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10th April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of Abbey Community College,

Please see below today's statement from the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Joe McHugh TD, on this year's Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle examinations.

<https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2020-press-releases/PR20-04-10.html>

The Minister for Education and Skills Joe McHugh TD has today (Friday 10 April 2020) announced a series of changes to the 2020 State Examinations as part of measures to respond to Covid-19, including postponement of the Leaving Certificate examinations. The decisions have been taken on foot of updated advice from the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET). Minister McHugh said plans were being put in place for the postponed Leaving Certificate examinations to begin in the last week of July or early August, subject to public health advice. Junior Cycle final examinations due to take place in June will be replaced by school-based exams and assessments held early in the new school year.

A series of other decisions has also been taken:

- As part of the wider public health measures, schools are closed until further notice.
- Practical examinations for Leaving Certificate students which were due to have been held in May are deferred. They will be rescheduled for late July/early August.
- The new Leaving Certificate exam timetable will be confirmed in early June.

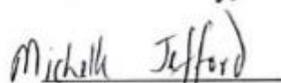
Please be assured that we will keep you updated with further details as soon as they are available to us.

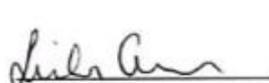
Please let us all keep doing our bit to flatten the curve. In the words of Seamus Heaney, *'If we winter this one out, then we can summer anywhere'*. Remember you are not stuck at home, you are safe at home. Stay at home and stay safe!

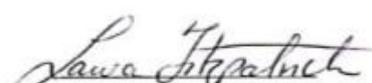
Again, to all who are working on the front line, including members of our community of Abbey Community College, we want to say thank you for all that you are doing.

Happy Easter to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Linda Cummins

  
Laura Fitzpatrick

  
Colm Rice