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Dear parents/guardians and students,

I hope you had a pleasant Easter. As we start the last few weeks of the term, I write with a few brief points.

Free Schoolbooks Scheme:

You will be aware that the government has decided to provide free schoolbooks for Junior Cycle students. A letter from Minister Foley can be found [here](#).

Further information for parents/guardians can be found here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5652a-schoolbooks-scheme-for-junior-cycle-in-post-primary-schools/?#information-for-parentsguardians>

We will provide more details on this as we work through the procurement and tendering process. In the meantime, the school is working on preparing booklists for the new school year and these will be published on our website in mid-May.

Leaving Certificate Students:

We congratulate the 6th year students on the successful completion of their oral examinations. In the coming weeks, teachers will be finishing courses and revising important sections before the June examinations. In previous years, some students have tended to drift away from the school in the last few weeks. This, in my view, is a mistake and, as a result, I urge all 6th years to attend fully to the final day. A lot can be achieved between now and the conclusion of timetabled classes, so it is important that 6th years work with us in the last few weeks.

Special Mass:

As you may be aware, the Loreto house in Wexford was sold recently, meaning there are no Loreto Sisters who have worked in the school, living in Wexford for the first time in over 150 years. We feel it is important to mark the significance of this as a school, and to pay tribute to the contribution these women have made to our community in Wexford for so many years.

With this in mind, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ger Nash, on Friday 26 April in Rowe Street Church at 7pm. This will be followed by a reception in the school. We would like to cordially invite parents/guardians and students to this important event.

Brief Reminders:

- All parents/guardians are encouraged to login to VS Ware regularly. As previously mentioned, teachers are now using the 'Behaviour' function and we ask that you keep an eye on this information.
- After some technical gremlins, we hope to have the new school app launched in the coming weeks.
- We held assemblies to welcome each year group back this week. In each one, I provided reminders on school policy in relation to uniform, mobile phones, and the use of lockers. I also spoke about keeping the focus on study over the coming weeks as we approach the end of the year. I also commended the students on their excellent behaviour, emphasising the importance of being kind to those around us.

To conclude, I wish all Loreto families well as we approach the summer holidays. Let us hope for an end to the rain and a brighter second half of April!

Yours sincerely,

John Mc Ginnity,

Principal.