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April 3rd 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Many thanks for your support during this extraordinary time.

During this stay at home period our OLS community has shown itself to be a positive one where staff and students have gone out of their way to assist others. Everyone has taken on the new challenges to the best of their ability. We continually remind all in our community that you can only do your best depending on your own individual situation and this is different for everyone.

Surveys

We have surveyed staff and students every Friday since remote learning started, and this has been invaluable to gauge how teaching and learning is progressing. We review the results and adapt our approaches reflecting on the feedback given in the surveys. Students and staff alike are getting more comfortable with remote learning and are managing the work more effectively.

We will survey again today and we would also like to hear the voice of the parent body in our Parent Survey. I would encourage you to fill in the survey so we can understand how you are perceiving your daughter's progress over the last 3 weeks. Please also encourage your daughter to fill in the relevant survey for her year group.

The Spring Newsletter will be posted on the APP today reminding us of the richness of life in OLS. Staff and students are missing the constant interactions that the school day brings and we all hope to return there soon.

State Examinations

An Taoiseach made it very clear in his briefing last night that the Junior Cycle and the Leaving Cert would take place 'by hook or by crook' and that the DES were currently putting plans in place for the exams. This brings clarity for our State Exam students who have been uncertain about their studies. For those students Easter represents an ideal opportunity for concerted study and revision where needed for their upcoming State examinations.

Your daughter has really learnt so much over the past few weeks and this needs to be affirmed and encouraged. She has rapidly improved her digital skills to become a remote digital learner. She has learnt to be adaptable and adjust to the new and confining demands of life. She has had to become more resilient and deal with frustrations and uncertainty. She has had to self-manage and self-motivate to be at her desk at 8.30am and to embrace all that each day brings.

This is a really good time for your daughter to enjoy the new challenges and opportunities that the 'Stay at Home' Easter holidays brings. Messages and virtual assemblies have been sent to all year groups today from their Year Heads, Deputy Principals and myself congratulating the girls on their

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work over the past three weeks and giving them a clear message for the Easter break to, Stay Positive, Stay Connected and Stay Kind. This is our Easter motto for all our OLS community.

I wish you and your extended family a safe and happy Easter.

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