



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to share important information regarding the schedule of key academic events for our Leaving Cert Students 2022-23.

Prescribed Coursework Elements

As our Winter term draws to a close, we become increasingly aware of the steady progress of the academic year particularly for our 6th students. For these students the year now becomes punctuated by key dates and important deadlines. As well as preparing for the June exams and oral examinations, the schedule of Leaving Certificate coursework, projects, practicals and portfolios is on-going in a range of subject areas.

Class teachers, tutors and Mr. Rattigan - Year Head to this group - are committed to supporting students in managing these important components of the prescribed course. We encourage all students to attend school consistently and adhere to important deadlines in close consultation with their subject teachers.

Mock Examinations

The mock Leaving Cert. examinations will commence for all 6th year students in the week beginning Monday 30th January. These preparatory assessments afford all exam students an invaluable experience of the format, structure and rigour of the state examinations as well as encouraging students to set realistic and achievable targets for these February assessments.

The costs of these examinations are listed below:

- € 148 For students accessing all exams (7 subjects)
- € 135 For students accessing 7 exams (students with an Irish exemption)
- € 164 For students involved in the LCVP
- € 120 for students accessing 6 subjects (with relevant exemptions)
- € 110 for students accessing the Leaving Cert Applied Programme

Payment can be processed through the Scoil Dara Easy Payments Plus platform only - via the link on the Scoil Dara website). Payment can be rendered in full or in **two installments** (for example where the total cost is €135 there will be a fortnightly payment of €67.50) or as one complete transaction for the full amount of, for example €135. If you wish to avail of the instalment plan set up on Easy Payment Plus must be completed by January 4th with the 2nd installment due on January 18th. If you wish to pay in full in one transaction set up on Easy Payment Plus must be completed by January 18th.

To ensure the smooth and efficient running of these exams and to guarantee that exam papers are dispatched for correction we ask that the full cost of the mock examinations is paid by the deadline. Please do not hesitate to contact the school regarding any issues associated with mock examinations/payment.

We take this opportunity to wish all 6th year students the very best as they continue in their preparations for the Leaving Certificate examinations. School attendance and student engagement are fundamental to success in all coursework, projects and in preparation for their examinations so we encourage all students to make the most of the facilitation and guidance available to them in school.

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