

3rd Year Update

April 2022

Mock Assessments

Well done to the 3rd Years on the completion of their mocks in February.

The mocks were an opportunity for the 3rd Years to assess their strengths and identify areas for improvement. Naturally, as part of the mock experience students will be happy with some results & perhaps, more disappointed with others. What is important & essential now is that study plans are put in place to learn from these assessments to ensure progress in the lead up to June.

Teachers & students have been reviewing the papers & identifying areas for improvement. During tutor time, the 3rd Years have been filling out a mock review form where they assessed their strengths, areas for improvement & practical strategies to implement between now and June.

From the feedback from the 3rd Year survey, the areas they identified for improvement for themselves in the exams included:

- Time management
- Greater development of answers in longer questions
- Answering the question asked
- Practising more exam papers
- Spreading study more evenly
- Studying sooner!

It is very positive that the girls can pin point their own areas to work on. This feedback will also be shared with their teachers for their planning with them.

In order to support the 3rd Years with their study plans, Ms. O'Malley & Mr. Drury in our Guidance Department have organised small group review meetings with the students that will continue after Easter. In these meetings. their mock results will be discussed and they will be given advice & encouragement with their study preparation.

Please encourage your daughter to discuss & incorporate their teachers' learning advice comments from their reports into their work & study plans.

Comhghairdeas!

There have been some great achievements for our 3rd Years this term:

- A special mention & 'bualadh bos mór' to Ciara Redden who showed outstanding school spirit, leadership & kindness last Friday when she stepped up at the very last minute to represent our school in the senior Inter-Loreto debating competition. A wonderful achievement for a junior student to take on this role at short notice.
- As you know, there has been a lot of wonderful sports news for the 3rd Years with both Junior B & Junior D successes in the Leinster & Loreto finals. We are all very proud of the girls involved in these teams & their supporters for their rousing chants on the sidelines!

- Ella Grogan has reached the final of the Mental Health Ireland art competition, an enormous achievement. Many thanks to Ms. Norton for all of her support to Ella with this competition. A live stream of the award ceremony will take place on Friday with 3rd Year art students & Ella's tutor class 3 Rookwood attending this special event to support Ella. Maith thú, a Ella.
- A very special congratulations to Isobel Field and Sarah Byrne who were selected for the Irish U16 hockey panel to play against the Netherlands in the 4 Nations over Easter. It is remarkable to have such representation from our year group. Congrats too to their club & school coaches.
- Many congrats to Lauren Boothman on her selection to the U16 Dublin Ladies Football panel, another great achievement.

Please email me at sgiblin@loretofoxrock.ie for any updates or good news we may have missed in our current news.

Fáilte

A special céad míle fáilte to Diana Hryvnik who joined our year group in the last couple of weeks. Thanks to all of the students in 3 Ward who have made her very welcome.

TY Subject Choices & TY Exchanges

- The subject options for TY are currently being finalised. The forms for option selection will be distributed by Ms.Prendiville after Easter. (Please note due to extending subject choice, this process will be by return of form rather than via VS Ware)
- Ms.Burke Kennedy has spoken with the girls at tutor time about the TY exchanges. Further information is available on the pdf with this update about the application process.

Trip to Tramore

- Our 3rd Year trip to Tramore takes place on Friday, 13th-14th May. Thanks to all of you who have paid the second deposit. A reminder that the final date for deposits is this Friday, 8th April.

Buíochas

Well done to all of our 3rd Year students for all of their resilience & enthusiasm in a busy last term. Many thanks to all of their teachers & tutors, Ms.Norton, Ms.Hough, Mr.Kehoe & Ms.Byrne.

As we head towards exam time, please reach out if we can support your daughter in the new term. Our Guidance Counsellor, Ms.O'Malley and Ms.Byrne in our AEN Department may be contacted as well if your daughter requires further support.

Wishing the girls a lovely break & a very happy Easter to you all.

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