



Parents' Update

Thursday 7th January

Dear Parents(s)/Guardian(s),

I would like to begin by wishing all our families a safe and happy new year.

As you are aware the Department of Education & Skills has instructed all schools to close for the next three weeks. However, Sixth Year Students will be provided with a blended learning approach and will be attending school for three days a week and accessing online learning for two days a week. Over the last two days we have hosted a series of meetings with the teaching staff at Castleknock Community College and we are putting in place plans to manage the safe return of our sixth year students on Monday 11th January and for the provision of online learning & teaching for all other students.

I plan to provide further updates on Friday 8th January when we have received clarification on a number of matters but in the meantime, I wish to share the following information with you:

Leaving Certificate 2 & LCA2 Students

- It is our plan to provide classes for all LC2 and LCA2 students on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays for the next three weeks.
- I also plan to arrange a MS Teams meeting for our LC2 & LCA2 students on Friday 8th January at 3.00p.m. This meeting will provide me with an opportunity to outline the plan of action for our LC2 & LCA2 students for the next three weeks.

Online Learning & Teaching

- It is expected that all other students will be engaged in online learning and teachers will be using the MS Teams platform to communicate with students.

Mock Exams

- I have received a number of calls/emails regarding the Mock Exams which are scheduled to commence on Monday 1st February for Sixth Years and Wednesday 3rd February for Third Years. It is too early to make a decision on the Mock Exams but we will keep students and parents informed as to the best way to manage the Mock Exams in February.

Accessing Books/Materials from Tutor Rooms

- I have also received a number of calls from parents requesting access to the school in order that their daughter/son can collect their schoolbooks. With that in mind students can access the College on Friday 8th January at the following times:

- o First Years 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.
- o Second Years 11.00a.m. - 12.00p.m.
- o Third Years 12.00p.m. - 1.00p.m.
- o TY & Fifth Years 1.00p.m. - 2.00p.m

- Students can gain access to the College through the Main Entrance Only and will be directed to their base room by a member of the ancillary team. Students must wear a mask when they visit the College.
- Families with two or more siblings requiring access to the school will be permitted to access the College in one visit.

Second Year MS Teams Meeting - Tuesday 12th January (Deferred)

- We had scheduled a MS Teams meeting for parents of Second Years for Tuesday 12th January at 7.00p.m. We have decided to defer this meeting to a later date in this term.

I will provide further updates on online learning & teaching tomorrow Friday 8th January.

Yours faithfully,

John Cronin
Principal

