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Dear Year 13 Pupils and Parents,

In the midst of the uncertainty that is facing all pupils and parents at the moment, we would like to communicate with you how Year 13 pupils should be using the next few months, while at home.

We understand that you are concerned about your studies but current information and directives from the government do not tell us anything explicit as they are awaiting further guidance from the examination boards, such as CCEA. We will keep you updated as and when we ourselves learn more.

The Minister of Education has confirmed that there will be no AS examinations in May and June. However, as a sound basis for progressing into A2 studies, it is extremely important that Year 13 pupils continue with their studies, using Google Classroom and all the resources that their teachers are uploading. Courses are still being taught, to the best of our ability, via Google Classroom and teachers are in constant contact with pupils, guiding them through this platform. CCEA has informed us of the following: "...we advise that students do no further work on their Controlled Assessment, coursework and other practical activities." Please read on the College website the latest information provided to us by CCEA on 20 March 2020. Your teachers will be in touch with you to ensure they have in their possession the most up-to-date versions of your coursework.

In essence, pupils should approach Monday to Friday as a school week, dedicating quality time to their AS subjects, as if they were in school. Pupils need to be organised and proactive, taking each day at a time and putting into practice the strong 'Malachian' resilience! A balance of school work and other activities will keep them occupied and healthy. Please also, whilst maintaining a healthy and balanced approach, adhere to guidelines provided by the Public Health Agency.

We thank you and your parents for your continued support of the College. These are certainly unprecedented times but we must remain positive and strong as we face the current challenges. We will keep in our prayers those who have been, and will be, directly affected by Covid-19 and medical professionals and others who are at the forefront of treating those who have this virus.

Yours sincerely

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