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# Coláiste Rís

Roll No. 638800

***“Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí.”***

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are all now aware, the Minister for Education & Skills has announced that the Junior Certificate state exams will not take place this year. Information regarding this was sent to all parents.

**The students will now receive a State Certificate of completion from the Department of Education and Skills. This certificate will state that all students have completed three years of Junior Cycle education in a number of subjects.**

**The students will also receive a School Report setting out the learning achievements of students in Junior Cycle. They will receive a written report, which will include a mark for each subject based on different elements the students completed over the last 2 years.** Different elements within each subject have a weighting, decided by each subject department. (See below)

As recommended by the department, we will award most of the marks for work carried out by the students prior to the school closing on March 12<sup>th</sup>. In Coláiste Rís, 90% will be awarded for work completed prior to March 12th 2020. The remaining 10% awarded for the online engagement of pupils with their teachers since the closure. We are mindful that online engagement has been difficult for some students due to various technology and Wi-Fi issues. We will of course consider this when awarding the 10%. It is important that students make contact with their teachers to explain this, in order to consider this.

The report will also include other areas of learning that the students participated in over the three years of the Junior Cycle. The students will complete their other area of learning and submit them. This will be an integral part of the final report. More information to follow on this in the coming weeks.

*Below is a breakdown of how each department will weight specific elements within their subject.*

**The following eight subjects had CBA's as part of the course. The teachers involved have decided to award a certain percentage for each CBA as part of the final mark.**

The marks for the CBA descriptors will be awarded as follows:

Failure to submit – 0%, Yet to meet expectations – 40%, In line with expectations – 60%, Above expectations – 80%, Exceptional – 100%

<b>Art</b>	SEC Project	Practical	CBA 1	CBA 2	Online Engagement
	40%	20%	15%	15%	10%

The Christmas Exam in Art was the CBA 2. In addition, the SEC project is weighted heavily, as it is a very large component of the Junior Cert Exam.

<b>Irish</b>	Pre Exam	CBA 1	CBA 2	Online Engagement
	50%	30%	10%	10%

CBA 1 is weighted more heavily than CBA 2, as the SLAR meeting for CBA 2 had not been completed when the schools closed on March 12<sup>th</sup>

<b>Science</b>	Pre Exam	CBA 1	CBA 2	Christmas Exam	Online Engagement
	50%	15%	15%	10%	10%

<b>English</b>	Pre Exam	Christmas Exam	CBA 1	CBA 2	Online Engagement
	40%	20%	15%	15%	10%

<b>Business Studies</b>	Pre Exam	CBA 1	CBA 2	Christmas Exam	Online Engagement
	40%	20%	20%	10%	10%

## MFL (French, German, Spanish)

<b>Spanish</b>	Pre Exam	Christmas Exam	CBA 1	CBA 2	Online Engagement
<b>French</b>					
<b>German</b>	40%	20%	10%	20%	10%

In MFL subjects, CBA 2 is weighted heavier than CBA 1. This is because CBA 2 is a student language portfolio comprised of the students 3 best pieces of work over the last 2 years. CBA 1 is a once off project.

**The following eight subjects did not have a CBA element as part of the syllabus. The teachers within each department have agreed to use various other elements to award marks to their students.**

<b>Maths</b>	Pre Exam	Class Tests	Online Engagement
	60%	30%	10%

The Christmas Exam was calculated on the average of class tests done up to this point and is included in the 30%. There were regular class tests during the year and this gives a good representation of the student's performance.

<b>Geography</b>	Pre Exam	Class Tests	Online Engagement
	60%	30%	10%

The Christmas Exam was calculated on the average of class tests done up to this point and is included in the 30%. There were regular class tests during the year this gives a good representation of the student's performance.

<b>Music</b>	Pre Exam	Christmas Exam	Online Engagement
	50%	40%	10%

The Pre exam and the Christmas Exam both included a Practical element.

<b>Technical Graphics</b>	Pre Exam	Christmas Exam	Online Engagement
	65%	25%	10%

There is no practical element in Technical Graphics so the awarding of marks must be based on exams only.

<b>Materials Technology (Wood)</b>	Portfolio	Pre Exam	Christmas Exam	Online Engagement
	40%	30%	20%	10%

In the traditional Junior Cert, project, Portfolio and Practical work accounts for almost 70% of a student's overall grade and we felt that this needed to be reflected in the weighting of different elements of assessment for this year.

History	Pre Exam	Christmas Exam	Online Engagement
	60%	30%	10%

There is no practical element in History so the awarding of marks must be based on exams only.

Religion	Pre Exam	Christmas Exam	Journal	Online Engagement
	40%	30%	20%	10%

In Religion, students had completed their Journals prior to the schools closing. It can be used to award marks for their final grade.

Home Economics	Craft/Craft Folder/Practical's	Pre Exam	Online Engagement
	50%	40%	10%

In Home Economics the craft, craft folder and the practical exams make up a significant amount of the final grade. It was felt that we should do the same for this assessment. The marks will be given for work completed up to March 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will not be penalised for not completing their project.

I hope you are all keeping well and staying safe. If you have any issues with the above template please email Ms Dowling or Mr Moylan. Ms Lavin will send a copy of this to all 3<sup>rd</sup> year students tomorrow Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Ms Dowling