



Letter for parents/guardians of all 3rd Year students

24th April 2020

A Chairde,

First of all I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well throughout this most unusual of times. I would like to thank you all for your support of each other and the school during this period.

You will be aware that the State Examinations Commission (SEC) in conjunction with the Department of Education and Skills (DES) notified all schools that the Junior Certificate/Junior Cycle examinations will now not take place in June. Instead they have proposed that the SEC will send exam papers to schools and students will sit the exams in Sept. The proposal was that these exams would **not** be state certified.

You will also be aware that there has been considerable discussion in the media about the possibility of staging some form of Junior Certificate/Junior Cycle assessment at the end of May. MICC, through Cork ETB, have been in contact with the SEC and the DES seeking further clarification on this possibility. The DES have informed us that negotiations are ongoing at national level with regards to this. The DES have also asked that schools make no local decisions pending the outcome of these talks. As soon as I have further information on this I will be in contact with you. In the meantime I would urge all 3rd Year students to engage as fully as possible with their teachers and to continue with their school work as much as is possible. This engagement will allow them to be best prepared for whatever format the assessment of their Junior Cycle experience will take.

I am proposing to hold an online assembly for all 3rd Year students, **along with** their parents/guardians on **Monday 27th April at 4:00pm**. This will take place through the Microsoft Teams 3rd Year Group. The meeting will be scheduled and by clicking on 'Join Meeting' you will be able to join us. I would ask if everyone could mute their microphone so that the noise levels are reduced with so many people involved.

Thank you once again for your support during this time. As ever if you have anything you would like to discuss you can send an email to miccinfo@corketb.ie

Kind regards

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