

Dear Fifth Year students, parents and guardians,

We hope that you are all well and looking forward to a busy and successful last term. We wrote to you in March with information on our Career Guidance programme and we enjoyed two very productive online sessions with excellent attendance. Since then, the school has purchased an online Career Guidance programme for each student in Fifth Year and we will begin work on this on Friday April 23rd. Each student has also received their book to go with this programme and it is an excellent resource for students going forward into Sixth Year. In order to overcome the challenges brought on by our current Public Health situation both in terms of Health and Safety, ICT facilities and disruption to the academic year we will need to do this work online and to that end Fifth Year students will remain at home on Friday 23rd so that they may use their own devices.

They will follow their normal school day from 9 to 2pm and will have a full programme of Career Guidance with a focus on two key areas. The first is Career Testing to replace the DAT tests which are not possible this year in the current circumstances and the second area is Study Skills. A full timetable for the day will be posted on the Fifth Year Student Team in advance. Although we had excellent attendance for our previous sessions, it was noted that some students did not attend and did not notify us of any reason for this. If you are not able to attend on this day then the school must be notified in writing in the school journal as per school protocol. Likewise, we are aware of a small number of students who had issues accessing a device/Wi-Fi in the past number of months so you must let us know in advance of any issues you anticipate so we can resolve them.

We have all had to adapt to the challenges this year has brought in order to continue to provide students with every possible support to ensure they do not miss out on any aspect of their Senior Cycle programme so it is very important to note that this is a compulsory school day for all students. We look forward to working with you on the day and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Kerins

Deputy Principal

Ms M. Harris

Guidance Counsellor

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Guidance Counsellor