



24th April 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you all well. This will probably be our last formal communication with you as your son/daughter's time in Ratoath College draws to a close. We would like to start by thanking you for all the support you have given us over the last 5/6 years and it has been a pleasure getting to know your children and watch them develop into the wonderful young ladies and gentlemen they have become. We are very proud of the class of 2017 and they are credit to themselves, yourselves and the school. There have been many great achievements, academic, sporting and extra-curricular over the years and we couldn't be more proud of them as they come to the end of their time in secondary school. As the leaving cert approaches, we would like to wish all the class of 2017 the very best of luck in the exams and in their futures.

In order to facilitate a smooth ending to their time at Ratoath College I would like to draw your attention to the following:

School/Classes

Classes will run as normal up to and including Thursday 25th May. It really is imperative that you ensure your son/daughter is in attendance up to that point, if they wish to reach their potential in June. Important materials, revision, exam techniques, tips etc will be covered throughout the last few weeks. The final few weeks of the school year are going to be very busy and it is imperative that your son/daughter remains focused and motivated. They will have to ensure that they are on task with all projects/assignments/practicals/orals & homework. Students are expected to attend all timetabled classes with no exceptions.

Code of Behaviour

The school's code of behaviour will be implemented right up until the last day of the exams. Any 6th year student found in breach of the code or engaging in any form of misbehaviour that disrupts the teaching and learning of others will be sent home immediately.

Plan for Friday 26th May (Last Day)

In order to mark and celebrate the 6th years last day we have organised a farewell party that will include breakfast, bouncy castles, photo booth, ice creams, teacher v's student match etc. Students should arrive in school at 10 am and go directly to the prefabs where they will spend some time with their Caomhnóir and register for the activities. They do not have permission to enter the main building as classes will be as normal for the rest of the school and disruption must be kept to a minimum.

PTO

This is a wonderful opportunity for the class of 2017 to spend some time relaxing and having fun with their teachers and friends.

6th Year Graduation Mass

A celebratory mass will be held on Monday May 15th in the parish church at 2pm. We would like to extend an invitation to parents, guardians and other family members wishing to attend.

6th Year Graduation Ceremony

We would like to formally invite you to your son/daughter's graduation ceremony on Monday 29th at 7.00pm in the school. This is always an enjoyable occasion where we mark and celebrate the graduation of our 6th year students and say our goodbyes!

(On previous years some of the 6th year students have arranged their own celebrations for after the graduation ceremony, the school does not have any part in organising or supervising this event).

CAO

We would ask that you take the time to review your son/daughter's CAO application with them. It is so important that they have completed their form realistically and that they have entered 10 level 8's and 10 level 7's. CAO course changes can be made **free of charge** from 5th May. Mr. Ball will be meeting the 6th years from the 5th May onwards to discuss changes. If you have any queries please contact Mr. Ball.

Leaving Certificate

- The examinations commence for 6th years on Wednesday 7th June, all 6th years are invited to breakfast in the school for 8.30am on that day.
- 6th Years must wear full uniform for the duration of the examinations.
- Can you please ensure your son/daughter is punctual for all examinations.
- Each 6th year will be furnished with a PIN code to retrieve their leaving certificate results on-line, however, we would encourage all 6th years to come to the school on Wednesday 16th August from 10am to collect their results (our guidance counsellors will be present to give advice).

Once again may we take this opportunity to thank you for everything over the last 5/6 years, it has been a pleasure to work with you and your son/daughter. We wish them all the best for a future filled with good health and happiness.

Yours,

Donna Kelly, David McCarthy, Liam Moreton, Grainne Lyons, Méabh Hayes, Lorna Clerkin, Edward Burns, Rachel Doonan, Ciara Casey, Laura Dinsmore, Deirdre Bourke.

