

20th January 2021

Dear Students,

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge your great efforts, participation and achievement to date during Remote Teaching and Learning and highlight a few of the key points of note your Teachers have shared since 5th January 2021.

Key Stage 3

Literacy: Well done to our Loreto's Word Millionaire Readers: Erin Donnelly, Clodagh McNulty – 8a2 and Erin McGlinchey-8a4. We look forward to hearing about your progress in the Accelerated Reader Challenge.



Home Economics: Years 8 & 9 are busy preparing to bring the restaurant experience to their own homes for their Remote Learning Come Dine with me task. We are excited to see the wide variety of dining experiences our students are planning.



Year 10 Great Loreto Bake Off

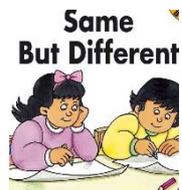
Our Year 10 Home Economics students have been busy planning their showcase bakes for the Great Loreto Bake off. Here is a taster of some of the fabulous bakes already completed at the weekend. Well done Year 10, looking forward to seeing the creative dishes being prepared this week.

ICT: Rewards for class entries!

Digital Footprint: Year 8 will complete a collage, a poster and create a short video on the dangers of social media, and what advice they would give an incoming Year 8 pupil, based on their experiences and what they have learnt in ICT. *This is very timely coming up to our Virtual Open Tour for incoming Year 8 pupils September 2021.*

Cyber Security: Year 9 will be set an interactive task next week in which they will create a short video/collage about what they have learnt in class to date about the Cyber world, in relation to Viruses, Hacking etc. and how to stay safe online. *Very appropriate to share during this time of digital learning.*

Year 10 ICT competition: Groups are creating a short video or collage of "A day in the life... of remote learning in Year 10". *Some great shares on Twitter - We look forward to you sharing more of your experiences.*



French

Well done to Eva Conway in Year 10 – winner of the French Department Logo Competition. Check our design on the Department webpage.



GCSE / AS / A2

Our GCSE students are to be commended for their resilience and effort to reconnect and move on with new content, particularly after the abrupt change in examination plans earlier this month.

All examination classes are progressing well and teachers have noted your “attendance”, engagement and ongoing commitment. I realise the challenges of working remotely but your resilience and perseverance are commendable. In these uncertain times, I reiterate my encouragement to keep going, follow the guidance and advice given by your teachers and remember you are all working towards your goals.



JPIC

The JPIC prefects have continued to discuss pertinent issues and continue to act as advocates for contemporary areas of importance. *Keep up the good work girls, we look forward to our Remote fundraising ventures!*

UCAS

Congratulations to Year 14 on submitting your UCAS applications! Huge job, well done you all and to Mr Wilson. Now focus on your next goal! Good luck with offers and preparation for Online-Video Interviews. If you need help, please ask.



Health and Wellbeing Prefects

Thank you for sharing your Mood booster video. *We can all benefit!*

Assemblies

I am delighted that the Year group assemblies are continuing in the midst of this remote season and your Heads of Year are equally encouraged by your “attendance”. It is so important to connect with your peers and teachers and very fitting that the theme for Mary Ward Week (23rd-30th January) is working “together apart”.

The assembly themes have been motivational and meaningful providing many message to sustain us through the week.

Year 8: Growth Mindset – can you rise to a new challenge?

Year 9: Gratitude

Year 10: Self-care / Serenity

Year 11: Trying your best

Year 12: The Power of Positivity

Post 16: Goals - A way forward through Remote Teaching and Learning

Motivation and Movement!

GAA Handball: Thanks to Karla Corcoran 9a2 (and mum) for sharing their “10 shot challenge” with us.

StephSkips: I hope you are all inspired by StephSkips’ Challenges – we are in this together and the basic challenge is good news for me!

This is just a snapshot of all the great work, progress, activity and “joy” in learning remotely. I am very proud of you all. Keep doing your best, your best is brilliant!

Remember next week: Mary Ward Week: “Together apart” and Catholic Schools Week: “Communities of Faith and Resilience”

Stay safe, stay well. God Bless.

Mrs Susan Cullinan
Principal

