

Guidance SDP document re Covid 30.04.2020

Agenda:

- (a) On-line teaching and the importance of continuing on teaching the curriculum as well as giving revision work during school closure
- (b) Listening to the student voice - Student Council Report
- (c) VsWare Report - level of student engagement with Google Classroom during school closure
- (d) Summer tests 2020 5th/1st and TY and assessment 2nd year
- (e) Book lists
- (f) AOB

Discussion:

(a) On-line teaching and the importance of continuing on teaching the curriculum as well as giving revision work during school closure

- Sinead & Joan are continuing with the scheduled topics for all Guidance classes and incorporating additional resources in light of the school closures to include supports for studying from home, wellbeing, mindfulness, sleep, exam preparation and additional resources for parents. We are focusing on putting up the well-being related resources on Wednesdays (Wellness Wednesday) & Fridays (as a final, positive and supportive sign off before the weekend).
- Sinead & Joan took part in Careers Portal training last week in order to obtain free resources for our current 6th year students to support their career development and planning. We have also obtained the use of a new Guidance website - both of these new resources will significantly support students as they work from home and support the Guidance department to communicate with both parents in staff remotely.
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- In addition a formal Remote Guidance Plan and Contract was devised by SM & JM, and reviewed with management and Year Heads to offer a 'listening ear' service to targeted students, as appropriate and in line with NCGE, DES & IGC guidelines, and IGC South East branch recommendations.

(b) Listening to the student voice - Student Council Report

- The Guidance Department welcome the positive acknowledgements of the Guidance Department, particularly the @DLSWatGuidance Twitter page, in the Student Council report. SM has been in contact directly with the Student's Council to both commend their work & offer our support. Both JM & SM now share access to a Student Council support file for students.

(c) VsWare Report - level of student engagement with Google Classroom during school closure

- As with other subjects, engagement has been varied across all groups. JM & SM have been in contact with the Year Heads and Programme Co-ordinator as appropriate also.

(d) Summer tests 2020 5th/1st and TY and assessment 2nd year

- This item is not relevant to the Guidance department at this time.

(e) Book lists

- Transition Year 2020/2021: Reach+ programme 18euro (this 18e fee covers all 3 years of the Guidance programme, TY, 5th and 6th year)
- 5th Year 2020/2021: Reach+ programme 17euro (this 17e fee covers all 2 years of the Guidance programme, 5th and 6th year & includes access should a student repeat a year)
- 6th Year 2020/2021: Reach+ programme 10euro (this fee was heavily negotiated as a once off fee)

These fees cover TY, 5th and 6th year as this is a new programme being put in place. From Sept 2021, TY students and the 5th years who have progressed directly from 3rd year, will pay the 18e/17e fee only (again this covers the full 2 or 3year Guidance programme.

(f) AOB

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