



## End of year assessments & Virtual Sports Day & School letter 14-05-2020

Dear parents& guardians,

Over the last number of weeks, we have endeavored to contact nearly every student in the school to ascertain if they have been able to engage with the on-line teaching and learning.

It is fantastic to say that the vast majority of students have been able to continue working from home. As a result of this very positive feedback as a school we took the decision to hold end of year assessments for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year classes. We did this in order to maintain some semblance of normality in our schoolwork and also to acknowledge the work our students have produced over the last 8 weeks. We also wish to give positive guidance and feedback to our students about their progress.

Following some concern expressed by teachers I write to advise all students that unless students have formally notified their teachers of a **valid** and **verified reason** for their non-engagement with their end of year assessments in all their subjects – their end of year assessment will reflect this lack of completion of tests in their summer reports. To clarify for students – these end of year assessments are not “optional” - they are compulsory and part of your schoolwork and curriculum. All students have been advised of this timetable for the week 25-29<sup>th</sup> May and these assessments will form part of their overall summer mark and report.

Therefore, it is our understanding and expectation that where students have been able to engage with on-line work that they can also engage with and complete their on-line end of year assessment.

I ask any parent to contact me directly to discuss any queries in relation to this by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at the very latest in order for me to make alternative arrangements if necessary.

### ***Virtual Sports Day***

Well we couldn't have the real thing, but this was certainly a fantastic substitute given the circumstances. A huge well done to all the students who participated. Thanks to Mr. Colin Cryan and Mr. Sean Gavin for their work on the Facebook page and collating the results. We will have a collage of all the footage sent in to us on our website shortly. We are delighted with your response as a school – great fun watching the different events and activities. Well done and thank you.

### ***School Letter***

An important school letter will be posted to all students this week with information on School Uniform, Booklists, School Charge, Book grant form and new school year arrangements.

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