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14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parent,

As we approach the end of an extraordinary year, I want to communicate a few key messages.

I want to thank all of you and your children, for helping us maintain a successful re-opening of the school. In difficult circumstances for all of us, the cooperation and good behaviour of the students has shone through. Thank you all.

As the country emerges from Level 5, and as there will be further easing of restrictions later in the month, I want to emphasise some key elements of our Covid-19 response plan. The small things all of us do, day-in and day-out help to suppress the virus. As national restrictions ease, there is a risk that we might become complacent, and if we do, we not only jeopardise our holiday plans, we also put at risk our most vulnerable loved ones.

- No-one should attend school if they have any of the symptoms of Covid-19: seek your doctor's advice and follow that advice, especially when that advice is to self-isolate.
- Respiratory hygiene should always be observed (cough/sneeze into elbow; use tissues, dispose of them carefully).
- Hand sanitise regularly: students should do this on arrival and departure from school and from individual classrooms.
- Maintain social distance: in school, this means 2m or more whenever possible, and 1m with a mask. We have provided a lot of additional breaktime space in the school; students are asked to observe as much social distancing as possible when having lunch, as masks are not being worn at these times.
- Limit social contacts both within school and within the community.
- Sanitise frequently touched items regularly: in school, each classroom has a supply of disinfectant wipes for cleaning chairs, tables etc.

If every one of us continues to follow the above guidelines, along with all of the other guidelines and regulations that apply, both within and outside school, we will continue to have a safe and successful re-opening.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and safe New Year.

Best wishes,

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Paul Glynn



## Newsletter/ Updates December 2020

### Final Day of school term:

A reminder that school will finish at 12.40pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will re-open on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### Christmas Reports

- Reports for students (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> year) will issue on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December through your child's VSware account. A reminder to you that behaviour notes are logged on VSware. Please try to get into the habit of checking it regularly for updates. If you have any difficulties logging into VSware please contact [creaghcollege@wwetb.ie](mailto:creaghcollege@wwetb.ie) for assistance.
- **Junior Cycle reports;** Please note that CBA performance descriptors are only relevant to 3<sup>rd</sup> year English, Maths, Business, History, Art and Wellbeing.
- **TY reports;** A timetable rotation has just occurred in the last two weeks- any blank spaces on your child's report may be as a result of the rotation.

### 6<sup>th</sup> year students;

We are conscious that it has been a considerably stressful term for our 6<sup>th</sup> year students and we would encourage you to get a good rest over the Christmas holidays. Our last term this year is a long one, so please take the time over Christmas to re-charge your batteries.

### Online Parent Teacher Meetings(PTM)

We have held 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year Parent Teacher meetings online in November and December. Thank you to those teachers, parents and students who responded to our questionnaires which evaluated their experiences of the online PTM. 2<sup>nd</sup> years are to have their PTM on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (School closes for everyone at 3.05pm). Feedback from students and parents has been very positive. Please read a summary of advice from fellow students and parents [here](#). For upcoming 1<sup>st</sup>, TY and 5<sup>th</sup> year PTM, please follow instructions on our [website](#) for details on how to register in advance of the meeting and how to access the Teams meeting.

### Dates for your diaries:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Online Parent Teacher Meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 4.15-6.45pm (School closes at 3.05pm for all students)
- Mock exams;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mock exams: 26<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February
  - 6<sup>th</sup> year Mocks: 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February
  - LCAI mock: 11-12<sup>th</sup> February
- TY and 5<sup>th</sup> Year Online Parent Teacher Meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 4.15-6.45pm (School closes at 3.05pm for all students)
- School Cluster Day (School closed for students): Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- School JCT Inservice Day (School closed for students): Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

### Mock Fees

Are now due, please log onto Way2Pay for further information.



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### After school study

- The aim of Supervised Study is to encourage regular study patterns and provide students with an environment conducive to study.
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, **there are 30 places available** and a waiting list will be formed if supervised study is over-subscribed.
- Supervised Study is offered to our Exam Year students only this year, with priority given to 6th Year students.
- The term will run from Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 (17 weeks).
- There will be a fee of €15 per week or €250 for the term. Further details in relation to payment will be provided when places in supervised study are confirmed.
- Places will be secured on a **first-come, first-served basis**.
- Students who have not made any payment before **Friday 8th January 2021** will forfeit their place which will then be offered to the next student on the waiting list.
- A 30% discount applies to siblings attending supervised study.
- Study will begin at 4.10pm and finish at 6.40pm every Monday. Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday study will commence at 3.30pm and finish at 6.00pm. Every Friday study will commence at 3.30pm and finish at 5.30pm.

### Student Council

Congratulations to our new Student Council members who have been elected to the following roles:

Chairperson: Charlotte Gray  
Vice-chairperson: Eoin Hudson  
Secretary: Raneem Abubaker Abdelaziz  
Vice-secretary: Kim Willoughby  
PRO: Clayton Zofka  
ISSU link officer: Ashley Lynch  
Treasurer: Christopher Stedmond  
Vice-Treasurer: Mateusz Hryciuk.

### Wellbeing Wednesdays

We have more Wellbeing Wednesdays to look forward to next term:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> years – 20<sup>th</sup> January
- 5<sup>th</sup> years- 24<sup>th</sup> February
- 2<sup>nd</sup> years – 24<sup>th</sup> March
- TY – 28<sup>th</sup> April

A reminder that all students are given an evening free from homework and they are encouraged to undertake a wellbeing activity that evening instead.

### Uniform

Please ensure that all students are in correct school uniform for school. PE uniform is acceptable only on PE days. Black shoes must be worn all other days. Black runners are not acceptable. Please see our uniform policy for further details.



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**Relationship Sexuality Education (RSE)** is presently being delivered to all students at Creagh College. This is a very important part of our students' education, as it provides information that helps to keep them safe and make informed decisions that affects their lives. Each Year Group are delivered specific topics that are age appropriate. They are offered an opportunity to ask questions which supports them in gaining new insights into their own personal development.

### **#GRMA**

Please follow our Facebook page and Twitter feed to get regular updates on events going on in our college community. If you haven't already had a chance, please log on to our website or our Facebook page to see some lovely messages of thanks to our students and wider school community #GRMA