

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your family are all keeping safe and healthy and that you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and I wish you all a successful 2021.

Unfortunately, the situation in relation to Covid has disimproved since we broke up and we are back dealing with another Covid school closure for the coming few weeks. While this is not ideal and will present challenges, we have been here before and got through it and I have no doubt that the skills that both our staff and students have built up over the last year will stand to us as we return to remote learning. As a school we can be rightly proud of all our efforts since September and it is important to remember that this lockdown is temporary. We will all be back in classroom in the near future, seeing our friends and continuing to work together towards our targets. We are currently aiming for mocks, orals, practical exams, Junior and Leaving Cert exams as planned and it is vital that all our students remain focused on their goals.

Due to this latest Covid enforced school closure, we will be going to remote learning in the coming weeks, starting on Monday 11th January. To ensure that all our students are ready to take part, if any student needs to collect books/equipment from school, they can do so at **their allocated time and day only**, as listed below.

We would ask students not to arrive in groups, to use the student entrance, wear a face masks, sanitize on entry, bring a pen to sign in/out and leave by the exit at Room 4 as quickly as possible.

If any student has a difficulty with accessing their school email/password etc please contact your class Tutor (or ask your friend to make contact with your Class Tutor on your behalf) and we will sort the issue.

If anyone needs a laptop to use for remote learning during school closure, please contact your Class tutor before Friday afternoon evening and we can provide a laptop to use.

We have not received any details on 6th Years coming in to school 3 days a week as announced today. We will be back with more details on this in the coming days but our priority for Monday is to have our remote learning up and running.

Timetable for collecting books

Thursday 7th

6th Year - 9-11AM

4th & 5th Year - 11-1PM

3rd Years - 1-3PM

Friday 8th

2nd Years - 9-11AM

1st Years - 11-1PM

Best wishes and stay safe

J Hegarty