Junior Cycle Assessments 2020

4th May 2020.

Dear Parents & Students,

We understand that there has been a lot of uncertainty in relation to the Junior Cycle Examinations. The situation and planning for these examinations has changed on several occasions. These were circumstances which were dictated by the present health emergency and restrictions that all of us are experiencing. As soon as we received the official announcement from the Minister of Education, we will proceeded to examine the DES Guidelines and set about formulating a decision. After due consideration, the Board of Management has decided on the following method in which to structure your Junior Cycle Assessments.

The subject departments are currently working on designing a final common assessment in each subject area. These assessments will take the form of an online test or assignment. Students will have the option if they are unable to complete it online, to handwrite it and attach it as a photo to return it to their teachers. If you need to arrange an alternative method of completing the last two assignments due to technical difficulties, then you should contact the school office on Monday, 11th May or text your issue to 0872310260 and we will arrange to facilitate for you to complete the assignments.

Junior Cert Assessment Model 2020.

**70% Assessment Prior to School Closure**

Student work that was completed prior to the school closure on March 12th will be marked out of a total of 70%.

 **• Mock Result = 40%**

 **• Term One exam result 2020 = 30%. (Recognition will be given for practical work completed).**

**30% Assessment After School Closure on March 12th, 2020.**

You will be marked out of the remaining 30% for your engagement with online learning and for two final assessments which will be issued on the week of May 4th and May 18th. All remaining assessments must be completed by May 22nd. The breakdown for each assignment is 10% of your total mark with the final 10% being given based on the level and quality of engagement by the student in online learning since March 2020.

Once the assessments are set by the subject departments, your teachers will be informing you of the areas of the course that will be examined in these assessments. You will receive this information this week from your individual teachers.

We appreciate this has been a very difficult time for students and we have considered their health and wellbeing when devising how they will be assessed. We do not want students to be stressed or anxious over these assessments, but we would ask that you do your best and fully engage with all the work being assigned for the remainder of the school year.

We feel that this is a fair and balanced way of arriving at a grade that is reflective of all you have achieved in studying the Junior Cycle curriculum.

This is now your final opportunity for this school year to show evidence of your many talents and abilities.

Kind Regards,

Paul Thornton

Principal.