

19th December 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

I hope you have received your copy of the Christmas Edition of the Loreto Times. This gives you a flavour of the school life in Loreto, Clonmel which is always active, creative and full of love, laughter and learning.

As life is very busy for families, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some matters and to inform you of some key dates for the next school term.

ROAD & CAR PARK SAFETY:

In the interests of safety, I must remind Parents to avoid blocking the school entrance and to pay attention to all students as they enter and leave the school grounds.

The use of the school car-park is restricted to staff and visitors to the school. Parents are asked once again NOT TO DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL CAR PARK for the purpose of collecting or dropping students to school. We are happy to make an exception to this policy in the case of students with special needs or temporary mobility issues. In the case of temporary issues please contact the school office at 052 6121402.

EVENING STUDY JANUARY –JUNE 2019

This will re-commence on Wednesday, 9th January 2019 for those who have paid for next term. Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to accommodate those who have not paid for Study as the school cannot afford to provide Study Centres and Supervisors without payment from those who avail of the service. A list of Study Centres and student names allocated to these centres will be on the school notice board in the front hall on Monday, 7th January 2019. The easiest way to pay is through Easy Payments on our website. The fee from January to June 2019 is €170.

EXAMINATION FEES:

MOCK EXAMS: These will take place in the school from Monday, 4th February – Friday, 15th February 2019. The cost of the Mock Exam per student is €130 payable before 22nd January 2019. For your convenience a facility to pay this online has been available since November 2018. Again, you can access this on Easy Payments on our school website. This fee applies to all students including those who are Medical Card holders.

JUNIOR CERT:

Entry Fee €109 (2018 figure) (payable in March 2019) *

LEAVING CERT:

Entry Fee €109 (2018 figure) (payable in March 2019) *

*Waiver applies for Medical holders for these State Exams.

IMPORTANT DATES: LEAVING AND JUNIOR CERT ORAL AND PRACTICAL EXAMS:

These will take place from 25th March 2019 – 5th April 2019. These dates are fixed by the State Exams Commission.

INTERVIEWS FOR TY 2019/2020:

These will take place on Thursday, 10th January from 3.15pm to 5.00 pm.

SUBJECT CHOICE FOR 5th YEAR 2019/2020:

This will take place as soon as all places for T.Y. 2018/2019 have been allocated.

PARENT - TEACHER MEETING FOR 1ST YEAR STUDENTS:

Thursday 17th January 2019 from 4.15pm to 6.30pm.

INCOMING 1ST YEAR STUDENTS 2019/2020:

Our entrance assessment will take place on Saturday, 9th February 2019. Further details will be sent directly in late January.

JANUARY REPORTS

Reports will be issued via your VS Ware account on Wednesday, 16th January 2019. Should you need any support with accessing this please contact Margaret, our School Secretary. Due to the huge changes to assessment and reporting procedures in Junior Cycle we are enclosing a summary document with this letter. We hope it aids interpretation of the new approaches to such reporting.

STAFF CHANGES:

As you are aware Mr. Seamus Ryan has accepted a position as Deputy Principal in CBS, High School, Clonmel having spent eight and a half years with Loreto Secondary School. He will be missed for his good humour, great work ethic and in particular his kindness at all times when working with the students. He was an excellent role model for our students and an outstanding colleague. We wish him every success in the next stage of his career.

We will welcome a new Deputy Principal to Loreto Clonmel, at the beginning of the new term. Ms. Sarah Rice will join us from Kilkenny College and we look forward to working with her. Ms Rice has already met the staff and indeed has met a number of the students also as she has been in the school a few times since her appointment. We hope she will be very happy here in Loreto Clonmel.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Regards

Anne Mc Grath

Principal

1. Junior Cert. Terminal Exam	2. Junior Cycle Terminal Exam All Common Level except English, Irish and Maths	3. Classroom Based Assessment (CBA) as part of Junior Cycle All Common Level	4. Senior Cycle Terminal Exam
A: 85% - 100%	Distinction: 90% - 100%	Exceptional	H1 / O1: 90% - 100%
B: 70% - 84%	Higher Merit: 75% - 89%	Above Expectations	H2 / O2: 80% - 89%
C: 55% - 69%	Merit: 55% - 74%	In Line with Expectations	H3 / O3: 70% - 79%
D: 40% - 54%	Achieved: 40% - 54%	Yet to Meet Expectations	H4 / O4: 60% - 69%
E: 25% - 39%	Partially Achieved: 20% - 39%		H5 / O5: 50% - 59%
F: 10% - 24%	NG: 0% - 19%		H6 / O6: 40% - 49%
NG: 0% - 9%			H7 / O7: 30% - 39%
			H8 / O8: 0% - 29%

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
All subjects are Junior Cycle (Column 2 and 3 above) except Religion which is Junior CERT.	Subjects are mixed as follows: Junior CYCLE (Column 2 and 3 above) Art/Business English/Science Irish/French/German Junior CERT. (Column 1 above) Geography/History Home Economics Maths/Music Religion	Most subjects are Junior CERT. (Column 1 above) except Business, English and Science which are Junior CYCLE (Column 2 and 3 above)