



# Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to you as we begin our Midterm Break. Thanks to all in our community for the part you have played in making this time of remote teaching and learning a success. Our staff and students have adapted well for the last few weeks and we know everyone will benefit from a break in routine next week. We hope that parents/guardians also get a break from motivating and organising students for school!

## Upcoming Events on the School Calendar

- **Midterm Break Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February inclusive**

We remind you all that our calendar continues as normal and we are sure that you are all looking forward to a restful week off. Keep an eye on our social media for some activities during that week!

- **Junior Cycle Cluster Day Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Similar to other Clonmel secondary schools we are closed on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 for Junior Cycle Training. So there will be no school that day for students, while our staff are involved in this training day.

- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

Return to school for all students at 8:55am. At this stage we presume this will be remote teaching and learning, but we will keep you informed should this change.

- **Ireland Reads Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The aim is to get everyone to pledge to 'squeeze in a read' on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, Ireland Reads Day – whether that's reading a book, a newspaper, a comic – whatever works.

- **Wellbeing Week**

Our annual Wellbeing Week will commence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Whether we are working remotely or together in school there will be lots of activities to interest everyone.

## Happy Lunar New Year

We send best wishes to members of our community who are celebrating the commencement of the Year of the Ox today. The cultural connotation of this Spring Festival is joy, harmony, sharing and blessing. Spring is the season that brings hope for a renewed vibrant society and a prosperous future. The ox usually signifies diligence and determination, with a patient nature and a desire to make progress (or movement). So, hopefully, the world will be less static than last year and gets moving again in the second half of this year. A very fitting thought indeed during these times.

## Screen Break

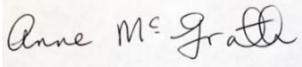
We want to ask all students to take a proper screen break over the Midterm. If students have homework to complete please, where possible, use books rather than a device. Also try to get homework done early in the Midterm so that you can really relax towards the end of the Midterm and be ready for school again on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## School Closure and Level 5 Restrictions

The Taoiseach said yesterday that there will be a formal announcement regarding plans for the return to school soon. Remote teaching and learning will continue from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February until a date when either a partial or full reopening of schools commence. We will be ready to reopen (partially or fully) when plans are confirmed by the government.

Like yourselves, during Midterm we usually take time to meet with our family and friends. It is important for us all to remember that we are still at Level 5 restrictions and so these meetings will have to be virtual. This will keep us all safe and help us to get back to school as soon as possible.

Wishing you a restful Midterm Break.  
Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light beige background, reading "Anne Mc Grath".

Anne Mc Grath, Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light beige background, reading "Sarah Rice".

Sarah Rice, Deputy Principal