

Colaiste Phobal Ros Cré

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Principal - Michael O'Connor
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and thank you all, on behalf of the staff here in Colaiste Phobal, for your continued support and co-operation this past 12 months.

Most importantly I would like to thank you for your words of encouragement and offerings of help, that you have kindly sent us throughout what has been a most difficult time for the entire school community, it is those words that have kept us going.

As you are aware, it has been extremely difficult to plan anything without knowing what restrictions may be in place before the end of the academic year. But I wanted you to know that we will be holding end of year assessments for your son/ Daughter.

These will take place in the student's class under the supervision of their teachers and will follow the schedule given below.

As you know, the Department of Education has changed the date for student's end of school this year. Therefore, classes for all students will end on May 28th. As our assessments are taking place in the two weeks prior to this, it is vital that full attendance be maintained during this time, except in circumstances where a student may be displaying symptoms, in which case they must stay at home, follow public health advice, and seek a test.

Finally, our hope is that our school will return to some level of normality for the new academic year in late August. I hope by then all of us will have been able to enjoy the summer and return to a school more like what we have had in the past. Thank you again for your support to date,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. O' Connor.

Principal.

Summer assessments schedule 2021

Week 1: Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May

1st yr: Irish/English/Maths/History/Geography

2nd yr: Science and option subjects

5th yr: English/Irish/Maths

Week 2: Monday 24th May to Friday 28th May

1st yr: Science and option subjects

2nd yr: Irish/English/ Maths/History/Geography

5th yr: Option subjects



GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Your son/daughter needs your support during this time, particularly in terms of engaging with assessment.
- Your son's/daughter's wellbeing is important. Ensure he/she is eating healthily, taking time for exercise/activities, and striking a balance between schoolwork and downtime.
- Assure your son/daughter that assessments are an opportunity to celebrate their learning.
- Be familiar with each subject department's plan for assessment.
- Check in regularly to see if your son/daughter is reaching his/her targets.
- Ensure your son/daughter has the materials they require for engaging in assessments.
- Display relevant information somewhere prominent to help your son/daughter remain focused for the remainder of the term.
- If your son/daughter misses a deadline for assessment components for a genuine reason (illness, broadband issues, etc.) please contact the school who will help to ensure every student has a fair chance to complete the work.
- It is important for parents/guardians to communicate with the school in the event your young person does not engage with an assessment. Measures can be taken help.
- Highlight the importance of engaging with assessment at this point in their education. While it may not take the form they had originally anticipated, it is a milestone in their education, and they will want to do their best.
- If you have any questions or concerns about your son's/daughter's engagement or progress, please contact the school who will be happy to advise and support you.

Coláiste Phobal Roscrea values your support to date and requests your assistance in maintaining the integrity of the May 2021 Assessment, by ensuring that the instructions issued with each assessment are followed.



ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

- Assessments are an opportunity to celebrate your learning.
- Engage with your teachers and your classes for the remainder of the term.
- Organise a workspace that will help you to concentrate on the task in hand.
- Be aware of your assessment timetable. Know exactly *when* you have assessments, project deadlines etc.
- Be aware of the different components of the assessment that you may need to complete for each subject.
- Communicate with your teachers if you are unclear about arrangements.
- Organise the materials/books/technology you need for your assessments in advance. Do not leave it until the last minute.

Respect the assessment process – it is ‘your own’ work that is being assessed, not ‘work belonging to somebody else’.