



St. Malachy's College

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8 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware Year 11 students will not be returning to the College on Monday 11 January as we had previously planned. At the time of writing it is expected that remote learning will commence on this date and continue until the February half-term break.

With the cancellation of GCSE Modules this winter and summer, the Mock examinations that had been scheduled for this month will become the best indicator of performance this academic year. These examinations will be rescheduled for later this term and subject teachers will be remotely setting assignments and revision tasks to help students prepare successfully for them. Therefore, it is extremely important that all students continue to work with their subject teachers and participate fully in online learning. Teachers will be teaching using the online platforms of Google Classroom and if using live content, Google Meet. Assignments will be set by teachers and deadline dates must be adhered to. Full engagement is essential and this will be monitored by subject departments and the pastoral team. Registration will be in place from 8.30-10.00am each morning, whereby students indicate their engagement for the day ahead. Further details regarding remote learning protocol will be shared by Mrs Graham (Vice Principal Curriculum).

We appreciate this is a challenging period of time for our students and while I have stated the importance of students approaching each day in an organised manner, it is equally important to balance schoolwork with exercise and other activities maintaining a healthy balance at all times.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing the students back with us in the not so distant future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Toner'.

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