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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope you are all keeping well. As you are aware our students will be having their scheduled Christmas exams next week. TY students have ongoing assessments and will receive a report on VSWARE at Christmas. They will receive a credit, result and comment for each subject that they have completed since September. It is very important that students are keeping up to date with all their work in all their subject areas, completing tasks on a nightly basis and meeting their deadlines.

I have organised an online bundle for TY students which will be rolled out this week in Computer class. The courses will comprise of approx. 70 hours of online courses which will promote independent learning of students, as the courses can be accessed on any device from home and school. Below is an outline of the courses. Each course is certified. This will be a great learning tool for the students in areas that will interest and benefit them. It will certainly enhance their future careers, job opportunities and driving skills!

Career Skills	Driving Skills	Hospitality Skills
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving.	Drink driving	Food Hygiene L1
Digital Literacy skills that grow your career.	Driving responsibly	Allergens
Effective communication skills.	Driver distraction	Food Hygiene L2
Effective time management skills.	Drug driving	Manual Handling Theory
Emotional intelligence at work.	Mobile phones and driving	Fire Safety
Team working skills	Driver fatigue	Health & Safety
How to succeed at writing applications	Rural driving	Data Protection.
How to sell yourself and interview techniques	Cyclist safety	
Job hunting techniques to get hired faster		

TY students will be participating in these courses next week in class and are encouraged to access them from home also. ALL MODULES ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS CAN WORK IN CLASS AND INDEPENDENTLY ON EACH MODULE. They will also participate in a Christmas Wreath Making workshop and will be allowed to bring home their creations. The price of the online courses and workshop are included in the TY fee and is subsidised by the school.

Please ensure that all students are present in school from Monday to Thursday.

TY students will have no school on Friday.

I'm delighted with the uptake of students who have signed up for Gaisce. This is a fantastic initiative which is recognised internationally and will last well beyond Transition Year. The students are also busy letter writing to the residents of local nursing homes. This is bringing great joy to the residents and we are very happy to build on the established relationship we have with the nursing homes. This week, TY Ferns planted spring bulbs for the residents of The Little Sisters of the Poor. We look forward to seeing the beautiful spring colours of hope.

We would like to wish you all a safe end to 2020 and hope that 2021 will bring hope and wellness to us all.

Kind Regards,

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TY Coordinator.

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TY Year Head.