



Winter Assessments Protocols

We wish to remind students that the Winter Assessments are an opportunity to assess the progress of their learning. An opportunity to feel proud of their strengths and to use their strengths to improve those areas of learning which they at the moment find challenging.

- Our School Covid-19 Plan remains in operation during the assessments.
- Students must have with them each day their own materials appropriate to the subject in which they are being assessed e.g. Maths set, stationary (A4 paper), colouring pencils, pens, pencils, rulers, calculator etc.
- Students may not share materials in their assessment. If an item has been forgotten, a student must manage their assessment without that item.
- Students should have with them their own sanitisation equipment to include sanitisation wipes. Students will be asked to sanitise their tables and chairs as normal.
- If a student wishes to attract the attention of the supervisor, they raise their hand.
- Students must ensure that they are in school in good time before their assessment is due to begin. If the start time is 9am, supervisors will begin to distribute the papers at 9am.
- Students should ensure to write their name and the name of their teacher clearly on their assessment paper.
- First and Second Years will take their assessments in their base rooms unless told otherwise.
- Fifth Years will take their assessments in the rooms in which they normal seat for the subject being assessed.
- In the case of option subjects, notices will be placed at classrooms to indicate the location of the assessments for these subjects.
- If a student has been found to undermine the validity of their assessment, the sanctions can include but are not limited to, their subject being withdrawn from their assessment report, a note on their record stating that the student invalidated their assessment, contact with home.



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- Students qualifying for Assistive Technology should speak with their SST member to ensure they are aware of the AT use in the exams. (Linda – 1st Year, Claire – 2nd Years, Jenny 3rd and 5th Years)

A special note for our First Year Students. You have settled into school life so well in a very peculiar year. You should be very proud of this; next week should not be a source of stress for you, chat at home about what you hope to achieve and remember everyone achieves at different levels and have different strengths.

To our second years, you have experienced school life before the current pandemic, you have demonstrated your resilience, these assessments are your opportunity to shine and have that sense of achievement which you deserve.

Fifth Years, we appreciate how difficult these uncertain times are for you as you embark on your Leaving Certificate and your hope and dreams for the future. You have adopted such a mature view of school life with a spirit of determination to succeed. Please take this assessment week as an exploration of your learning to date as a foundation block for what is to come next.