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Dear Third Year Parents and Guardians,

As this extraordinary school year draws to a close we are writing to you to acknowledge the truly remarkable spirit and resilience your daughter has demonstrated during her 3rd year in secondary school. The academic year of 2020/2021 will surely be an historic one.

Luckily in Loreto Bray, our students were able to progress in their learning and work towards completing their Junior Cycle programme with the support of their teachers. This will assist in preparing your daughter for progression to Senior Cycle.

The Junior Cycle Examination was cancelled in the interest of public health and your daughter may feel cheated out of the chance to showcase all she has learned and experienced during her first three years in secondary school. However we as a school community are fully aware of all those wonderful achievements and will be honoured to acknowledge those in her final Junior Cycle school report. The following is a synopsis of the certification process for current Junior Cycle students taken from gov.ie.

“In 2021, Junior Cycle students’ progress and learning achievements will be recognised in two specific ways designed to meet the current exceptional circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. For each student certification will involve two elements:

1. A State Certificate of Completion of the Junior Cycle from the Department of Education. This certificate will state that the student has completed the Junior Cycle programme of study. For each student the certificate will include the list of subjects, short courses and/or priority learning units studied by her during their Junior Cycle programme.

2. A School Report detailing the learning achievements of the student during their Junior Cycle programme. Students should receive a written report on the broad range of learning that they have achieved in each subject, short course and/or priority learning unit at the end of Junior Cycle. This assessment of their learning will be provided by their teachers”.

Loreto Secondary School, Bray has been at the heart of the Bray community for over 170 years. As a school community we are delighted to share some good news with you. We have been granted permission from the Department of Education and Skills to proceed with plans for a new school building and a planning application will be lodged with Wicklow County Council later this year. This will modernise the school and will provide specialist rooms and other facilities, we will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the building programme A bright future indeed for Loreto Bray.

The final term of school finishes on Friday, May 28th. We would encourage all our students to remain compliant with public health advice, to continue to wear a face covering, social distance and maintain hand hygiene and cough etiquette. We also encourage our students to avoid large gatherings as this encourages spread of the virus. Finally as a school community we are mindful of those who are sick with Covid 19 and indeed those who have lost family members due to Covid 19. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy Summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to Loreto Bray in the late summer.

Details of the return to school dates, booklists etc. will be shared along with the school reports in June.

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Raughter
Principal