



Loreto Secondary School

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Dear 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 this year in secondary school. The academic year of 2020/2021 will surely be an historic one.

In Loreto Bray, our students were able to progress in their learning and work towards completing their Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate programmes. This was due in no small part to the support of your daughters teachers and their dedication to blended online teaching and learning, a new and dynamic feature of education that Loreto Bray truly embraced.

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.

We enjoyed a wonderful 'Celebration of Community' on Friday afternoon. It was an opportunity to mark this unique and challenging year and celebrate all that our community has achieved while facing those challenges. A copy of this unique celebration can be found on the video diary of the website www.loretobray.com. 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Raughter', with a horizontal line underneath.

Emma Raughter

Principal