



St. Malachy's College

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Dear Year 12 Pupils and Parents,

We are approaching the time of year when we usually prepare to meet our Year 12 boys as a group, as they prepare to face the stresses of GCSEs and give serious consideration to what they will choose to do in the next academic year. However, the Yr 12 Class of 2020 is facing a new experience which brings with it new challenges, and hopefully, when normality returns many exciting opportunities.

We understand that, as students and parents, you are concerned about your future. However, current information from the government still does not make it explicit how grades will be awarded, as it awaits guidance and directives from CCEA and the Department of Education. We will keep you updated as and when we learn more.

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." This information is provided on the College website along with further details. Your teachers will be in touch to ensure they have the most up-to-date version of your work. Please continue to consult the College website, Facebook and Parent App for the latest information.

It would still be prudent for our Year 12 students to continue a routine of regular study, using Google Classroom to access the resources provided and complete the content of courses. This study will be invaluable, especially as you either progress into Year 13 and follow your chosen subjects or are deciding to go elsewhere to pursue new courses. Regardless, it is important that you try to maintain a balanced lifestyle at this time, keeping as physically and mentally fit as possible. View Monday to Friday as a working week, rest when required, take regular exercise and please do all you can to help those who are most vulnerable at this time.

Currently decisions are being made about AS Choices for 2020-21. This information can be submitted to the following email address: choicesyear12@stmalachyscollege.org
Please ensure that choices are listed in order of preference.

In the midst of all of the uncertainty, we would like this sincere message to go to all our Year 12 'Malachians' and your parents today. For the majority of you this partnership will continue into Sixth Form. For others this will be the end of this part of your journey. It is our hope that your College education has equipped you well for the days ahead.

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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