



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

11th January 2022

Dear 6th Year Students and Parents/Guardians of 6th Year Students,

The State Examinations Commission has issued **Circular S90/21** 'Important Announcement in Relation to Oral Tests in Irish and Modern Foreign languages and the Music Practical Examinations for Leaving Certificate 2022'.

The circular sets out the following in relation to the timing of these tests:

- For the 2022 Leaving Certificate, the Oral language tests and the Leaving Certificate Music Practical examination will be conducted in the Easter holiday period using a revised 6-day model to run from Saturday 9th April to Thursday 14th April.
- If it is not possible to facilitate all of the tests in the 6-day period, two contingency days have been identified as Thursday 7th April 2022 and Friday 8th April 2022.
- Oral language examinations will be held in Irish, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Russian and, for the first time, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Lithuanian and Portuguese.
- The examinations will be conducted by visiting State Examinations Commission (SEC) appointed examiners, recruited and appointed to schools by the SEC.

We advise that all students make a note of these dates in their student journals.

We hope to have information about Mock Exams available later in the week.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Rice,
Acting Principal

Michele Culliton,
Acting Deputy Principal

How to use Face Coverings

Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice

ALWAYS CLEAN YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER WEARING A FACE COVERING

Correct Covering

Medical masks should be reserved for health workers or patients in treatment. If you have been advised to wear a medical mask, always have the coloured side showing and the metal band at the top of your nose.

Check Your Fit

Check that the face covering is made from a fabric that you are comfortable wearing.

Check that it is easy to fit and completely covers your nose and mouth, all the way down under your chin.

Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps. If there are strings, tie them high on top of the head to get a good fit. Do not touch or fidget with the face covering when it is on.

DO NOT: Wear the face covering below your nose. **DO NOT:** Leave your chin exposed. **DO NOT:** Wear it loosely with gaps on the sides. **DO NOT:** Wear it so it covers just the tip of your nose. **DO NOT:** Push it under your chin to rest on your neck.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO STAY SAFE:

- ALWAYS** wash your hands before and after handling your face covering.
- ALWAYS** change your face covering if it is dirty, wet or damaged.
- Carry around face coverings in a suitable clean waterproof bag, for example, a ziplock.
- Carry a second similar type bag to put used face coverings in.
- CHILDREN UNDER 13** should not wear face coverings.
- ALWAYS** wash cloth face coverings on the highest temperature for cloths.

Safe Removal

Use the ties or ear loops to take the face covering off. Do not touch the front when you take it off.

Disposing Of Single-Use Mask

Always dispose of single-use masks properly in a bin. Don't forget to clean your hands and keep social distance.

Stay safe. Protect each other.

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Help prevent coronavirus

Wash your hands

Cover mouth if coughing or sneezing

Avoid touching your face

Keep surfaces clean

Stop shaking hands and hugging

Keep a safe distance

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

Visit HSE.ie
For updated factual information and advice
Or call 1850 24 1850

Protection from coronavirus. It's in our hands.

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Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after touching cuts, blisters or any open sores
- you can use alcohol hand rub, if hands are not visibly dirty

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RESIST www.hse.ie/handhygiene

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How to use hand sanitiser

- > Rub hands for hygiene
- > Remember washing with soap and water is still best (and essential if your hands are visibly dirty)

1. Apply a squirt of sanitiser

2. Rub your hands palm to palm

3. Rub between your fingers

4. Rub the back of each hand

5. Clean each thumb

6. Rub your fingertips in your palm

7. Once dry, you're done!

Remember, hand hygiene helps prevent COVID-19 spreading.

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Ireland's public health advice is guided by WHO and ECDC advice.

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