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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Principal - Michael O'Connor

Deputy-Principal - Jack Flynn

Your son / daughter has been back with us for in-school teaching for over a week now. I hope they are settling back to their classes and concentrating on their studies. There is still lots of information for them to process in relation to their choices for Leaving Certificate 2021. I want to talk to you about these. I sent you out a link to Circular 07/21 from the State Examinations Commission last week. Ms. McDonnell also posted this to each student's MS Teams page. Please read this carefully. It contains important dates and information in relation to your son/daughter's Leaving Certificate options. Please sit down and discuss this with your son / daughter.

As you know the Portal for all Leaving Certificate students will be open this week from **Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon until 6 pm on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Once they register, your son / daughter must check the data entered for them. (Correct Subjects and levels). Information in relation to this can be found on page 5 of the circular.

Next, they will have the opportunity to choose either Accredited Grades, Written papers or both.

It is my considered opinion, that at this stage, **all students should opt for both**. There will be further opportunity for them to change their minds and finally decide in late April / early May.

Choosing accredited grades only at this stage precludes them from completing their oral and practical components of their relevant subjects. They are also bound by what level they choose to be accredited at. **This cannot be changed**. In contrast, by choosing to do the written papers now, it affords the student more time to decide, allows them to participate in all elements of the exams to gauge their progress and allows for levels to be changed right up to the morning of the exam.

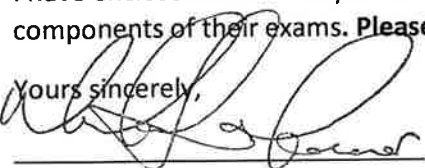
Teachers will be submitting an accredited grade for all students anyway. Students may do better in the written papers, **they will receive the higher of the two grades**.

The most immediate action that I require from you is to have knowledge of what your son / daughter has opted for. The School will not receive this data from the State Examinations Commission in time. Therefore, I need to know what each student will be entered for so that we can start planning for the orals and practical's which are set to commence on March 26<sup>th</sup> next.

I would urge you to have this discussion with your son / daughter. Use the circular I sent last week. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Once again, it is my advice and that of all your son / daughter's teachers, that at this stage, they opt for both written exams and accredited grades. This means they would complete the oral and practical elements of the exams scheduled to take place from March 26<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>.

I have enclosed a form for you to complete indicating their preferences so I can schedule the oral and practical components of their exams. **Please complete this and return it to me or Ms. McDonnell by Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Ml. O' Connor, Principal.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chosen option on Leaving certificate 2021 online Portal:**

Please tick

Written Exams: \_\_\_\_\_

Accredited Grades only: \_\_\_\_\_

Combination of Both: \_\_\_\_\_

If selecting combination of both please indicate which subject(s) you are opting to receive an accredited grade only in:

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