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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find below some important information in relation to the arrangements for the Leaving Certificate Examinations 2021. I have attached a copy of the Leaving Certificate written examination timetable.

### 1. The Candidate Self Service Portal

- a. Leaving Cert students are required to log onto the Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSP) and register their intentions regarding the Leaving Cert examinations. The details of this process are explained in section b and c. The decisions made are important and should be discussed between the student and their parents. Only the student (candidate) can log on and school management have no access to the portal. At the moment the school would encourage all students to opt for both the school-based grades and the examination, with the ability to withdraw from the examinations later if necessary. Students are welcome to use the school's computers if necessary to access the portal.
- b. For 2021, the SEC has, as part of its digital strategy, introduced a facility to allow school-based Leaving Certificate candidates to confirm their subject and level entry details. **The Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSP) will open for this purpose on Wednesday 10 March at 12 noon and will remain open until 6 pm on Tuesday 16 March.** Candidates will be able to add any subjects that they are studying outside of school or withdraw from subjects. Candidates will also be able to indicate whether they want to take the examinations, or to receive SEC Accredited Grades, or both.
- c. Candidates should select the level (higher/ordinary) at which they are currently studying each subject. Candidates will have a further opportunity at the end of April/early May to confirm their levels in each subject. At that time, candidates can also withdraw their intention to take the written examination but **they will not be able to indicate their intention to sit examinations after the 16th March 2021.** The level selected by candidates at the end of April/early May will be an absolutely final decision when it comes to the level – Higher, Ordinary or Foundation – in which they will receive their accredited grade in each subject. As teachers will then be in the estimation process, candidates (or schools) will not be permitted to change levels for the purpose of the accredited grades process after that time. Candidates opting to sit the examinations will be permitted to change their levels in respect of the written examinations on the day of the examination, as they are in a normal year.

## 2. Oral Examinations

Oral Examinations in Gaeilge and the Modern Foreign Languages (French) will be arranged by schools' subject to public health advice between Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Students will be given further information from their teacher.

## 3. Leaving Certificate Music Practical

The Practical Performance Test in Music is planned to take place in the second week of the Easter holiday. The tests will be conducted by examiners appointed by the SEC. Running the tests outside of the school term means that there will be fewer personnel and students in the school and more space will be available for ensuring physical distancing between the candidate and the examiner. Further details on the arrangements for the tests will be provided as soon as details emerge from the Department of Education / State Examinations Commission.

## 4. Candidates unable to take their written examinations in June 2021

Some students may be at very high-risk from COVID-19; some students may be required to self-isolate and/or restrict their movements for all or part of the period of the written examinations; or they may have a bereavement or other medically certified illness which prevents them from sitting the examinations. Unlike in 2019, when there was an alternative sitting of the examinations for candidates who were bereaved, there will be **one** sitting of the 2021 Leaving Certificate. Any candidate unable to take their examinations as scheduled, for any of these reasons, will **receive Accredited Grades** (whether or not they have opted for Accredited Grades).

I hope that this information is helpful in planning for the future. If anyone has any concerns regarding these plans please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes



Johnston Reid



## LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2021

Each candidate should note carefully the dates and hours, as fixed on this official timetable, for the examinations in the subjects in which he/she intends to present himself/herself. The Commission will not be responsible for any errors which may occur in the reproduction of this timetable by outside agencies. Candidates are required to be in attendance at least half an hour before the examination begins in the subject in which they first present themselves.

JUNE	SUBJECT	H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level F = Foundation Level	TIME
<b>WEDNESDAY 9</b>	English, Paper 1	- H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Home Economics, Scientific and Social	- H & O	2.00 – 4.30
<b>THURSDAY 10</b>	Engineering	- O	9.30 – 12.00
	Engineering	- H	9.30 – 12.30
	English, Paper 2	- H & O	2.00 – 5.20
<b>FRIDAY 11</b>	Geography	- H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Mathematics, Paper 1	- H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Mathematics	- F	2.00 – 4.30
<b>MONDAY 14</b>	Mathematics, Paper 2	- H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Irish Paper 1	- H (incl aural)	2.00 – 4.20
	Irish Paper 1	- O (incl aural)	2.00 – 3.50
	Irish	- F (incl aural)	2.00 – 4.20
<b>TUESDAY 15</b>	Irish, Paper 2	- O	9.30 – 11.50
	Irish, Paper 2	- H	9.30 – 12.35
	Biology	- H & O	2.00 – 5.00
<b>WEDNESDAY 16</b>	French	- H & O – Written	9.30 – 12.00
		- Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	History	- H & O	2.00 – 4.50
<b>THURSDAY 17</b>	Business	- O	9.30 – 12.00
	Business	- H	9.30 – 12.30
	Art, History & Appreciation	- H & O	2.00 – 4.30
<b>FRIDAY 18</b>	German	- H & O – Written	9.30 – 12.00
		- Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Construction Studies	- O	2.00 – 4.30
	Construction Studies	- H	2.00 – 5.00
<b>MONDAY 21</b>	Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and Non Curricular Languages	(See Note 2)	9.30 – 12.30
	Agricultural Science	- H & O	2.00 – 4.30
<b>TUESDAY 22</b>	Spanish	- H & O – Written	9.30 – 12.00
		- Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Chemistry	- H & O	2.00 – 5.00
<b>WEDNESDAY 23</b>	Physics	- H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Physics and Chemistry	- H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Accounting	- H & O	2.00 – 5.00
<b>THURSDAY 24</b>	Design and Communication Graphics	- H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Music - Listening (Core)	- H & O	1.30 – 3.00
	Music Composing	- H & O	3.15 – 4.45
	Music - Listening (Elective)	- H	5.00 – 5.45
<b>FRIDAY 25</b>	Economics	- H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Religious Education	- O	2.00 – 4.00
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	Applied Mathematics	- H & O	2.00 – 4.30
<b>MONDAY 28</b>	Italian	- H & O – Written	9.30 – 12.00
		- Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Russian	- H & O – Written	9.30 – 12.00
		- Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Classical Studies	- H & O	2.00 – 5.00
	Latin	- H & O	2.00 – 5.00
	Technology	- O	2.00 – 4.00
	Technology	- H	2.00 – 4.30
<b>TUESDAY 29</b>	Japanese	- H & O – Written	9.30 – 12.00
		- Aural	12.10 – 12.50
	Politics & Society	- H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Arabic	- H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Physical Education	- H & O	2.00 – 4.30

### Notes

- The examination sessions highlighted in red include 20 minutes over and above the time traditionally allocated for the papers concerned.
- Leaving Certificate Examinations in Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and in the Non Curricular Languages listed below will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Non Curricular Leaving Certificate Examinations								
Czech	Bulgarian	Croatian	Danish	Dutch	Estonian	Finnish	Hungarian	Latvian
Lithuanian	Polish	Maltese	Modern Greek	Portuguese	Romanian	Slovakian	Slovenian	Swedish

- There are also final examinations in Computer Science and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme – Link Modules – which will be held in May with dates to be announced separately.
- The Leaving Certificate timetable retains the extended 15-day format which was introduced in 2019 for reasons of candidate wellbeing.
- The start date for the 2022 Certificate Examinations will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.