



Dear Student, Parent and Guardian

I hope that you have enjoyed your classes so far this week and have had a chance to participate in some of the fitness activities in the afternoon.

Although there is uncertainty about when the Mock Exams will take place, it continues to be the intention of the Minister for Education that the Leaving Cert will take place this June, with additional choices on exam papers but the timing of exams remaining the same.

### **Afternoon Timed Assessments**

With this in mind, we are arranging to have timed assessments set by your subject teachers in the afternoons from 3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays, for **practice purposes only**. They will be marked and feedback provided in order to aid you with your revision plan. As the assessments are not supervised by the school, **they will not form any part of calculated grades**, should that become an alternative to exams.

The 3pm time slot gives you a chance to get some fresh air and lunch after your morning classes. Feedback so far reports that the multiple breaks are much appreciated, and make it easier to be prepared for, and focus on, each class.

Timed assessments will give you **an opportunity to practise timing of exam style questions**. We would encourage you to sit the assessments, honestly, in exam conditions and particularly within the time set by your teacher.

### **Assessment Timetable**

	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>
Monday	Maths	Block B
Tuesday	English	Block C
Thursday	Irish	Block D
Friday	Block A	Block E

***We do appreciate that not all students, for differing reasons, will be in a position to complete the assessments at the allotted time; so please do contact your subject teacher to make other arrangements that work with your personal circumstances and family dynamic.***

**Coursework Updates from the SEC (State Exams Commission) - more detail [here](#)**

- **Category 1 Coursework – Geography, Religion Journal, Politics & Society, History, Economics, Ag Science**

‘Category 1 coursework, which can be completed by candidates at home, subject to appropriate oversight, is in schools’ and candidates’ best interests to seek to make progress with the completion of this work over the period of the school closure.’ Deadlines remain the same as per our previous send out [here](#).

**Economics** - The SEC Schools Portal will be ready to accept this coursework from the 8 - 12 February inclusive. Your teacher will discuss this with you.

- **Category 2 Coursework – Visual Art & DCG**



## Form 6 Email on Assessments, Coursework CAO 15-1-21

The coursework completion dates for all Category 2 coursework, which requires attendance at school for completion, will be extended to take account of the period of the school closure. Details of the extended completion dates in individual subjects will issue from the SEC in due course but schools and candidates should be reassured that this additional time will be provided.

In particular, Students due to complete their **Design and Communication Graphics** coursework by the 15<sup>th</sup> January should be notified that this date will be extended to take account of the time period between the school closure and the completion date; that is, all students will have an **additional 8 days** to complete their DCG coursework from the date on which schools reopen.'

### Careers Counsellors CAO Video

Ms McGinn has filmed the following [3 minute video](#) to talk you through the next steps of the CAO process. The early application deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup> so please make sure you have set up your account and entered some courses by then. You always have the opportunity to change or add to them later. The online version of the CAO handbook is available [here](#).

### Form 6 Well-being Coaching Initiative

Teacher and Houseperson, Paul O'Donoghue, is studying for a PhD in Education with a focus on Leadership and Coaching Psychology . He will begin remote well-being coaching sessions for Form 6 on Monday evening January 18th, with a presentation on the topic of Emotional Resilience. Students who are interested should email [p.odonoghue@thekingshospital.ie](mailto:p.odonoghue@thekingshospital.ie), for a link to the zoom class and exact time of session.

A general school email is being sent to all students and parents today.

Please do continue to engage with all your teachers, as well as the performing arts and fitness activities. There is also plenty of well-being and guidance support available to you if you feel at all overwhelmed or anxious. As soon as we receive updates on the Leaving Cert we will communicate them to you directly.

Kind regards

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