

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Sixth Year Students

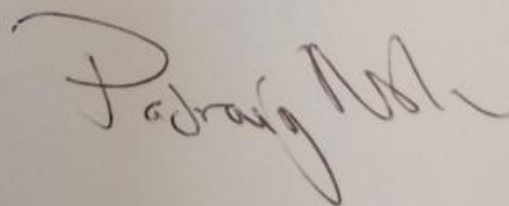
I hope you are all keeping well.

I would like to begin by complimenting all our Sixth Year students on the manner in which they have taken on each challenge and difficulty they have encountered in the past year, whether it was in relation to the Leaving Certificate, changes in school life and the more general restrictions they have encountered.

Having consulted with the HSE, the Board of Management and the Department of Education, and in light of the number of outbreaks in schools locally, I have had to make the difficult decision to postpone the graduation ceremony originally planned for Wednesday, May 26th. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, but it is necessary to safeguard the running of the Leaving Cert exams in June, this must be our priority.

I realise that students and staff have already put in significant time and effort into preparing for graduation and I would like to hold a graduation ceremony that is meaningful and a joyous celebration for the class of 2021. I feel that this would not be possible with the continuing concerns over a possible outbreak of Covid 19 that could lead to the cancellation of the Leaving Cert exams.

The graduation ceremony will be rescheduled for a later date to be decided and I look forward to welcoming the class of 2021 at a time that will be safer for us all.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paddy Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail.