Information for the term ahead



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Happy New Year to you and your families. As we start into a busy few months I would like to thank you for all the support that you have given to your son/daughter and the school over the last few years. I know that it has been of great benefit to both them and the school. We are now down to the business end of your son/daughters leaving certificate year. There will be a lot happening in school every week from now on. To help you with this I have put together a synopsis of what is happening over the coming term for your son/daughter.

Exam Numbers: All students have been given their exam number. This is important for all course work that needs to be completed and uploaded to the SEC over the next few weeks. I would recommend that you keep a copy of their exam number safe for them.

Mocks: Mock Exams start on Friday the 26th of January and continue until Friday the 9th of February. All the students have been given their timetable and I have recommended that they fill in their exams/ level/ times into their school journal to make it easy for them to follow. I will attach a copy at the end of this letter and there will also be a copy available of the school website. I recommend that you make yourself familiar with the exam procedures.

Exam Procedures:

Students are only required to be in school when they have an exam.

- Students must stay to the end of the exam time.
- Students must have a note on VSware or their school journal to allow them to sign out once the exam has finished otherwise they will have to stay in school.
- Students must sign in the office if they are coming in for an afternoon exam.

<u>Practicals/ Briefs/ Course work:</u> Students have been busy working on their practical coursework and briefs over the last few months. These are now due for completion over the next few weeks. They are part of their Leaving Certificate exam so it is important that the students meet the deadlines for these. I will include a list of important dates for you to be aware of.

*NB Many of the Oral Language Exams will take place over the Easter Holidays.

Please do not book any holidays for this time. These exams cannot be repeated. They are worth 40% of the total exam.





<u>CAO Application Closing Date:</u> The CAO Applications close on the 1st of February. (which is during the mocks). Please contact myself or Ms Cleary should you need to speak with someone. Any student who thinks they might be eligible for either the DARE or HEAR schemes please contact either Ms Cleary or Ms O'Donoghue.

Reasonable Accommodations (RACE): The outcome of all RACE applications will be forwarded to the school in February/ March and Ms O'Donoghue or Ms Bradshaw will inform students and parents of the decision of the SEC. All RACE candidates will be accommodated for the mock exams.

<u>Credit Union Bursary:</u> Applications for the Credit Union Bursary will open on the 1st of February and close on the 11th of February. (This is during mocks) This is a great opportunity for the students to get help with the cost of going to college. Please contact myself or Mr Kenna should you have any questions or need help with the application form.

Exam Portal: The Exam Portal will be open tomorrow for the students to confirm their subjects and levels. The school will facilitate the students inputting all their exam details tomorrow afternoon and thursday, in preparation for their Leaving Certificate exams in June. It is important that they have their exam number and know the subjects and levels that they will be completing in June

<u>6LCA</u>: The 6LCA students will be having their task assessments the week of the 29th of January and they will be having their mock exams the week of the 5th of February.

Please to not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries in relation to your son/daughter.

Kind Regards,

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