

# St. Oliver's Community College

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Dear student,

I am writing to give all sixth-year students 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.

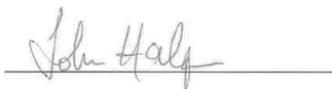
We are currently reviewing the guidance documents that have been issued by the DES. We will contact you next week with further information and detail on the process and the options for you.

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. While this may be frustrating, this instruction is in place to ensure the process is fair to all students.

We will continue to support you through this process and assist you with information, advice and support that you 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 through this time.

I am sure you have many questions and concerns after this announcement. We will be in contact with you next week to address these questions. Your year heads, Ms. Healy and Mr. Gates, will also be available to answer questions that you may have about the process.

Regards,



John Halpin  
Principal