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Update for 6th Year Parents/Guardians

Hi all,

We hope this update finds you and your family in good health. Last weeks announcement certainly brought a very sudden and strange end to your daughter’s time in the Mercy. This has all been a bit overwhelming for the girls and we hope your daughter is coming to terms with it all. We have been in regular contact with your daughter via email and zoom meetings but wanted to give you some of the latest information directly.

**Calculated Grades:**  The process is pretty clear for most students and there is a good FAQ on the Department of Education's website – education.ie.  We as a school are awaiting clarity on a number of fronts and have not been able to answer all query’s we received this week. In the meantime, teachers have begun the process: considering what percentage grade to give students, the ranking etc.

It is clear that as of May 11, tuition (whether online or in other ways) ceased for 6th Years including LCA- no additional work will be accepted from students from this date. We are advised that teachers and students/parents may not discuss the student’s achievements in a subject over the last 2 years. Nor can we discuss the students ranking in a class, or their calculated grade. We have been advised to keep a record of any inappropriate contact from students or parents.

However, your daughter is still our student and you may contact teachers to discuss/chat but not about the above. Ms Mc Tighe our guidance counsellor is also available via email.

**6th Year Zoom Meetings**: We have been meeting as a group each Friday and we ask you to encourage your daughter to attend.

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**Graduation**: We are planning a graduation via Zoom on May 27th at 2pm which we hope you will be able to view. This group are missing an awful lot of the normal fun elements of finishing 6th Year and we feel very sorry for them. They know that there are worse happenings at the moment but they are still entitled to be upset. We want to mark their time with us and look forward to our graduation. We are getting a Year Book ready, preparing videos, and hope that your daughter will volunteer to take part in our graduation. We also would like a few parents to be involved- if you want to partake please get in touch. **Also, your daughter needs to have sent a picture to Ms Barron to be included in both the Year book and at graduation - deadline Friday 15th**. All our 6th years will receive an invite to the graduation which via Zoom and they can share this link with you.

**Return of books on rental / uniforms and book donation /clearing out of lockers**: We are opening the school next Tuesday 9-1 for 6th Years. If too many turn up at one time they may have to wait as we will be maintaining social distancing at all times. So ideally, it's 6A1, 6A2 and 6A3 between 9 and 11.30 and 6A4 and LCA between 11.30 and 1.

If you cannot make it on Tuesday then you may come in Thursday Morning 9-1.

Lastly, we continue to be available to you at all times to answer any query’s at office@mercywaterford or by telephone from next week.

Stay safe and keep the faith.

Johnny Brennan