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Dear Parents/ Guardians/ Students/Teachers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware the Government made a decision to close all schools to support efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 - Corona virus on Thursday last 12<sup>th</sup> March. I am writing to you to advise you of the school continuity measures taken to date by De la Salle College and to offer some advice for the days ahead.

12-03-2020

All Students were advised of school closure as per Government decision. All Students were given time to go to their lockers to collect their books to bring home with them. Some Students received a password for google classroom from their teachers. If you son did not receive a password for Google classroom on Thursday last, please follow the instructions below to access same. A text was sent to all Parents to inform them of school closure.

### **Google accounts:**

All students should have a school email account. The school is using gmail. The students email will be their 7 digit vsware ID vsware [ID@delasallewaterford.ie](mailto:ID@delasallewaterford.ie)

e.g [3298486@delasallewaterford.ie](mailto:3298486@delasallewaterford.ie)

If your child requests a password reset or is unsure of email address, support can be sought from the following email address. [enquire@delasallewaterford.ie](mailto:enquire@delasallewaterford.ie)

Teachers have been instructed to only correspond via official school email (not via social media platforms).

If your child contacts a teacher from their personal email, this will not be responded to. Student emails are for internal use only. Student emails should only be used for school work and communication to teachers. Students should only contact teachers during normal school hours.

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March:**

An Easter Term Report will be created on vsware which Parents and Students can access using their vsware username and password. Teachers will input comments, google classroom passwords and information with regard to what work needs to be done.

### **Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate Students 2020:**

Our teachers will endeavour to support you as a matter of priority through blended learning (online support & work assigned to you before closure).

Your current school timetable provides you with an excellent structure to organise your day. If parents could encourage their son(s) to submit assigned work, we would be most grateful. Please urge them to do so within agreed timeframes.

**Non- State Exam Students 2020:** Over time as teachers build their capacity for online engagement, they will issue guidance to students in non-exam years to support their ongoing engagement with the curriculum in due course.

## Mock Exams :

The results of the mock exams should all be up on VsWare by the end of this week. Parents and Students will be notified by text when access will be available to view results.

## Subject Choice for 2020-2021 :

The deadline for subject choice is extended to Friday March 20th 2020. This relates to 3rd and TY students only. Senior subjects are chosen on [delasallewaterford.vsware.ie](http://delasallewaterford.vsware.ie) and under options. If you have any issues accessing Vsware or unsure of what to do, please contact via email to [susan@delasallewaterford.ie](mailto:susan@delasallewaterford.ie) asap. Thank you to the parents who have already inputted their sons options. If options are not inputted by this date, then we as a school will have to continue with the timetable preparation for next year and your son may not get his desired subject choices.

## Online resources for all students:

Below is a list of online resources to help your son with school work and exam preparation .

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

<https://irevise.com/ie> (Additional notes and tutorials)

[www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)(Past exam papers and marking schemes)

[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

[www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)– (Education related news)

<http://www.scoilnet.ie>

World book (access through Scoilnet.ie)

Learning paths (access through Scoilnet.ie)

<http://www.mathsbot.com>

Science week website

<http://www.science.ie>

[www.studyelix.ie](http://www.studyelix.ie)

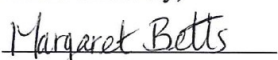
## The State Examinations Commission (SEC):

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) will circulate guidance on contingency arrangements if they are required. The school will communicate any such arrangements to you by text ,on the College website and on Google Classroom – password zi6kvxd. If the practicals and orals are delayed for our students , it is essential to note that this will be the same for all students in the country. Please continue to prepare for same and check for accurate updates on the SEC website.

This is an unprecedented situation and the school community is conscious that in these difficult times it is important for us all to work together in the best interest of our students and your sons. We encourage all Parents/ Guardians to emphasise the importance of social distancing to all in their care in an effort to delay and limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus . I would like to acknowledge that many of our students may find the uncertainty of the forthcoming weeks unsettling and challenging at times. I would like to reassure all parents and students alike that the Department of Education and Skills and State Exams Commission will as always make decisions in the best interests of all students and in the best interest of public health at this time.

Our professional and dedicated teaching staff in the College will do their best to support our students through this difficult and uncertain time whilst also social distancing and taking care of their own families . I would like to thank all the staff for their assistance in supporting our students at this challenging time. We will keep you updated on the College website and on vsware by text

Yours sincerely,



Margaret Betts