



Third Year Update - May 2021

Dear Parent(s) /Guardian(s)

I am writing to provide you with updates and clarifications for the last weeks of term. Assessments will continue for all third year students up to Friday 21st May. There will be a number of practical assessments in the final week of term. You may recall that we posted details of the Assessment timetable for all third years at the commencement of the final term (this was also posted on the College website). The Department of Education & Skills had requested that all schools complete third year assessments by Friday 21st May. However students are also required to attend classes up to and including Friday 28th May. We will use the final week of term to complete any outstanding coursework and to provide feedback to all students on their assessment grades.

I would also like to extend my personal thanks to the students and parents of Third Years for their support over the last “challenging year”. Our Third Year students have had a challenging two years and their learning experiences have been interrupted on a number of occasions due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. However, despite these disruptions our students have displayed remarkable resilience and have managed to adapt to new learning experiences.

Junior Cycle Certificates & DES Certificates of Completion

We will publish Third Year Junior Certificate Results in Mid- June and these results will include the students’ achievements in their Class Based Assessments. At a later stage the Department of Education & Skills (DES) will issue a Certificate of Completion to the school for all Third Year Students. When we receive these Certificates, we will issue them to all students along with a School Certificate containing the Junior Cycle results.

Transition Year 2021-2022

We will be hosting a short information evening for the parents of students who will be moving onto the Transition Year Programme 2021 on Thursday 20th May at 7.00p.m. This meeting will provide you with updates on the Curriculum for TY 2021-22. There will also be updates on work experience and on outdoor activities and tours. We look forward to meeting with the parents and students of TY 2021 on Thursday. Invitations will be sent through MS Teams. Please note that we have set up a new group on MS Teams named TY 2021-2022 and students will need to accept an invitation to join this group for the first time.

Leaving Certificate 2021-2022

We have now completed the Options Process for students entering Leaving Certificate One in September 2021. All students have been informed of their options for senior cycle. We have also hosted a subsequent meeting for students who may wish to consider LCVP as an additional programme at Leaving Certificate 2022. A copy of the Power Point and student survey has been posted on each student's MS Teams account. If you would like further information on the LCVP programme you may email the coordinator Ms Pamela Dunne, pameladunne@castleknockcc.ie

TY & LCI Booklists & Uniform

Please note that next year's TY & LCI Booklist & Uniform details will be posted on the College website in the early June. As TYs & Fifth Years will all be considered as Senior Students they will be required to purchase the senior jumper and blazer in advance of the school year. These items of uniform are a mandatory part of the senior uniform. These will be available from Grants on Manor Street.

If any family requires financial assistance with the purchase of schoolbooks please contact the Principal, John Cronin in strict confidence (johncronin@castleknockcc.ie). In such circumstances a request is made to the principal and a letter is then issued which can be used in Roselawn Bookshop.

Awards Ceremonies Monday 24th May

Please note that we will be hosting our Third Year Award Ceremony on Monday 24th May from 2.40p.m. to 4.00p.m. This will be a virtual award ceremony and students will be based in their tutor classes or Pods for the ceremony. As this will be the last Awards Ceremony that Ms Brooks will be hosting with her year group, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the loyalty and support to all the students in her care. Ms Brooks will be presenting many awards to students who honoured the core values of the College over the last three years. It is most unfortunate that parents will not be able to attend this ceremony but we will have a photographer on site to take photos of the students who receive awards.

Lockers & Classrooms

We are appealing to all students to empty their lockers/tutor rooms by Friday 28th May in advance of the Summer break. Transition Year & Fifth Year students will be occupying new lockers in September 2021.

School Calendar

The return dates for all year groups has yet to be confirmed. However the College will begin its phased reopening on Thursday 26th August 2021.

Kind regards
John Cronin