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Dear Parent / Guardian

As the month of February begins, we would like to take this opportunity to again thank the entire school community. To our students and staff for all their hard work and engagement with online lessons and all the parents for their patience, encouragement and persistence in these unprecedented times.

We are very aware that every household has had to make compromises and sacrifices of late and the fact that our students are still being facilitated to take part in online lessons in their home setting is a testament to the commitment and resilience of all the stakeholders involved.

As a school we are still awaiting further clarification on several key issues such as:

- What are the specifics of the phased return to school?
- When will students return our Solas Centre?
- What is the current status of the certificate examinations?
- Will it be feasible/desirable to run mock examinations for both or either of 3rd and 6th year students?
- When will we have a full return of all pupils?

As soon as the Department of Education issue *any* direction on school reopening or any of the areas above, we will communicate them with you.

Our year heads have been working very hard to check in with teachers and students and address any potential issues students may have since the return to online lessons.

Please see the relevant entry below that *may* relate to your son / daughter

Year Group	Year head	Comment
First Year	Inion Guinan	Well done on your engagement with your remote learning so far, it has been very good to date. Please continue to attend lessons and participate to the best of your abilities. We are very proud of your engagement, effort and hard work. Please continue to work per school timetabled day and submit your work attempts as directed by your teachers for correction and feedback.
Second Year	Inion Ni Dhalaiigh	Students have been making a huge effort in terms of following the school timetable and submitting work on time. High expectations and standards are being maintained online so well done to all. Please keep up this good work.

		A reminder to the year group as whole to refer to email from the Year Head regarding e-mail etiquette and school email profile photographs. Checks on this are ongoing.
Third Year	Inion Madden	Overall engagement to date has been good. MS Teams is the medium through which all lessons are delivered. Please continue to follow the school timetable and ensure that you attend all lessons live and engage with the work set. Any absence/failure to attend any lesson should be explained to the Year head. If you are struggling or have fallen behind with any of your learning please contact your teacher during the lesson or via email. Keep up the good work!
Transition Year	Inion Regan	While engagement is good overall, students are reminded that all online lessons need to be attended in line with the timetable If issues arise in relation to connectivity, please email the appropriate teacher communicating this with them and catch up on any work missed All students should continue uploading evidence of assignments and work completed to their personal e-portfolio.
Fifth Year	Máistir Hall	Students please attend all live lessons as timetabled · Write down all learning activities/HW into dialann (TO DO List). Email or ask for help from teachers if unsure, need further clarification or time to complete work. If you have fallen behind on a subject, contact the teacher via email and a plan of action can be put in place to get you back on track. It is a crucial stage of Senior Cycle, over a third of the way through the curriculum, it is vital all students engage to the best of their ability. Maintain Exercise and tune out from technology at certain points of the day/week
Sixth Year	Máistir Talty	Consistency is key over the coming weeks and months. Regardless of how things pan out, hard work will be rewarded. Continue to maintain school timetable, complete all assignments, ask for help if needed and keep up the hard work – we will consult with you as a year group in terms of plans for mocks etc and any announcements made by the Department of Education.

As a school community we remain positive and hope that all of our students can get back into the school building as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime keep up the great work and follow the advice of your Year Head. Stay Safe!

Kind Regards,

Barry O'Higgins (Deputy Principal)