



28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers.

**Covid Update:**

You will have read the reports this week of local primary schools experiencing an increase in students testing positive for COVID. We are also experiencing an increase. It's too early to tell if this is a trend or a spike we have to manage. I have consulted with CYPES and I can reassure you that we have all the mitigations and adaptations in place that are expected of us and here is a reminder of a few of these:

- The wearing of masks in public spaces, schools, buses, shops etc.
- Washing hands or using the hand sanitiser around school
- Recognising the symptoms of COVID and if you think a student has any, keep them home, isolate and book a PCR test
- Use lateral flow tests before attending school, a party, family gathering etc.
- Physical distancing, even when an adult is not around to instruct this, especially if exempt from wearing a mask
- Seating plans
- Walking on the left-hand side of corridors
- Understanding that numbers are high and have been high for some time and taking responsibility for our own part in keeping the spread as low as possible.

More information is available on [www.gov.je](http://www.gov.je)

**Exciting Changes Afoot:**

Talks about a new community and school sports centre on the Le Rocquier School site are progressing and this week I welcomed a visit to discuss what our requirements would be should one be built. The good news is these conversations are happening and it feels like momentum is building.

We have already improved or are in the process of improving the following:

- The computers in Tech Skills for our DEC students are being replaced and we will soon have the most fit-for-purpose DEC suite on the Island. We continue to be the lead school in the development of this new and exciting GCSE course
- A new high-definition CCTV system
- Replacement tables and chairs in the canteen
- Upgrades and improvements to our fitness suite while the new sports centre is planned
- 4 new suites of laptops which can be moved from teaching room to teaching room allowing for a more flexible approach to learning
- 12 x 80" interactive smartboards for classrooms

Each of these improvements will enhance learning and the wider school life for students and staff.

Best wishes,  
Andrew Adkin, Head Teacher

### Study Leave for Y11.

In order to help communication regarding exams and 'study leave', please note the following information for Year 11 students. **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May will be the last day that all Year 11 students are expected in all lessons.** From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May students only need to attend school for their final exams. However, it is important to understand the finer details behind provision for our students:

- Students are welcome into school if they do not have a timetabled exam. They simply sign in and out at the main office so that we know who is in school.
- Teaching staff will be available to support students *in their normal lesson times* – for example, if students have English on a Monday period 1 on their timetable, there will be English teachers available to support those students who do not have an exam at this time. Students can go to these lessons to revise or gain support from their English teachers.
- There will be no timetabled PE, PSHE, assembly or form times. During these times students can go to the school library as a designated study space to revise or stay at home to revise.
- For the courses that do not have a final exam after 16<sup>th</sup> May (for example Dance, Drama, Art, Photography etc) the teachers will not be available for their students as the course has finished. During these times students can revise in the library or at home if they wish to.
- Construction students will still need to attend their normal timetabled lessons when they do not have an exam so that they can complete their final portfolio. As soon as their portfolio is complete, and they have passed the course they no longer need to attend these. Mr Horton will be in touch separately regarding individual students and how long they need to attend.
- If students would prefer to revise at home when they do not have an exam, they do not need to come into school.

Mr Webster and form tutors will go through these arrangements with Year 11 students so that they are clear, but it would be helpful for parents and carers to go through this information in case any students are unclear or need help planning their time.

### Creative Arts

Last term, eight of our amazingly talented GCSE students dared to be different, pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and bravely entered an Island wide Art Competition (GCSE and A-Level) to produce a piece of artwork for Standard Chartered Bank.

On receiving feedback we, in the Art Department, are so proud to announce that not only do we have two competition winners but, because the standard of work was so high, Standard Chartered have decided to award an additional prize to all our entrants.

The Artwork was entered by the following students: -

Lilianna Andrade, Kane Le Monnier, Ashleigh McLoughlin, Amy Parker-Rann, Tierra Crombie, Katie Robbins, Megan Henson and Tiffany Gabor. The overall winners were **Liliana Andrade and Katie Robbins (who will receive £200 each).**

**"The judges were so impressed by the quality of the works submitted and really appreciated how much the students had engaged with the brief. The fact that the entrants are so young and producing such good work is incredible. The judges were so impressed with all of the Le Rocquier entries and the thought and efforts**

that had gone into the work, that they wanted to commend all of the pieces and award the rest of the entrants £50 each".

Congratulations to them all, we are so proud of their achievement and hope that it inspires others to be confident in their abilities and push themselves further in the future.

A big thank you to Mrs McGinnety who supported the students through the process of developing their ideas to completing the amazing artwork!



### LRS Photo Parish Challenge



Keep an eye out on the TV screens & social media for the start of our Spring House Competition!

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Year 7 online parents evening  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 9 Options information released on school website  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: school closed for inset  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb: Half term  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Year 11 mocks  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Y9 online parents evening  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Year 11 online parents evening  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Easter holidays  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: bank holiday  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Year 10 mocks  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May: bank holiday  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May: study leave starts for Year 11

## 2022 Term Dates

### Spring Term

Term Starts: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Inset Day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Term Ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Public Holidays: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Transition Days: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Term Ends: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July