



MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING ON STUDENTS' LEARNING AT JUNIOR CYCLE MAY 2021

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)/ 3rd Year students,

As you are well aware at this stage, the Junior Certificate examinations are not taking place in June.

The following arrangements will apply.

For each student, certification will involve two elements:

- **A State Certificate of Completion of Junior Cycle:** from the Department of Education and Skills. This Certificate will issue during 21/22 and will have the student's name, list of subjects taken and at which level for the Junior Certificate.
- **A School Report:** This will be posted to Parent(s)/Guardian(s) in mid-June setting out the learning achievements of students in Junior Cycle. Students will receive a written report on the broad range of learning that they have achieved in each subject at the end of Junior Cycle. This assessment of their learning will be provided by their teachers.

Plan for Assessment:

1. The assessment of students' learning achievements in each subject will take place at school level and will be based on the teacher's professional knowledge of each student's learning. In awarding the final overall grade, teachers will consider the work completed during 2nd and 3rd Year. They will look at the results of Assessments including Class tests, House Exams and Mock Exams.

Students will sit **May Assessments** next week. These assessments will be based on the revision of a number of topics in each subject. The results will be taken into consideration by teachers when awarding the overall grade in the subject.

2. The final Report will contain the grades in each subject, the completed Classroom Based Assignments (CBAs), other Areas of Learning (AOLs) which show the student's contribution to school life outside the classroom and a Statement on the Wellbeing Module.

3. The Grade Descriptors for Junior Certificate will be used for **all** subjects:

- 90-100 Distinction
- 75-90 Higher Merit
- 55-75 Merit
- 40-55 Achieved
- 20-40 Partially Achieved
- 10-20 No grade

4. Descriptors used for Classroom Based Assignments

- Exceptional
- Above expectations
- In line with expectations
- Yet to meet expectations
- Not reported

Last day of school is May 28th.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Donohue
Principal

Mr. Kenny
Deputy Principal