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Dear Parent,

Enclosed you will find your child's end of year report for 2019/20. These reports will also shortly be accessible on Vsware.

On our website, {<https://creaghcollege.ie/assessment-and-reporting-summer-2020/>} you will find a breakdown of how each mark/grade descriptor for each subject has been calculated. Well done to everyone for your achievements this year; we are very proud of you.

We are busy planning for the new academic year and are doing so with the evolving public health advice in mind. For that reason, we cannot yet give certainty as to exactly when the new school year will begin for each year group, but it is our sincere hope that our school and the whole country will be well on the way back to normality by September 1st. Please keep an eye on our website and on our social media channels for further updates. Please be assured that the health and safety of our staff and students will be our paramount concern.

With that in mind we would like to thank each and every one of you for the part you have played in helping our whole community to deal with the challenges of Covid-19. The sacrifices we have all made have saved lives, and as the country begins to come out of lockdown we urge all of our students to continue to follow the public health advice, especially around social distancing and public gatherings.

Of all the problems we might have expected to encounter during the 2019/20 academic year, nobody predicted a lengthy school closure and a global pandemic, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude and admiration to our entire school community for working so well together to overcome the problems we have faced.

Enclosed you will also find some specific information for each year group. We are all looking forward to seeing you back in school in September. Best wishes to all and Stay Safe.

Kind regards,

Paul Glynn

1st Years 2019/20 (Going into 2nd year in September 2020)

- **Optional subjects:** All of next year's 2nd years have been accommodated in their preferred subjects (this will be important when purchasing ebooks on wriggle store). A printout listing the subjects you have been allocated is enclosed. Should you wish to change any of these please send an email to Ms. Travers (orlatravers@wwetb.ie) with your request. Please note that such requests are subject to availability of spaces in the relevant classes.
- To purchase the required books and workbooks for the coming academic year, please go to www.wriggle.ie. Select "ORDER" and enter the code 80440 to access our online store. You can order all the required books on the Second Year Store. Please make sure to have the correct levels for Irish and Maths, and the list of optional subjects your son/daughter will study to hand when ordering. O'Mahony's book sellers will fulfil the order, and a box of physical books and workbooks will be dispatched to you after your order has been processed. Each of these books will have a code that can be used to download the eBook version onto your son/daughter's iPad. The store will open on Friday 12th June and remain open until the end of the summer holidays - please keep in mind that there will be approximately 2 weeks between order processing and delivery.
- **Levels:** Please access your vsware account to find the recommended level (higher/ordinary) in both Irish and Maths for your child for next year (this might be relevant when purchasing ebooks on wriggle store). If you have any concern regarding levels; please contact your son/daughter's subject teacher via email.
- **Lockers:** We will soon be in touch to arrange a time slot when your child will be allowed access to the building to clear out their locker. Please monitor our social media channels for this info.

2nd Years 2019/20 (Going into 3rd year in September 2020)

- There should be no further purchases of ebooks etc. necessary for current 2nd years proceeding into 3rd year.
- **Lockers:** We will soon be in touch to arrange a time slot when your child will be allowed access to the building to clear out their locker. Please monitor our social media channels for this info.

3rd Years and TYs 2019/20 (Going into 5th year in September 2020)

- **Levels:** The recommended levels in Irish, English and Maths are indicated on a separate report in Vsware. These are only relevant if your child is going into 5th year and not TY or LCA. If you have any concern regarding levels; please contact your son/daughter's subject teacher via email.
- **Optional Subjects:** Please find enclosed the list of optional subjects your son/daughter has been assigned for Fifth year. 88% of student's first preferences have been accommodated. If you have received a blank subject list, we do not have your preferences and we will endeavour to accommodate your preferences when we receive them. Any student who wishes to change their subjects should put a request in writing to Miss Travers (Guidance Counsellor) at orlatravers@wwetb.ie as soon as possible. Changes can only be made where possible given the timetable structure.
- **The timetable structure** is set out below and will be of assistance in understanding what changes might be possible. For example, there is one class each of Chemistry and Economics and both are in Option Block 1; this means those classes occur at the same time and therefore it will not be

possible for a student to do both. Please note, that due to low levels of demand, Ag Science, DCG and Applied Maths will not go ahead in 2020/21.

Option Block 1: Biology/Construction/Economics/Chemistry/History/Technology

Option Block 2:

Biology/Accounting/Engineering/Music/Art/LC PE/Politics

Option Block 3:

Geography/Biology/Engineering/Home Ec/Spanish/Computer Science

Option Block 4:

French/Construction/Business/Classics/Physics/Spanish

- **Irish exempt students.** In previous years we have assigned a specific extra subject to students with Irish exemptions. Having reviewed and evaluated this approach we have decided to no longer adopt it. Students with Irish exemptions will have an opportunity to catch up on homework/study or where appropriate access learning support instead.
- **Book Rental Scheme** In 2019 we introduced a book rental scheme for Senior Cycle students, the cost of which is €100 per year. This can be paid using our Way2Pay online payments system. Text messages will be sent when the system is set up to receive payments. All required textbooks and workbooks will be ordered by us here in the College and distributed to students in the first week of the new school year. These books will be rental copies and must be looked after accordingly. They will be required for use by other students in future years. Most of the books will come with codes for free eBook versions which students may download and use on their iPads also. If you would prefer to purchase text books directly yourselves you should do so in advance of the new school year – please contact creaghcollegeipadhelp@wwetb.ie requesting a copy of our booklist. However, the more families who participate in our Book Rental Scheme, the more likely the scheme is to be viable over time.
- **iPads** All students will be required to have their iPads with them in school every day, fully charged and ready for use for a range of extra resources and activities. There is no requirement to update the management software or buy any new eBooks. We expect our senior students to use the device responsibly while in school, but sanctions will be applied for breaches of our Acceptable Usage Policy.
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5th Years 2019/20 (Going into 6th year in September 2020)

- **Book Rental Scheme** In 2019 we introduced a book rental scheme for Senior Cycle students, the cost of which is €100 per year. This can be paid using our Way2Pay online payments system. Text messages will be sent when the system is set up to receive payments. All required textbooks and workbooks are ordered by us here in the College and distributed to students in the first week of the 5th year. These books are rental copies and must be looked after accordingly. They will be required for use by other students in future years. Most of the books will come with codes for

free eBook versions which students may download and use on their iPads also. If you have opted out of the Book Rental scheme in 5th year and would prefer to purchase text books directly yourselves you should do so in advance of the new school year – please contact creaghcollegeipadhelp@wwetb.ie requesting a copy of our booklist. However, the more families who participate in our Book Rental Scheme, the more likely the scheme is to be viable over time. Most 6th years will not require additional books in 6th year but where necessary they are provided by the rental scheme.

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