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BOYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware all Sixth Year students have now registered on the Leaving Certificate Online Portal to signify whether or not they will sit exams in June this year. In light of the current accredited grades process involving 6th year students, we would like to draw your attention to the following extracts from the Department's publication,

“A Guide to State Examinations and Accredited Grades for Leaving Certificate 2021”.

The principal, deputy principal(s), teachers or other members of the school staff will follow the specified procedures for SEC Accredited Grades and must not under any circumstances discuss with or disclose to any student or parent or guardian of any student the estimated marks that the school is submitting.

Conversely, parents/guardians and students must not under any circumstances contact, either formally or informally, directly or indirectly, a teacher or other member of staff at any stage to discuss, or with a view to influencing the decision making process relating to the estimated marks to be assigned to a student in any subject or which may confer an undue advantage to a particular student.

During the course of the Easter Holidays students will complete the oral interview for Irish and Modern Foreign Languages and the practical component of the music exam. We would like to draw your attention to the following and ask that you support us in guaranteeing that students are fully prepared for these portions of their exams.

In relation to both orals and practical's students are reminded that all health and safety protocols still apply with additional measure in place with respect to various subjects. The public health guidance issued by the SEC in relation to the oral examinations were the subject of engagement with public health authorities and it is considered that these are appropriate. The interview/practical will be conducted with at least two meters between interviewer and candidate, separated by a Perspex screen.

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It is important that students remember the following;

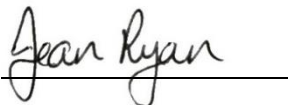
- Candidates must present on time for their exam. Students have/will be notified of the time slot for their relevant exam on the Sixth Year Google Classroom page. Please ensure your son/daughter checks this page.
- Candidates must use their own pens to sign the Candidate Entry Roll and the Interviewer's Sign-off Record.
- Masks must be worn at all other times, including as the candidate enters and leaves the interview room.
- Interviewers and candidates will only remove their masks for the maximum interview duration of 15 minutes/duration of practical exam.
- Candidates **cannot** bring material into the exam centre, a laminated set of picture sequences, topic cards and role plays (as appropriate) will be available. These will be wiped clean after each use.

All details for the running of these exams will be posted on the Sixth Year Google Classroom notification page. Students do not need to present in uniform for these exams. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that they are familiar with the protocols and the timing of their exams. The Examination Aide, Mr Quinn will be available to answer any questions during the course of the exams.

Details with respect to changes to the upcoming exams have been issued to schools. These are available on the school website under School Communication. Teachers will highlight the changes in class but please ensure your son/daughter is familiar with the new paper format for relevant exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Sixth Year students the very best, not only for these exams but for the next few weeks as they work with their teachers to progress their learning and prepare to sit examination papers in June. I would encourage them to make the most of the time over Easter Break not only to study but to relax and recharge. Sixth years have adapted so well to all we have asked of them and for that I sincerely thank them.

Kind regards,



Jean Ryan – Principal