



Dear Student, Parents and Guardians

I hope that your week went well and that you are realising the benefits of the timed assessments, which finish tomorrow. Feedback on timed assessments from teachers and students was positive with the majority of students appreciating the opportunity to practice exam technique under timed conditions.

We have not received communications from the Department of Education yet regarding an extension of the school closure. However, we have surmised from the Taoiseach's press conference on Tuesday that we will not be returning to school on Monday, February 1st, and await details of what is planned; be it a staggered return to school for exam years or alterations to the Leaving Cert exams.

Afternoon One-hour Class Contact for weeks commencing 1st and 8th February

At an Academic Council meeting yesterday, it was agreed for the next two weeks to replace the timed assessments with two additional half hour class contact periods of each subject within an option block. This will take place from 2-3pm using the schedule for the timed assessments over the two-week period, with a short break in-between. The class content will be determined by the subject teacher to reflect specific needs of the class. For example:

- Consolidate on work done since 11th January
- Continue to teach content
- Provide oral feedback on assessment tasks
- Run a Q & A session

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

We will review towards the end of the two-week period what would then be most appropriate taking account of any updates from the Government.

As each household has their own set of challenges during these restrictions, please do continue to stay in contact with your houseperson or subject teacher, and let them know if you are experiencing any difficulties adhering to the schedule. Remember also to give yourself some downtime, to relax and recharge.

Kind regards

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