



St. Malachy's College

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Dear Year 13/14 Pupils and Parents,

In our ever changing education environment, you will now be aware that Year 13 and 14 students are to start another period of remote learning, commencing Monday 11th January 2021. The AS and A2 internal mock examinations will not be taking place, as planned. These examinations will be carried out at a later date, as soon as 'normal' school life resumes. We will continue to keep you updated with regard to this.

Although AS and A2 examinations have been cancelled, as yet we have received no clarity on how A-level grades will be awarded. 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 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 tomorrow by Mrs Graham (Vice Principal Curriculum).

As we are all aware, this has been a difficult year for our College family and many of our boys have experienced significant trauma. If you feel that your son is in the vulnerable category as outlined in the correspondence of 4th January and needs additional support, please contact Mrs McCusker (dmccusker152@c2ken.net) to discuss what arrangements can be made. Supervised Learning will take place during the normal school hours of 9.00am to 3.25pm and KS5 students will be supervised in the Croll study.

We appreciate that this is another challenging period of our students' education. However, it is key at this stage to not lose motivation. In essence, students should approach Monday to Friday as a school week, dedicating quality time to their A level subjects, as if they were in school. Students 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.

As the situation develops regarding the awarding of A level grades, we will, of course update you with any changes. In the meantime, we thank parents and the boys for your continued support of the College.

Yours sincerely

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