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Winter Examinations 2021

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Winter Examinations are being held from Friday 26th November to Friday 3rd December. The school will close on Monday 29th November. These are timetabled house exams. Your daughter/son has received their examination schedule.

Please note the following points to ensure the week goes smoothly:

- School uniform rules still apply – we are encouraging layering up underneath the school jacket as windows must be kept ajar for ventilation.
- Mobile phones, smartwatches, etc., must be switched off and put away.
- **Students are not allowed to leave an exam early.** They must revise for a later examination if they hand up their script early. Therefore, they are required to bring revision materials with them.
- Students are permitted to leave school once they have completed their exam(s) for the day. They do not need to sign out. Gathering of students outside exam centers is not permitted.
- If students need to stay in school *between* examinations, a study area with seats and desks will be in operation in the basketball court section of the gym. Desks are spread out, but we will require students to keep their masks on.

The normal school timetable will resume on Monday 6th December. We close at noon on the 22nd December for Christmas. You will receive a report on VShare before this date. These 2½ weeks of school will be busy. Teachers will continue move forward with their coursework, covering new material. Full attendance is expected.

Given the endless uncertainty around the pandemic, I advise 3rd and 6th years that it is not beyond the realms of possibility that evidence may be required for grading purposes.

I reassure you that secondary schools remain safe. There has been no transmission within our school setting. I thank your sons and daughters for their unwavering cooperation with our Covid Protocols this term.

Yours Sincerely

Fergus O'Brien