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Dear 6th year Parent's/Guardians,

As we enter the final few weeks, I wish to reiterate some points regarding our school policy of maintaining a calm and productive working environment until the end of term. I trust I can rely on your support in these matters.

Final term

In the best interests of your daughter, it is important that an atmosphere conducive to serious study is maintained as we approach the end of term. Students are expected to be in class on time, properly prepared and in correct uniform. This final few weeks is crucial for teachers both finishing courses and dealing with final exam preparation. Therefore, I wish to emphasise the critical importance of your daughter's attendance in school in these final few weeks. Please take the time to discuss this with your daughter, so that you can support her through to the Leaving Certificate.

Block Classes for 6th Years

Your daughter has been given a special timetable for the final weeks of term (also available on school website www.loretobray.com). The schedule allows for a balance between block classes with subject teachers in the morning (8.45am-11.45am) and 'private revision' at home in the afternoons. These classes are not optional and all students are expected to attend all of their subject classes. Students are not allowed to absent themselves from any class for 'independent revision'.

Staff have prepared the schedule and class content of block classes to best prepare your daughter for the Leaving Certificate. **Professional experience and research has shown that this approach in the final few weeks is absolutely critical.** To optimise the teaching and learning environment, punctuality and respect is expected at all times. Failure to co-operate with these arrangements shows a lack of respect for the teachers and other students and will not be tolerated.

We understand that the Leaving Certificate is a very stressful event for students and their families and wish every student the very best in the weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Raughter

Principal

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6th Year Leader