

Update from Castleknock Community College

Monday 23rd March 2020



Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s),

I hope that this message finds you safe and well as we continue to adjust to these most challenging of times.

There are a number of matters that I would like to share with you. In doing so I am very aware that there are families who have loved ones who are now self-isolating at this time so the advice below and the comments below may not be relevant.

If you have a particular concern please contact the College at admin@castleknockcc.ie.

Oral Exams & Some Practical Exams Cancelled

As most of you know the State Examinations Commission & The Department of Education & Skills announced that they have cancelled all Oral Exams and SOME Practical Examinations for Junior & Leaving Certificate students.

Only the exams listed below are cancelled.

- Leaving Certificate Irish and the Modern Languages of French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Japanese
- Leaving Certificate Music
- Junior Cycle Music and Home Economics.

I have posted a full copy of the DES press statement on our website.

Linking in with Teachers

We contacted all our teachers by phone last Friday to establish the level of engagement of students with the online learning facilities that teachers are providing for students. While the feedback was very positive it was evident that not all students are engaging with their teachers. Consequently we will begin making contact with parents of sixth year students who are not engaging in the process. However we are also very mindful that there may other reasons as to why students have not linked in with their teachers but rest assured we will endeavour to support all our students to the best of our ability.

If your daughter/son has mislaid their logon details for the 365 account please email admin@castleknockcc.ie and we can email you the details.

In the vast majority of cases students are engaging with teachers and showing wonderful resilience.

Mindful Colouring & Well Being

Our College Chaplain, Chantelle Barrett, has had several requests to forward some Mindful Drawing Templates and these are now available to download from our website. Also available to download from the website are tips on managing our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around us courtesy of the GAA.

Useful list of Resources for LC2 Students

This is a fantastic resource from a group of 6th year students. It's an extensive list of subject based online supports that they've found particularly useful:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oUSQMmVoWwTaCMuPpl_UO-gi4blD0J2ZbKB6CZH4x5s/mobilebasic

DES History Competition -

A possible challenge for non-exam history students is the DES History Competition - Open to Primary and Post-Primary deadline extended to 29th May. Further details of the competition, click [here](#).

Continue to take good care of yourselves

John Cronin

