



St. Malachy's College

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Dear Year 14 Pupils and Parents,

The current situation is challenging for us all and it is with a heavy heart that we write this letter, and not having had the opportunity to meet as a year group and communicate our best wishes for the next part of your life journey.

We understand that, as students and parents, you are concerned about your future aspirations, dreams and plans. However, current information from the government still does not make it explicit how grades will be awarded, as it awaits guidance and directives from the CCEA, the Department of Education and UCAS.

CCEA's latest update has informed us of the following: "...we advise that students do no further work on their Controlled Assessment, coursework and other practical activities." You will see this information on the College website with further details provided. Your teachers will be in touch with you to ensure they have in their possession the most up-to-date versions of your coursework. Please continue to consult our College website for the latest updates from CCEA.

It would still be prudent for our Year 14 students to continue a routine of regular study, using Google Classroom. This should be part of your balanced diet of following a good routine, continued learning, getting regular exercise and positive thinking.

In the midst of all of the uncertainty, we would like this sincere and heartfelt message to go to all our Year 14 'Malachians' and your parents today. For us, it has been a joy to watch you grow and develop. Most of you joined us as enthusiastic Year 8 pupils and other students came to us later from other schools, and now we see you turn into mature and kind young men. For the majority of you this is the culmination of 7 marvellous years in the College. It is our hope that your College education has equipped you well to face the storms of life, and especially during these unprecedented times.

You have all given so much of yourselves to St. Malachy's College and have embodied our school motto of 'Gloria Ab Intus', making us so proud of you. We do not want you to finish at this point, feeling like the 'overlooked' year group. You will always be remembered very fondly as the Class of 2020!

We recognise how you must feel when all the normal rites of passage that come at the end of Year 14, are being denied to you and your parents. We hope that once this has all passed and we have regained some routine, we will be able to celebrate with you all in some form or other.

Please stay safe and keep on working! We send you every best wish for whatever the future holds. We ask that you also pray for us all in our College family. Please continue to provide generous service leadership for those in need and adhere to all 'official' guidance.

Yours sincerely

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