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Dear 6th Years, Parents & Guardians,

I hope that all is good with you and your family.

As you are aware, over the last few days we have had many important announcements from An Taoiseach and the Minister for Education & Skills, regarding the phased return to school for students.

Classes on site have already resumed in Abbey Community College for our students in our Special Classes and from next Monday onwards, we welcome our 6th year students back into the school building.

The Minister for Education and Skills has issued a statement setting out the broad parameters of arrangements for this year's Leaving Certificate examination. Read this statement [here](#).

The main elements are as follows:

1. **Written Leaving Certificate examinations** will be put in place, which will operate in accordance with the normal timetables. The timetable can be found [here](#). The examinations will be conducted subject to public health advice at that time.
2. We are awaiting more clarification on additional assessment components, such as orals, practical performance tests and coursework.
3. **An Accredited Grades system, to be operated by the State Examinations Commission (SEC)**, will be available whereby Leaving Certificate candidates can opt to have grades in some or all of their subjects (to be known as "*SEC Accredited Grades*") issued to them at the same time as the examination results.

The following indicative dates have been provided by the Department of Education:

- May 14th – Closing date for collection of evidence of learning from 6th year student for the purpose of establishing an estimated mark.
- May 28th – Schools will close for all students to allow the final week for completion of alignment process and data entry related to SEC Accredited Grades by schools.
- June 4th – Closing date for schools to enter/return all data from the school to the SEC relating to SEC Accredited Grades.
- June 9th – Written Leaving Certificate examinations to commence in schools.

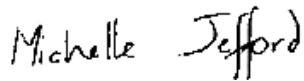
In advance of your child's return to school, you will receive a text with a link to a **Covid Declaration Form**. This form must be completed within three days of your child's return to school. Please note: In the interests of the Health and Safety of all, students will not be permitted to return to class without a completed **Covid Declaration Form** which affirms that it is safe for them to return.

Students will also be asked to complete a **Return to School Covid Induction** which will be sent to them this week via their Year Group Team on Microsoft Teams.

We look forward to welcoming our 6th year students back to Abbey Community College on Monday, 1st March. Classes begin, as always, at 08.50 am.

If you have any concerns regarding the return to school, please contact info@abbeycommunitycollege.com.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Jefford

Principal