



9th April 2020

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians

I want to thank you sincerely for the brilliant work carried out these past weeks and for the role you have played in keeping Loreto Grammar School alive and spirited throughout this time. The support from homes, the student's engagement with classes and the appreciation for the valuable work which staff are presenting online motivates us all to keep creating new ways to reach out to you.

The one message that keeps coming through is how much pupils and staff miss each other and the circumstances of a school day with all its twists, turns, and comic episodes. All credit to the contributions on our social media platforms from everyone. They are helping to colour the virtual world which we are all experiencing and have reintroduced faces to the relationships we all enjoyed. The profiles of the past pupils on the frontline has been truly inspiring and humbling as we look on with pride at the work they are doing.

Throughout the Easter holiday we will be mindful of our most vulnerable pupils so we will keep our info@loretogs.omagh.ni.sch.uk emails checked throughout that period. We will also be posting all our helplines which will be of benefit to any girl who needs support.

Class will resume for all pupils on **Monday 20 April**. We will guide the girls through the Summer term according to the following plan:

Year 14: Our final day with our Leavers is the **7th May**.

During that time we will know what procedures CEA will be advising to determine final outcomes for students. This communication from CEA will be posted on our school website.

Year 13 and Year 11. Learning continues until the end **June**. The programmes of study for this year will be completed with the flexibility to move on to Year 14 or Year 12 programmes of work in some subject areas.

Year 12. Learning continues until the end **May**. Year 12 can build skills and knowledge in preparation for Post 16 irrespective of the subjects they may choose to study for AS/A Level.

During that time we will know what procedures CEA will be advising to determine final outcomes for students. This communication from CEA will be posted on our school website.

Year 8, 9, 10. Learning continues until end of June.

8th May is a Bank holiday and there will be no class for all Year Groups.

We wish Mrs Kelly Barras from our Science Department every happiness as she goes on Maternity leave and welcome Miss Shauna Mallon who will take over the classes at this time.

To reflect on the meaning of this very special Holy Week please link in to the Mass of the Lord's Supper in your own Parishes or watch the Drumragh parish webcam **Loreto Stations 2017**

<http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html> which will reconnect us all with our beautiful school services for Holy Week.

Please remember in your prayer the recently deceased members of our extended school family.

RIP Mr Michael O'Kane grandfather to the Mc Anenly and O'Kane families

RIP Mrs Roisin Kelly grandmother to the Kelly family

RIP Mr Patrick Mc Anulla grandfather to the Mc Kinney family

RIP Ms Louise Bogue, relative of the Murnaghan family
RIP Colm MacRory grandfather to the MacRory family

We will also remember all those on the frontline and Sr Genevieve, a Loreto sister and dear friend to the school, who needs our prayers to carry her through this stage of her journey in life.

If the journey of the Coronavirus is our Calvary then there is something very powerful about this Easter, the promise of Resurrection, of renewal, and new life.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and safe space with your loved ones. It is time to find the Easter bunny in all our homes.

Kindest wishes,
Mrs Gráinne O'Hanlon.
Principal