

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to inform you that your son's/daughter's 5<sup>th</sup> Year Christmas Report can now be viewed on VS Ware. This report is the first formal assessment for your son/daughter in their Leaving Certificate programme and captures their performance 1/4 way through the Programme. Our Learning to Learn committee will engage with 5<sup>th</sup> years in the coming weeks to identify areas for improvement and targets for the summer assessment 2023. A hard copy of the report will be provided to students during this process.

### **Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP)**

As part of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme all 5<sup>th</sup> Year students will have to complete three days' work experience. Work experience is a valuable part of the programme as it shows students the reality of the working world. It also leads to increased maturity, independence, and self-confidence.

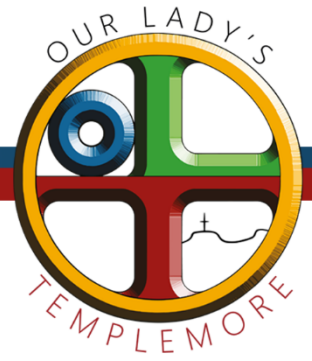
The dates allocated by the school to facilitate work experience are **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. Students will be given a copy of their school insurance to give to work experience providers. All students will have to submit details of their work experience by the end of January. Each student will also have to submit an attendance and evaluation form completed by their work experience provider. The work experience will be used to complete their Diary of Work Experience portfolio item and will also aid them to answer questions in their exam in May of 2024.

Work experience checks will be carried out during the dates and any student who fails to submit details of work experience before the end of January will be expected to attend school on the above dates. If you require any further clarifications around work experience programme, Ms Emma Fogarty, LCVP co-ordinator, will be available to assist.

### **Career Guidance in Preparation for Spring/Summer 2023**

At this stage of 5<sup>th</sup> year, it is essential for students to start to think about what they will do after their Leaving Certificate. Research into the many options available to students should begin now.

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The Irish Universities and Colleges run events each Spring/Summer specifically for TY & 5<sup>th</sup> Year students. Many of these events are held on Saturdays to enable parents to travel with their sons/daughters & to gather the information required ahead of next year.

College Open Days give students an opportunity to take a tour of the College and attend information sessions about the courses on offer and the facilities available. The Summer Schools Programme available in some of the colleges give students a fantastic insight into what it would be like to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> level student in a broad range of courses. Students can choose to explore the Arts, or Science or Medicine or Law or Business or Engineering etc in advance of each day.

These experiences can boost a student's confidence and motivation, as it will enable them to establish clear goals prior to beginning 6<sup>th</sup> year. Additional Open Days will run in the Autumn, however attending one or more at this stage will help students to identify their interests and in turn motivate them to their best.

I hope some of the above information is useful and if you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Paul Fogarty*

Principal

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Deputy Principal