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## Dear Parents and Guardians

As mid-term begins, I hope you and your families are all keeping well. I wish to thank all the students of Loreto College for their outstanding attendance and diligence regarding their on-line learning since 11<sup>th</sup> January this year. Our students and teachers are exhausted and all deserve a well- earned rest over the coming break. Our school is closed from today at 4pm, until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February our staff will be attending on-line training with the DES and as a result there will be no classes for students that day.

We are still in very uncertain times regarding the return to the school campus. As of today, no clear guidelines have been issued by the DES. On receipt of any such clarification we will let you know immediately.

## **Third Year Mock Exams**

Until there is more clarity from the DES & the SEC regarding the reopening of school and Junior Cert Exams in June, the school intends to continue with classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr Students from 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The decision regarding mock exams has been postponed until we have more clarity. Should we proceed with written, 'in- school' mock exams, we will give as much notice as possible.

I wish to commend our students who worked consistently this year both in school and online. They should plan some breaks from study in the week ahead and come back to us refreshed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. I hope that we will have more clarity from the DES and the SEC by then.

Thank you to you, the parents for your ongoing support of the school in these very challenging times. We keep all those who are ill or bereaved in our thoughts and prayers. We are looking forward to better times ahead.

Yours sincerely

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