



Our Lady's Grove Secondary School

Our Lady's Grove, Goatstown Road, Dublin 14

Dear 6th Years/6th Year Parents

As I mentioned to you last week, I want to be able to give you a clear and definitive decision that you can trust. This has been very difficult to do because we have very little that is definitive on which to base it on.

Having met with you, surveyed you and discussed with the teaching staff, the decision relating to the Mock Examinations is to hold them on the 24th of February following the same daily schedule as has already been shared with you. As a group you overwhelmingly did not want to start on the 3rd of February, especially with so much uncertainty surrounding the next few important months.

We have listened and acted on this despite reservations about how this will impact your mid-term and the implications that it will have on the timely return of your corrected papers. There are no ideal solutions.

This decision is solely based on the assumption that you will complete these exams online. We expect that the exams will be hand-written, and we will devise a method by which to collect them from you as you complete them.

The integrity of the exams is all important. It is in your best interest that you, to the best of your ability, replicate the experience of a formal assessment. We hope that parents will do all that is possible to facilitate this. It is extremely important that you do not share information relating to the content of the exam with anyone, either in person or online. Each of you will be accountable for their own behaviour.

Should we receive any further concrete information relating to the return to physical school or the Leaving Certificate exams we will immediately arrange an online meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

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