



St. Malachy's College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you have been informed the Year 12/GCSE assessments are coming to an end, and are now due to be completed by Monday 17 May. Only the Year 12 boys who are still scheduled to complete assessments are due to attend on the agreed date and times. Next week we are inviting all the parents and carers of our Year 12 students to join us for a presentation via Zoom. Two Virtual Information Sessions have been scheduled to introduce the College's Centre Determined Grade Policy (CDG Policy) and to provide you with further insight into the evidence which the College will be using to determine the grades to be awarded at GCSE Level. The CDG Policy has now been passed by the examination board and the Board of Governors, and is available on the College website as well as attached to this communication.

Please note that the two Virtual Information Sessions via Zoom will be identical, therefore you need only attend one. These are scheduled for Wednesday 19 May at 7.00pm and 7.30pm. In the coming days, you will be sent a Zoom link, meeting ID and passcode so that you can join one of the above presentations. These sessions will be presented by Mrs L Graham (Vice Principal, Curriculum). After the sessions are concluded the slides used will be available on the College website.

With large numbers attending these sessions, there will not be opportunity for live questions. However, all queries can be forwarded to Mrs Lois Graham using email: lgraham269@c2ken.net.

Special Consideration:

Before finalising the CDG grades for GCSE students, the College must take careful consideration of all individual cases where Special Consideration must be applied. We wish to direct you to the JCQ Guidance in relation to circumstances which warrant Special Consideration. This document is also on the College website.

Please ensure that you notify the College immediately, if you believe your son should be entitled to Special Consideration. This application must be accompanied by written supporting evidence, which may be medical in nature. The deadline for contacting the College about this matter is Monday 24 May.

Please direct all such applications to Mrs Deirdre McCusker, (Vice Principal Pastoral) using email: dmccusker152@c2ken.net

We appreciate that the past two academic years have been very disruptive and challenging for all, and particularly for our young people. All of us associated with the College have been strengthened by the relentless support and kind messages from parents and friends. Fr Spence spent time visiting our Year 12 students during the course of last week when time was given to prayer and reflection. We have been so impressed by this special group of young Malachians who have demonstrated great resilience and loyalty to their badge. Our motto "Gloria ab intus" has and will continue to be a guide for us all as we look forward to the future with great hope.

We will write to you again in June regarding the issue of GCSE results, procedures for entry to Sixth Form and interview arrangements.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming virtual sessions. If you have any other enquiries please contact the Head of School, Mr F Toner: ftoner711@c2ken.net.

Yours sincerely

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