

Leaving Certificate 2021

Information so far..

Two Processes

- Written Examinations
- Accredited Grade
- Can opt for AG or exams or both on subject by subject basis
- Career Guidance Counsellor can provide guidance on choice for students

Points to note:

No fees for exams or SEC Accredited Grades

No bereavement catch up exam

All students will be given an estimated mark (in case written exams do not proceed or if a student is unable to complete the written exam in June due to illness)

Orals

- In school
- Students need to make a decision week of 8th March
- Conducted by teachers(not the students' teachers), retired teachers or teachers from other schools
- Guidance will be issued on how to conduct the oral - it will be recorded and will be face to face
- Sent to SEC and corrected by SEC
- During and week after Easter

Practicals/Coursework

- New dates for completion will issue by SEC
- Subject by subject guide will issue by SEC
- Some practicals will be impossible to conduct due to Covid e.g. Construction Studies
- Music practicals will go ahead - guidance will issue

Accredited Grades

- Parallel Measure
- All students will get an estimated mark
- Estimated mark provided by class teacher
- No class ranking
- Will be subject alignment
- Will be guidance on out of school subjects and students
- Oversight by school
- Submission of data to SEC
- SEC standardisation
- Accredited Grade

Estimation of mark

- Professional judgement
- Evidence over **2 years of Senior Cycle - NB: this means that work done over the 2 years will be assessed. No need to go overboard with additional essays/questions**
- TY precluded
- Formative and summative assessments
- Limited additional testing - May 14th deadline
- Mocks data cannot be used for estimated mark - integrity, lack of standardisation

School Oversight

- May 28th last day of term
- May 31st - June 4th formal alignment process & submission of data
- Ensure alignment meetings
- Review data sets
- Return of data if necessary
- Collate out of school data
- Submit to SEC
- Accredited Grades Aide

SEC

- Align estimated marks with data on the Junior Cycle performance of the Leaving Certificate class of 2021, recent national Leaving Certificate results data and the national distribution of students' results may form part of this process
- Assign Accredited Grade
- Indemnity for teachers/schools/Trusts
- Canvassing throughout prohibited

Results

- As close to traditional issue date as possible
- Student will get the best of written exam/AG if registered for both
- At a later date student will get opportunity to see which grade they received in
AG process and/or LC written exam
- AG appeal will be procedural -similar to Calculated Grade process
- Written examination appeal process as per normal

Next

- SEC Student Portal will open - estimated date 8th March
- Determine orals
- Guidance will issue on Accredited Grades including assessment, orals and practicals

Return to School

- Covid Return to School form for students on the app to be completed
- 6th years will have classes in the Arts Block and Science Corridor for the moment
- Uniform to be worn - may wear school hoodie and tracksuit bottoms
- Windows will be open for ventilation purposes
- 15th March 5th years will have class as normal on 5th floor and 55
- Cleaners back on Thursday 25th February
- Response Plan will be updated and circulated by Friday 26th February

Return to School 2

- Communication with parents and students via app and assembly about adherence to Level 5
- No congregation outside school
- No visits to other's homes

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