

# St. Oliver's Community College

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to give all sixth-year students and parents/guardians an update as a result of today's statement from the Department of Education and Skills (DES) in relation to the Leaving Certificate. Today, the Minister of Education has postponed the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied written examinations. (You can read the statement from the Minister [here](#))

All students are to be offered the option of receiving Calculated Grades for the subjects they are studying and the alternative of sitting the 2020 Leaving Certificate examinations at a date in the future when it is considered safe to hold the examinations.

We are currently reviewing the guidance documents that have been issued by the DES. We will contact you next week with further information and detail on the process and the options for your son/daughter.

In relation to the process of Calculated Grades that has been announced today, please note that principal, deputy principals, year heads and teachers are under instruction to not discuss under any circumstances the estimated marks that the school is submitting with any student or with the parents or guardians of any student. The school will follow the steps and meet the requirements set out in the guidance documents.

We will continue to support your son/daughter through this process and assist them with information, advice and support that they may require. We know that today's announcement may be a cause of stress or doubt for students, but be assured that we will continue to help you and your son/daughter through this time.

I am sure you have many questions and concerns that this announcement has raised. We will be in contact with you next week to address these questions. The year heads for 6<sup>th</sup> year, Ms. Healy and Mr. Gates, will also be available to students to answer questions that they may have about the process.

Regards,

John Halpin  
Principal