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Dear Parents and Guardians

Once again I would like to thank you all for your support as this term draws to a close. It has been a very difficult time for us all but, as a school community, we have risen to each and every challenge. We will continue to work to ensure that we fulfil our motto of 'Excellence, Respect, Care' each and every day.

Junior Christmas exams will take place during normal class time during the period 1st-10th December. This will be a written paper lasting no more than 45 minutes. There will be a maximum of 3 tests on any one day. We have decided that this is the best way to balance the need for a valid assessment with the current pressures we are all under, and to maximise teaching time. Reports will be sent out before Christmas.

Sixth form pupils must attend full school days. Any relevant mock examinations will be set by the class teacher during the same time period.

I have attached an examination timetable for Years 11 and 12. These pupils need only attend for their exams, although pupils will not be allowed home before break on any given day. Pupils must wear full school uniform.

The examinations in ICT in both Year 11 and Year 12 on Tuesday 8th December are official tests set by the examination board and will be carried out under full examination conditions.

Finally, we have a proud tradition each year of producing hampers for St Vincent DePaul to support those families less fortunate than ourselves. This year we are unable to do so but we are collecting donations to allow SVP to give vouchers for Tesco and Smyths to those families. If possible, could each pupil give £2 to their form teacher as soon as possible.

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well,

Yours faithfully

Mr Paul Berne