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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to share important information regarding the schedule of key academic events for our Leaving Cert Students 2020-21.

Prescribed Coursework Elements

As our Winter term draws to a close we become increasingly aware of the steady progress of the academic year particularly for our 6th students. For these students the year now becomes punctuated by key dates and important deadlines. As well as preparing for the June exams and oral examinations, the schedule of Leaving Certificate coursework, projects, practicals and portfolios is on-going in a range of subject areas.

Class teachers, tutors and Year Heads are committed to supporting students in managing these important components of the prescribed course. We encourage all students to attend school consistently and adhere to interim deadlines (set in class) in close consultation with their subject teachers.

Mock Examinations

The mock Leaving Cert. examinations will commence for all 6th year students in the week beginning Monday 1st February 2021. These preparatory assessments afford all exam students an invaluable experience of the format, structure and rigour of the state examinations as well as encouraging students to set realistic and achievable targets for these February exams.

The estimated costs of these examinations are listed below:

- € 137 For students accessing all exams (7 subjects)
- € 125 For students accessing 7 exams (students with an Irish Exemption)
- € 145 For Students accessing the LCVP

Payment can be processed through the Scoil Dara Easy Payments Plus platform **only** - via the link on the Scoil Dara website (*going live for this payment on Tuesday 22nd December*). Payments can be rendered in **two instalments**, for example €68.50 x 2 (this instalment process must be activated by **Monday 4th January 2021**) or as one complete transaction for the full amount of, for example €137. The deadline for payment of the full mock fee is **Friday 22nd January 2021**.

To ensure the smooth and efficient running of these exams and to guarantee that exam papers are dispatched for correction we ask that the full cost of the mock examinations is paid by the deadline. Please do not hesitate to contact the school regarding any issues associated with mock examinations/payment.

We take this opportunity to wish all 6th year students the very best as they continue in their preparations for the Leaving Certificate examinations. School attendance and student engagement are fundamental to success in all coursework, projects and in preparation for their examinations so we encourage all students to make the most of the facilitation and guidance available to them in school.

Le gach dea-ghuí

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