



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and 6th Year Students,

We write to you following our meeting with 6th Years today to update you about Leaving Cert examinations for our 6th Year Students. We will write separately to you about our return to **in-person schooling** for 6th years.

Written Leaving Certificate Examination Dates

These have been published (*see page 2*). These will be conducted subject to public health advice and providing, as far as possible, access to the examinations for very high risk students.

Additional assessment components, such as orals, practical performance tests and coursework will run, subject to public health advice with components in certain subjects not running for public health reasons. Assessment will be arranged by the State Examinations Commission (SEC). As we have more information about this we will keep our students updated.

An Accredited Grades system

This will be operated by the SEC. It will be available whereby Leaving Certificate candidates can opt to have grades in some or all of their subjects (to be known as "SEC Accredited Grades") issued to them. However it is important to note that **only one** result will be issued – whichever is better i.e. Accredited Grade or Written Leaving Cert Grade.

What does this mean for our students?

We acknowledge the difficulty of this situation for our 6th Years. We know that this is an incredibly stressful time for you and your family. Our students will be asking what does all of this mean for them! We also know our 6th years will be wondering should they take an Accredited Grade or sit the exam in June?

We cannot answer this question for any student as personal circumstances will be different for everyone. We believe that this will be an individual decision for each student supported by their family.

LC Orals and Music Practicals

Students may wish to consider undertaking the oral and practical exams which are likely to be during Easter or the first week after Easter.

Mock Exams

As sitting the written exams in June is now optional, here in Loreto this means that the Mock Exams, *if they go ahead*, will also be optional (and outside of school tuition time). We will send a survey to our 6th years later today to see what Mocks (if any) they would like to take and from that information we will decide if we will run Mock Exams. We also wish to clarify that if the Mocks go ahead these results **will not** be used for Accredited Grades.

Like yourselves we have many more questions and together we will learn more about the process.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you make decisions over the next few weeks.

Stay safe,

Anne Mc Grath, Principal

Sarah Rice, Deputy Principal

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2021

Each candidate should note carefully the dates and hours, as fixed on this official timetable, for the examinations in the subjects in which he/she intends to present himself/herself. The Commission will not be responsible for any errors which may occur in the reproduction of this timetable by outside agencies. Candidates are required to be in attendance at least half an hour before the examination begins in the subject in which they first present themselves.

JUNE	SUBJECT	TIME
H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level F = Foundation Level		
WEDNESDAY 9	English, Paper 1 - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Home Economics, Scientific and Social - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
THURSDAY 10	Engineering - O Engineering - H	9.30 – 12.00 9.30 – 12.30
	English, Paper 2 - H & O	2.00 – 5.20
FRIDAY 11	Geography - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Mathematics, Paper 1 - H & O Mathematics - F	2.00 – 4.30 2.00 – 4.30
MONDAY 14	Mathematics, Paper 2 - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Irish Paper 1 - H (incl aural) Irish Paper 1 - O (incl aural) Irish - F (incl aural)	2.00 – 4.20 2.00 – 3.50 2.00 – 4.20
TUESDAY 15	Irish, Paper 2 - O Irish, Paper 2 - H	9.30 – 11.50 9.30 – 12.35
	Biology - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
WEDNESDAY 16	French - H & O – Written - Aural	9.30 – 12.00 12.10 – 12.50
	History - H & O	2.00 – 4.50
THURSDAY 17	Business - O Business - H	9.30 – 12.00 9.30 – 12.30
	Art, History & Appreciation - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
FRIDAY 18	German - H & O – Written - Aural	9.30 – 12.00 12.10 – 12.50
	Construction Studies - O Construction Studies - H	2.00 – 4.30 2.00 – 5.00
MONDAY 21	Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and Non Curricular Languages (See Note 2)	9.30 – 12.30
	Agricultural Science - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
TUESDAY 22	Spanish - H & O – Written - Aural	9.30 – 12.00 12.10 – 12.50
	Chemistry - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
WEDNESDAY 23	Physics - H & O Physics and Chemistry - H & O	9.30 – 12.30 9.30 – 12.30
	Accounting - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
THURSDAY 24	Design and Communication Graphics - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Music - Listening (Core) - H & O Music Composing - H & O Music - Listening (Elective) - H	1.30 – 3.00 3.15 – 4.45 5.00 – 5.45
	Economics - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
FRIDAY 25	Religious Education - O Religious Education - H Applied Mathematics - H & O	2.00 – 4.00 2.00 – 4.30 2.00 – 4.30
	Italian - H & O – Written - Aural Russian - H & O – Written - Aural	9.30 – 12.00 12.10 – 12.50 9.30 – 12.00 12.10 – 12.50
	Classical Studies - H & O Latin - H & O Technology - O Technology - H	2.00 – 5.00 2.00 – 5.00 2.00 – 4.00 2.00 – 4.30
MONDAY 28	Japanese - H & O – Written - Aural Politics & Society - H & O Arabic - H & O	9.30 – 12.00 12.10 – 12.50 9.30 – 12.00 9.30 – 12.30
	Physical Education - H & O	2.00 – 4.30

Notes

- The examination sessions highlighted in red include 20 minutes over and above the time traditionally allocated for the papers concerned.
- Leaving Certificate Examinations in Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and in the Non Curricular Languages listed below will be held on Monday 21st June from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Non Curricular Leaving Certificate Examinations									
Czech	Bulgarian	Croatian	Danish	Dutch	Estonian	Finnish	Hungarian	Latvian	
Lithuanian	Polish	Maltese	Modern Greek	Portuguese	Romanian	Slovakian	Slovenian	Swedish	

- There are also final examinations in Computer Science and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme – Link Modules – which will be held in May with dates to be announced separately.
- The Leaving Certificate timetable retains the extended 15-day format which was introduced in 2019 for reasons of candidate wellbeing.
- The start date for the 2022 Certificate Examinations will be Wednesday 8th June.