



Loreto Secondary School

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Dear parents/guardians and students,

I wish to bring the following matters to your attention:

Voluntary Contribution Scheme

Each year, the school invites support for its Voluntary Contribution Scheme - €150 per family.

Funds raised by the Scheme are used to improve the school's stock of educational equipment and resources, particularly in relation to Information Technology and certain practical subjects e.g. Home Economics and Technology. We also use the funds to provide for the original construction cost of the hockey pitch, its maintenance and floodlighting, for all of which the school is financially liable.

I thank families that have already made this contribution in the present school year.

If you have not yet contributed and wish to do so in the coming weeks, we would be most grateful for your support. All contributions, large or small, will be very welcome.

Contributions can be made online by clicking on the Easy Payments Plus icon on the school website – www.loretowexford.com. This method of payment provides an automatic receipt and is the safest method of payment. If online payment is not possible, cheques or cash can be paid to Ann McClannon, School Secretary with cheques being made payable to Loreto Secondary School, Wexford.

Student Places

Parents/guardians are asked to email me at the earliest possible stage – principal@loretowexford.com – if, for any reason, their daughter is not returning to her school place next September. This is to ensure a smooth transfer into the school of students who are on waiting lists for admission into different year groups.

1st, 2nd and 5th Summer Examinations

Timetables for 1st, 2nd and 5th year summer examinations may be viewed on the school website.

These will be the first formal examinations taken by students since before Covid. In assemblies with different year groups, I am asking students to prepare carefully for these examinations but, under no circumstances, to be stressed by them. We must all be mindful of the serious disruption caused by

Covid and that the process of returning to normal is ongoing. Whilst most students have settled happily into a more normal school and life routine, some have not and we owe it to them to be supportive and understanding, particularly when they face into school examinations.

I wish students well in these examinations.

School reports in respect of these examinations will be posted home in mid June.

6th year Graduation

Thankfully, our 6th year students will have a more normal graduation from school this year.

They will travel to Glendalough for an overnight retreat on Tuesday, 24 May.

On Thursday, 26 May the school will host a breakfast for the full year group in the GP Area at 09.00. Following this, they will attend final rehearsals for their Graduation Prayer Service which will be held in Clonard Church at 19.00 that evening and to which 6th year parents/guardians, as well as school staff, are warmly invited.

I thank the school's Religion and Music departments for the great work that they do in connection with these events.

3rd and Transition Year Students

3rd year students will finish school for the year at 15.45 on Tuesday, 31 May. This will then give them the opportunity for private study at home in the run-up to their Junior Certificate examinations that will begin on Wednesday, 8 June. Organisational matters in relation to these examinations will be outlined to students at an assembly on Tuesday, 24 May.

An action-packed Transition Year will come to a close with an in-school Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, 1 June for students and staff.

Prizegiving Ceremonies

The school will proudly recognise the achievements of many students at prizegiving ceremonies on Monday, 23 May. Details of award recipients will be published on the school website soon thereafter.

Subject Choices for 2nd and 5th years

All students going into 2nd year in September 2022 have been provided with their four option subjects as selected by them in early February.

The same is true of 94% of students entering 5th year. The remaining 6% have been allocated one of their 5th or 6th choice subjects.

Any student seeking to change an option subject is invited to call into Mr. O' Shea's office any lunchtime before Friday, 27 May.

Visiting Spanish Students

A group of Spanish students will be based in Wexford next September/October for a six week period. Some of them will be attending classes in Loreto. The organisers of the visit, Luis and Miguel, wish to recruit host families to accommodate these students. They write:

"Dear family,

Thank God, little by little we are going back to normality and with it, activities return to school.

One more year, we are hosting a group of students from Spain into your school for **6 weeks** from the 30th of August to the 10th of October.

Some of them will be in Ireland for the first **term** and some others for the **academic year**.

They are all from a friend school in Madrid and Seville and they are **looking for families to host** them during the program.

Of course there is an economic reward (**200€ per week**).

If you are interested in hosting please send an email to twinschools@virgendemirasierra.eu or text message to **0034619769953** including your full name and contact details (telephone number and email address).

Thank you very much for your help".

Enquiries in relation to this matter must be made to the email address provided above and not to Loreto.

Survey of Parents

The school will be surveying parents of students in each year group except 6th this week in relation to online and in-person parent-teacher meetings and communication with the school.

2022/2023 Calendar and Booklists

The calendar for 2022/2023 may now be viewed on the school website.

Details of booklists and the Free Books Scheme will be published on the website before the end of May.

Kind regards,

Billy O' Shea,
Principal.