

Information and Updates  
for Leaving Certificate Students  
Salesian Secondary College  
March 5<sup>th</sup> 2021



# Coursework

# Deadlines for Completion

- Information about the completion of coursework has been received by your subject teachers.
- They will communicate with you about when you need to have your coursework for their subject completed.



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State Examinations Commission  
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# Practical Exams

# Construction Studies Practical

- This will not take place.
- Instead, the marks awarded for your practical will be awarded for your project.



# Music Practical

- This will take place during the Easter holidays in school
- An examiner will be appointed by the SEC to come to the school
- Social distancing and covid protocols will be in place
- We have no information about group performance at this point

# Language Orals

# Irish and Modern Language Orals

- These will take place during the Easter holidays
- The exam may be conducted by a teacher from the school or a teacher from outside the school, depending on availability
- You must take the oral if you are doing the Written Exam
- Covid protocols will be in place



# When will I do my Oral or Practical?

- Your teacher will work with CMOB to create a timetable for the Easter holidays
- Some of you will have more than one exam to do...every effort will be made to accommodate you fairly
- It is likely that all orals and practicals will be completed during the Easter holidays

# The Student Portal

# Access to the Portal

- You will need your exam number: the school will distribute these. DO NOT LOSE THIS NUMBER.
- You will need your PIN number: the 1st 4 digits of your PPSN number.
- The Portal is open from noon on 10<sup>th</sup> March until 6pm on 16<sup>th</sup> March

# What do I do on the Portal?



1. Log on. If you fail to log on, try again. Last year, the portal did not perform well when there was a surge. Do not leave your log on until the last minute for this reason. Don't panic if you can't get on immediately, as the portal may be jammed.
2. Check your **subjects** first. You will see the subjects you started 5<sup>th</sup> Year with are listed. Add in subjects that you are studying that are not indicated on the Portal eg outside school subjects (Italian, Polish, Croatian, Music etc) or subjects you swapped into. This is YOUR responsibility.
3. If you see a subject that you are not taking at all (ie "I'm not doing this subject EITHER for Accredited Grade OR for Written Exam").....write "withdrawn."

# What do I do on the Portal?



4. Next.... Check your **levels**. Indicate the level you are studying NOW. You can change your mind later.
5. Indicate which subjects you wish to sit the Written Paper in and which subjects you wish to receive an Accredited Grade in. You are advised to pick both.

**REMEMBER, the school advice is to pick both.**

**NB: This is important:**

**Update 9/3/21: If you opt not to do the Written Paper, you can now change your mind after the 16<sup>th</sup> March but you will be missing some componants, so BE CAREFUL.**

# Can I change my mind?



In some areas...

- At the end of April / early May, you will be enabled to revisit the Portal.
- You will be asked to confirm your levels.
- This will be your last chance to say which level you want your Accredited Grade in. Your AG will be based on the level confirmed through the Portal.
- At this point you may withdraw from the Written Exam... **UPDATE on 9/3/21: YOU CAN OPT IN TO THE WRITTEN EXAM in a change of mind later but you will be missing oral and practical components.**
- However, you may choose a different level in the Written Exam on the day of the Written Exam, by simply asking for the alternative paper to be handed to you.

# The Written Papers

| JUNE            | SUBJECT   | TIME          |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
|                 | H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level F = Foundation Level                |               |
| WEDNESDAY<br>9  | English, Paper 1 - H & O  | 9.30 – 12.20  |
|                 | Home Economics, Scientific and Social - H & O                           | 2.00 – 4.30   |
| THURSDAY<br>10  | Engineering - O   | 9.30 – 12.00  |
|                 | Engineering - H   | 9.30 – 12.30  |
| FRIDAY<br>11    | English, Paper 2 - H & O  | 2.00 – 5.20   |
|                 | Geography - H & O   | 9.30 – 12.20  |
| MONDAY<br>14    | Mathematics, Paper 1 - H & O  | 2.00 – 4.30   |
|                 | Mathematics - F   | 2.00 – 4.30   |
| TUESDAY<br>15   | Mathematics, Paper 2 - H & O  | 9.30 – 12.00  |
|                 | Irish Paper 1 - H (incl aural)  | 2.00 – 4.20   |
| WEDNESDAY<br>16 | Irish Paper 1 - O (incl aural)  | 2.00 – 3.50   |
|                 | Irish - F (incl aural)  | 2.00 – 4.20   |
| THURSDAY<br>17  | Irish, Paper 2 - O  | 9.30 – 11.50  |
|                 | Irish, Paper 2 - H  | 9.30 – 12.35  |
| FRIDAY<br>18    | Biology - H & O   | 2.00 – 5.00   |
|                 | French - H & O – Written  | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| MONDAY<br>21    | French - Aural  | 12.10 – 12.50 |
|                 | History - H & O   | 2.00 – 4.50   |
| TUESDAY<br>22   | Business - O  | 9.30 – 12.00  |
|                 | Business - H  | 9.30 – 12.30  |
| WEDNESDAY<br>23 | Art, History & Appreciation - H & O                                     | 2.00 – 4.30   |
|                 | German - H & O - Written  | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| THURSDAY<br>24  | German - Aural  | 12.10 – 12.50 |
|                 | Construction Studies - O  | 2.00 – 4.30   |
| FRIDAY<br>25    | Construction Studies - H  | 2.00 – 5.00   |
|                 | Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and Non Curricular Languages (See Note 2) | 9.30 – 12.30  |
| MONDAY<br>28    | Agricultural Science - H & O  | 2.00 – 4.30   |
|                 | Spanish - H & O - Written   | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| TUESDAY<br>29   | Spanish - Aural   | 12.10 – 12.50 |
|                 | Chemistry - H & O   | 2.00 – 5.00   |
| WEDNESDAY<br>30 | Physics - H & O   | 9.30 – 12.30  |
|                 | Physics and Chemistry - H & O   | 9.30 – 12.30  |
| THURSDAY<br>1   | Accounting - H & O  | 2.00 – 5.00   |
|                 | Design and Communication Graphics - H & O                               | 9.30 – 12.30  |
| FRIDAY<br>2     | Music - Listening (Core) - H & O  | 1.30 – 3.00   |
|                 | Music Composing - H & O   | 3.15 – 4.45   |
| MONDAY<br>5     | Music - Listening (Elective) - H  | 5.00 – 5.45   |
|                 | Economics - H & O   | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| TUESDAY<br>6    | Religious Education - O   | 2.00 – 4.00   |
|                 | Religious Education - H   | 2.00 – 4.30   |
| WEDNESDAY<br>7  | Applied Mathematics - H & O   | 2.00 – 4.30   |
|                 | Italian - H & O - Written   | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| THURSDAY<br>8   | Italian - Aural   | 12.10 – 12.50 |
|                 | Russian - H & O – Written   | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| FRIDAY<br>9     | Russian - Aural   | 12.10 – 12.50 |
|                 | Classical Studies - H & O   | 2.00 – 5.00   |
| SATURDAY<br>10  | Latin - H & O   | 2.00 – 5.00   |
|                 | Technology - O  | 2.00 – 4.00   |
| SUNDAY<br>11    | Technology - H  | 2.00 – 4.30   |
|                 | Japanese - H & O – Written  | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| MONDAY<br>12    | Japanese - Aural  | 12.10 – 12.50 |
|                 | Politics & Society - H & O  | 9.30 – 12.00  |
| TUESDAY<br>13   | Arabic - H & O  | 9.30 – 12.30  |
|                 | Physical Education - H & O  | 2.00 – 4.30   |

# June Exams: Timetable is now available

<https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-EX-46337197.pdf>

Advice from school: DO BOTH!!!!  
Advice from Management Bodies: DO BOTH!!!!





# Exam Centres

- Exam centres will be spread around the school and will cater for smaller numbers than in a normal exam year. This is to allow for 2m social distancing for all students and examiners.
- As far as possible, students will be in the same room for the duration of their exams
- As far as possible, pods of students will not mix
- PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THE COLLECTION OF CANDIDATES AFTER EXAMS, SO THAT PODS DO NOT MIX
- Covid protocols will apply: ventilation, distancing, cleaning
- We have no information regarding the wearing of masks during the Written Exams yet

# Reasonable Accommodation (RACE)

- Late applications for RACE may be made. Please contact Mr. D. Ryan.
- Applications made on the grounds of concerns about Covid may NOT be made.
- If you have been granted a Special Centre, or a Shared Special Centre, you will still have this in June.



# Emergencies

- If you are unable to do your Written Exam for any of the following reasons.....
  - Self isolating or restricting movements
  - Covid Illness
  - Family bereavement
  - Certified illness
- ...you will receive an Accredited Grade (whether or not you have opted for an Accredited Grade through the Portal.)

**And finally, a word to the wise.....**

# DO BOTH!!!!!!

- Some students are asking to change teacher.....this will not be facilitated.
- Some students are asking to be allowed to leave the classroom when teaching is based on the Written Exam (eg for oral preparation or during planning for a particular question).....this will not be facilitated.
- Teachers who have not had a class for long will work with the former teacher to establish a fair Estimated Grade.

# BE CAREFUL OF A “STRATEGY”

- The DES has worked out this dual LC in order to give students the best possible chance to do well. You have a safety net.
- Some students are working out a “strategy” and dropping the WE in weak subjects in order to concentrate on strong subjects and vice versa. This is a bad idea!
- Because.....

This week’s High Court ruling about the “Calculated Grades Process” last year has implications for this year’s algorithm. This ruling found that some schools inflated grades disproportionately. The algorithm is expected to control that this year. Plus the DES will have Written Exams to compare to the Estimated Grade and will not want there to be a significant difference.

**THUS the Written Exam is the best way in which a candidate can control their own success.**

Thank you!



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- Remember:  
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