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SCHOOL

## HM Friday email 07-05-21

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope this email finds you all well. With just three weeks left in the term and dates for summer exams and assessments approaching. Siobhan Daly has reiterated the information around this below, and the timetable is attached again for your convenience. Please encourage your child to keep up the momentum of Covid-safety and awareness, between now and the end of term, with the hope of a good summer ahead for them.

The dates for the start of the next academic year are on the school [Google Calendar](#) if you wish to synchronise them to your phone.

### ANTI-BULLYING RESEARCH PROJECT

Since our own school days, we are all keenly aware of the varying forms of bullying that can exist and which have evolved with the advent of technology. Our staff are committed to a proactive and preventative approach in our [anti-bullying policies](#); in addition to our processes around overall student wellbeing and child safeguarding that are tailored to the students' development. In Form 1, we begin with the Helping Hands programme and through our collaboration and engagement with the National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre at DCU, the FUSE programme is delivered to the Form 2 year group. It is further addressed broadly, to all year groups, through our SPHE curriculum. We are now commissioning a whole-school research project to further enhance our programmes and policies, and provide the opportunity for active engagement with students and staff. This project is called 'a proactive exploration of student interactions in a day and boarding school using a Participatory Action Research Framework.

### Action required next week

Early next week you will receive a consent form for your child to participate in this research study by filling out an anonymous questionnaire. At that time, we will include more detailed information on this project and do feel free to contact us if you have questions around this study. The deadline for receipt of consent form will be Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, to enable us to complete this aspect of the study by the end of term.

### ACADEMICS – [Siobhan Daly](#)

If you have any queries regarding your child's progress, please contact me, or your child's houseperson.

If a student is leaving school for an appointment during the day, they must sign in and out at reception. This is crucial information to have on file if there is a fire drill or critical incident.

### Form 6

Assessments continue until May 14<sup>th</sup>. There will a normal timetable of classes May 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> with one hour classes from May 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. Further detail on the arrangements and expectations for the period after the 14 May will be provided. However, in principle, the students will have 3 options during the last two weeks:

- Attend Class
- Attend supervised study
- Remain home

If a student remains home on any day the parent **MUST** email [absence@thekingshospital.ie](mailto:absence@thekingshospital.ie) for student registration purposes and parents' peace of mind.

The CAO [Change of Mind](#) period opened on the 5<sup>th</sup> May until the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at 17:15. The Careers Department are available to students by appointment if they wish to discuss any changes to their choices so far.

## Summer Exams

- Students are encouraged to make a study timetable; and can make an appointment with the guidance team, if finding that challenging.
- Forms 1, 2 & 3 have now all attended their Study Skills Seminar.
- Forms 1, 2, 4 & 5 will have summer exams the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> that will test curriculum taught since their Christmas exams in November 2020, with the exception of subjects where there is natural incremental knowledge acquisition, like languages and maths.
- JC assessments will take place the week of Fri 21<sup>st</sup>– Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> May. The assessments will test curriculum taught since their Christmas exams in November 2020, with the exception of subjects where there is natural incremental knowledge acquisition, like languages and maths.
- The Junior Cycle “Certificate of Achievement” will be presented in mid-September. It is important to understand that the grade awarded will be based on a range of factors. These factors will be informed by classwork, summative and formative assessments undertaken throughout the Junior Cycle; and will be moderated using the professional judgment of the classroom teacher. Our goal throughout this process will be to present a picture of the students’ learning and progress that best reflects their three years of engagement with the Junior Cycle program.
- Summer exams and JC assessments will be of maximum one-hour length under Covid-safe conditions.
- Students cannot bring a phone or smartwatch to their exams. Please remind them of this, especially those that wear a smartwatch.

## INTERNATIONAL BOARDERS – [Cormac UaBruadair](#)

Parents and guardians of International boarders will receive an email over the weekend requesting end-of-term travel details, through a google form. Please be prompt in submitting this form to facilitate airport transport arrangements.

If any student is not returning for the next academic year, and has not yet informed the school, please do so as soon as possible.

I hope you enjoy the weekend ahead.

Yours,

Mark Ronan

Headmaster / Principal