



11th January, 2020.

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Today we had a big attendance at all our assemblies, which was great. We need your help to ensure that your son(s)/daughter(s) attend all live classes/assemblies. We are holding another TY assembly at 10.20am tomorrow. We expect all TY students to attend.

We will be following the school timetable. There will be live classes every day. Students will receive at least one live class in each subject per week. At other class times they will receive content or assigned work to do.

Zoom Links to the live classes will be emailed to the student's school email account.

Tomorrow we will publish the timetable of the live classes for your information, so that you will know when your child should be online.

Please read our Remote Teaching and Learning Policy which lists important points for you and your child.

We have forwarded the official School Virtual Background to all students which they must use when attending a live Zoom class and their camera must be turned on. Otherwise they will be removed from the live class.

Our Guidance team will be in contact with our 6th Year students to help with CAO /HEAR and DARE applications. If you want to make personal contact with our guidance counsellors, email guidance@mercyballymahon.ie

If you want to contact myself or Mr. Kenny, please email info@mercyballymahon.ie

We will hold Mock exams but they will be in the format of the Moctobers. The companies who issue the papers have announced today that they are withdrawing their service due to the current Covid 19 situation i.e. they are not supplying papers. We plan to hold the Mocks one week after we return to school.

We are mindful that Remote Teaching and Learning is not the same as being present in the classroom. But we will do our best to make it as effective as possible. We do acknowledge for all concerned that the loss is of the personal social interactions that we have with one another while in the school building impacts on our wellbeing. All staff members are mindful of this and we will all look after students especially with help from our Guidance Counsellors, SEN teachers, Year Heads and SNAs.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal