this opportunity to be involved in the traditional bonding and activities that are the trademarks of this trip away.

We look forward to sharing your daughter's report on VSWare over the coming weeks and we encourage you to reflect with your daughter on her progress in TY. The planning for your daughter's progression to 5th Year has been underway for some time and we look forward to supporting her through the transition to her Leaving Certificate cycle in September.

I am delighted to let you know that Ms Kinsella will be taking over as Year Head for your daughter's year group in 5th Year.

As you will expect, the focus of 5th Year is very different from Transition Year and your daughter will be hitting the ground running from September! She will be continuing with the core subjects of English, Irish and Maths and has made her choices for 4 additional option subjects that have been confirmed with her as of this week so she can be organised with materials for the start of the academic year.

We will be implementing a short catch up revision course at the start of 5th Year to ensure a solid base after the summer break and we will be focusing your daughter on study skills needed for the 2 year Leaving Cert course also through a study skills course at the start of the year. You will notice that your costs cover an Academic Tracking booklet that all students will use in Senior Cycle to monitor their academic progress. These booklets will be used regularly to assist your daughter to take ownership of her learning.

A key focus of Pastoral Care will be the scaffolding of your daughter's learning journey to ensure she is enabled to engage to her full potential on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

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5th Year will also offer your daughter many opportunities to engage with leadership roles in the school. Please encourage her to join some of the many student leader groups, Lighthouse, Coiste, Le Cheile Council, St Vincent de Paul to name a few. As always we will be encouraging your daughter to get involved in some of the many extra curricular activities in the school to ensure that she keeps a balance to her week.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe summer and look forward to a full school return in late August.

Yours sincerely



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