

Dear Leaving Certificate Class of 2020,

I hope you are continuing to stay well during the public health emergency. We are conscious of the fact that you are busy preparing for the next phase in your lives and that the coming week is a very important time for you. I would like you to know that you will have the support of staff at Our Lady's in the days ahead as you make key decisions about your future.

On Monday next the Department of Education and Skills will issue the results of this year's Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades via the online portal at 9am. Students are advised to login to the portal to access the results. If you experience any difficulty in accessing the results please email or telephone the school to arrange an appointment to collect your results (office@ourladystemplemore.ie or 0504 31299). Students who are unable to access the results online will be allocated a time to collect the results in the carpark on Church Avenue from 10am – 11am.

Access to the school building for visitors is currently restricted to essential purposes and for the most part must take place outside tuition time. To comply with our Covid Response Plan meetings with students will take place on MS Teams. If you wish to get advice following the issuing of results or the offer of CAO places please email Ms Boland guidancecounsellor@ourladystemplemore.ie to arrange a MS Teams call/telephone call. Feel free to contact me or your yearhead Mr. Noel Fogarty on (0504) 31299 if we can be of any assistance.

I am very aware that you have missed out on many rituals which form part of the end of secondary school. In particular, you were denied the opportunity to plan and attend the Leaving Certificate Graduation Ceremony. This event is usually a highlight in the calendar for sixth year students.

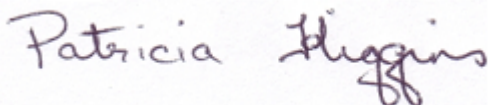
Current public health restrictions limit the number of people who can gather to six indoors and fifteen outdoors making it impossible to arrange a Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2020. Nonetheless I would like to recognise your achievements at Our Lady's in some small way. I invite you to reserve the afternoon of Friday, 25th September in your diaries. Details of the celebration will issue to you in due course and will comply fully with public health guidance.

I take this opportunity to wish each of you the very best of luck with the Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades and subsequent offer of college places. For students taking up apprenticeships and entering the world of work I wish you every success in your future.

Le gach dea ghúí,

Date for your Diary

Friday, 25th September

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Patricia Higgins'.