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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s) / Carers,

As you are aware, the Leaving Cert mock exams will begin Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January and finish Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The Mock timetable has been posted to the Sixth-Year Team and the School App. Every student should have access to the mock timetable. There is no school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. (Bank Holiday)

## **Payment for Mocks**

We have received the majority of payments for mock exams. Outstanding payments can be made by selecting the Easy Payments link on the school website. The cost is a flat fee of €130 (incl. all papers and corrections). The cost for LCA exam papers and corrections is €50. The deadline for this payment was 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

It is important that any outstanding payments are completed by Monday as we will begin sending out exams for correction. Please contact me directly by email if you have any questions.

The mock exams are a good indicator of projected attainment in the June examinations. They provide feedback for both the student and the teacher which highlight areas in which the student is progressing, as well as areas that need to be emphasised for improvement. It is therefore essential that students make their best effort when completing these exams to gain an accurate evaluation of their progress to date.

Students are expected to be present for all examinations they are registered to sit in the State Examinations in June.

## **Mock Timetable**

The structure of the 6th Year mock exam timetable, particularly in week 2, will mean that students may not be in school for full days during these two weeks.

If students do not have an exam for a particular day or exam session, we would encourage them to study at home. We will provide a study room for those that cannot study at home.

Parents must use the **SCHOOL APP** to send in a note if their son/daughter is arriving late/leaving early unaccompanied during the normal school day. This arrangement only applies for the duration of the mocks.

Parents must take responsibility for the whereabouts of their son/daughter at these times and ensure they know where they are.

## **School Rules**

Normal school rules apply during the examinations and students are expected to present in full school uniform. As on all other school days, punctuality is important during the mock examination period. Students should arrive at school on time and fully prepared for each exam.

Students are not permitted to bring their mobile phones into the exams as in the real exam in June, students would have phones confiscated by the examiner and sent to the State Examinations Commission for examination. The exam would probably then be cancelled. Misuse of mobile phones in the Mocks will see the phone confiscated and a parent/guardian will have to collect the device from the school office.

It is hoped that the mock exams will reflect the conditions of the State Examinations in June. This will help students to experience the exam situation and therefore prepare themselves for what to expect. As such, students are expected to conduct themselves as they would during the official state exams.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Sixth-Year students the very best of luck in the upcoming mock examinations and hope that the experience of sitting them proves to be valuable practice in preparation for their State Examinations in June.

Thank you for your continued support as always and I look forward to your cooperation in relation to all the above.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Mooney

Year Head