



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

11th December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well and are looking forward to the Christmas break after what has been a very challenging time for all. Thankfully the Covid-19 numbers in Wexford are at a relatively low level at the moment and it is expected that the most vulnerable groups in society will begin to receive vaccinations in the new year. However, as a school we still have to be mindful of the fact that the virus will still be circulating for some time to come, and our Covid-19 safety measures will have to remain in place.

The 6th Year Mock examinations are an important stage in the preparation of students for the Leaving Cert. Due to Covid-19 and the safety procedures required to conduct the Mock exams safely we have to make a significant change to the timetable for 6th Years.

After much deliberation and having looked at a number of different alternatives we have concluded that the only safe way that we can timetable the 6th Year Mock exams is that they take place during the February midterm, **Monday February 15th to Friday February 19th**, when the school is closed for all other year groups.

This will allow exams to take place in the largest spaces in the school such as the Sports Hall, Lunch Hall and Activity Room. This is particularly important to allow for maximum social distancing in exams that will last up to 3 hours and 20 minutes.

The Mock exam week will be both tiring and testing for Sixth Year students and it will be important that they have some time to rest and recuperate. Therefore, students will have their midterm break the week following the Mock exams, February 22nd to February 26th.

We do not make this decision lightly and understand that this will be an inconvenience for parents, however, the health and safety of your daughter is our primary concern.

Yours sincerely,

Kiera O'Sullivan
Principal