



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

22nd May 2020

Dear 6th Year Student and Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and continue to stay connected with all your Loreto friends, while staying apart.

I want to express our gratitude for the video message that you sent to us. As I watched it, I was struck yet again of the importance of the Loreto Clonmel community; of the very many positive relationships with our staff that you all have; and of the wonderful friendships that you have made.

Love, Laughter and Learning, Loreto Clonmel's special motto, was very evident throughout the video message.

I want to keep you updated about two things:

- **6th Year Graduation Mass**

This year even though we are apart, we very much want to celebrate Loreto Clonmel's Class of 2020. 6th Years and their families are invited to their Graduation Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 27th May 2020, which will be live streamed to you in your homes.

In advance of this Graduation Mass a package will be arriving addressed to parents/guardians. *We want to ask parents/guardians to hold onto the package until you are called upon to open it at the end of the Mass.*

We invite our 6th Years to put on their school uniform for one last time and take a picture at the end of the Mass. Then, if you would like to, please upload one final picture of yourself to the 6th Year Team Chat once the ceremony has concluded.

Below is an outline of how to access the stream.

Go to:

- www.churchservices.tv
- Click on
 - Churches
 - Ireland
 - Tipperary
 - Clonmel, Ss. Peter and Paul's

People can watch from all over the world, so you are invited to let family members know and to join this special occasion. Our 6th Year Graduation Mass for our Class of 2020 has been scheduled to be recorded, so if you cannot join us please go to the same site later, scroll down below the image of the Church/Altar and go to recordings. It will be called the Loreto Graduation Mass. It can also be downloaded from there and kept.

We hope that you are as excited as we are about this event. A special thanks to the RE Team, your Year Head and Fr Michael for organising this unique celebration for our school community.

- **Latest up-date from the DES**

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) has published *Calculated Grades for Leaving Certificate 2020 Guide for Schools on Providing Estimated Percentage Marks and Class Rank Orderings* (see this [link](#)).

This publication says that the document, issued by the DES at the time of the Minister’s announcement, *A Guide to Calculated Grades for Leaving Certificate 2020* (see this [link](#)) should be read before the above Guide for Schools.

On page 2 and 3 of the *Next Steps* section it says:

3.3. To support the technical administration of the Calculated Grades model, the following is being established:

- *An on-line system for students to personally confirm their final entry level for each subject in which they are entered. This will be launched shortly.*

3.6. Information for students and parents/guardians on Calculated Grades for Leaving Certificate 2020 is being prepared and when available, will be published on the website www.gov.ie/leavingcertificate

We will let you know when the on-line portal opens and when the information for students and parents/guardians is published – at present we do not have a date for this.

I look forward to being with you all, albeit apart, at your Graduation Mass next Wednesday night at 7pm.

Our prayer for you is below.

Stay safe,

Anne Mc Grath,
Principal



Our end of term prayer for Loreto Clonmel’s Class of 2020:

May the God of peace, hope and love fill your lives
and may you bring peace, hope and love to all you meet.

May you be ambitious in your work,
happy in everything you do,
and always have hope and courage for what lies ahead.