



Dear 3rd year student / parent / guardian,

I hope you've had a restful mid-term break, and that you are all coping with being back in front of the screens again. I want to commend you for the work you have been doing online with your teachers to date.

As I am sure you are aware, the Department of Education has taken the decision not to hold the Junior Cycle Examinations this year, and so you will not be having Pre Examinations. Refunds will be issued to parents/guardians that paid for the pre-examinations in the coming weeks. Instead of the Junior Cycle exams, we would expect that we will be holding in-school assessments in May. The results of these assessments, along with your previous work, and your engagement until the end of May, will all form part of how we will report on your learning in Junior Cycle. The current plan from the Department of Education is that you will return to in school classes after Easter break. It is essential that in the interim you continue to engage online with your teachers.

Please note that from next Monday the sixth year students will be back attending classes in school. Therefore, it may take a few minutes for some of your teachers to get started with their online classes with your year group, as they will have to finish their class with the sixth years, and set up in another classroom to teach online. Please be patient and give teachers these few minutes.

We would also like to commend all the students and staff that are taking part in our "CCS Virtual Camino" challenge, walking the distance from Carrigaline to Kinsale and back, in aid of Cork Simon Community. We have almost raised €1000 and would welcome any further donations at [https://www.facebook.com/donate/463954284631069/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/donate/463954284631069/?fundraiser_source=external_url)

Kind regards,  
Paul Burke