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1st May 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

I would like to invite you to Mass for S2 students on **Friday 4th May 2018 at 2.30pm** in the College Chapel. This is an opportunity for the S2 students, their form teachers, year head and parents/guardians to gather in advance of the GCSE exams. When the Mass concludes you will be able to take your son home.

As the examination season approaches, the ambition, resilience and self-determination that your son demonstrates will determine the extent to which he achieves his goals in August 2018. He is supported by his teachers and staff while he is at school. While at home he needs to ensure that he is organised, that he is following his study and revision timetable and that he works hard in all aspects of each of his subjects.

I would like to remind you that:

- **Revision classes** will be available for all S2 students during the examination period. These prove useful for many students and I would ask you to encourage your son to attend. A timetable of these classes will be posted online, emailed to students and tweeted.
- Fully supervised **study facilities** will be available for students who wish to study in school when they otherwise have study leave. This option has proved to be very useful in the past and may be beneficial for your son. The use of these facilities is conditional on students remaining in school from 9.00am - 3.30pm.
- **After school study** continues to be available from 3:45pm – 6:00pm each evening from Monday to Thursday inclusive.
- All students are aware of the **rules and regulations** in relation to sitting their examinations. Students **must** be at their examination room for a morning exam at **9.00am** and afternoon exam at **1.15pm** with all the required equipment for each examination. Pupils are not permitted to borrow equipment from any other students during exams.
- Please note students are **not permitted** to bring **mobile phones or any other electronic media, communication or storage devices** into any examination room even if they are switched off. To avoid any compromise to themselves or others, pupils are advised to leave mobile phones at home during examinations.
- **Full school uniform** must be worn at all times when any students in on the school premises.
- **Subject text books** are to be returned to teachers on the day of the final examination for that subject.

GCSE results will be available from the College on Thursday 23rd August 2018 from 9.00am. Depending on the outcome of his examinations, you may be required to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership Team in order to confirm your son's A-level choices.

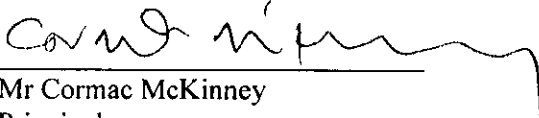
Please note: In accordance with the College's published admissions criteria, admissions to Sixth Form is conditional on:

- A **good** academic record of 7+ A* - C at GCSE including English and Mathematics.
- A **good** behaviour and attendance record.
- A **very good** level of performance in the subjects or curriculum areas that he wishes to study in Sixth Form, normally a B grade or better.

If your son does not meet the criteria listed overleaf, he may have to consider Sixth Form studies in alternative schools or colleges, particularly if his behaviour or attendance has been of concern throughout his S2 year.

I look forward to seeing you at the S2 Mass on 4th May

Yours sincerely,


Mr Cormac McKinney
Principal

REPLY SLIP (To be returned to your son's Form Teacher)

I will / We will / will not be attending the S2 Mass on Friday 4th May 2018 at 2:30pm.

Name: _____

Son's Name: _____ Class: _____