



St. Malachy's College

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are now in the final two months of the academic year and we would like to give you some important pastoral information and curricular updates. As you are aware this has been a particularly difficult week for our College family and we would like to thank you for your messages of support.

As Mr McBride outlined in his communication to you, pastoral care for our boys remains central to all that we do. We would encourage boys to contact their tutor, Head of Year or any member of the Safeguarding Team if there is anything they are struggling with. With this in mind, the Heads of Year are setting up Pastoral Google Classrooms for each year group and we hope that you will encourage your son to sign up. The Pastoral Teams will be putting up materials on various aspects of the Preventative Curriculum. As we move forward with Google Classroom, we are asking that all the boys sign in using their c2k email addresses and **not** personal email accounts. So when the boys are registering for the Pastoral Classrooms set up by the Head of Year, they must do so using their c2k email accounts. The access codes will be displayed on the MY SCHOOL Home page for each year group, and classrooms can initially be accessed through the Google Classroom App within the c2k Home page. Any student who needs assistance with c2k passwords can receive help from Mr K O'Kane (ICT Manager kokane550@c2ken.net).

More detailed instructions will be shared via subject Classrooms, Parent App and the College Website. You will be receiving further information about this, as will all of our students.

Year 12 – 14: Study Leave

It had been planned that Years 12-14 would have begun study leave last week. Tuesday 5 May was to be the final day for Years 12 and 14, while Year 13 were due to finish on Wednesday 6 May.

Mr Toner, Head of Middle School, will continue to communicate with our Year 12 students.

Year 12: AS Courses.

A number of Heads of Department will commence sharing material from the AS courses. We would encourage the boys to engage with the subject areas they considering for study next year. These resources will give the boys an insight as to whether this is the correct choice for AS, establishing if their interest is genuine and they have the aptitude for the subject. If you require assistance accessing these resources, please email the relevant Head of Department.

During these past couple of months, we have had to rely heavily on our IT platforms to communicate on so many levels and about so many important matters. We have made much progress in our use of Google Classroom, and we have been greatly encouraged by the many positive messages received from parents. Feedback from boys and parents, and our own personal experiences of using the likes of ParentApp, the c2k emailing system, Facebook, the College website and most of all Google Classroom are enabling us to make further progress in these areas. We will soon be contacting you about taking steps that will help Google Classroom become even more effective. We will also continue to send pastoral and curricular updates to you. Both of us are available in the College if you have any concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely

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