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Dear Parent/Guardian

Upcoming Closures and Events

I hope that you and your family are all well.

We are writing to you to make you aware of the following closures and events, which will be taking place during the coming weeks.

- As you may be aware, the Department of Education has granted schools two additional Exceptional Closure Days to work on preparing Centre Determined Grades for students in Years 12, 13 and 14 who would have been taking public examinations this Summer. St Patrick's will be using **Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th May** as these Exceptional Closure Days, and all Year Groups should remain at home on these days.
- As detailed in this year's Student Planner, **Monday 31st May** and **Wednesday 9th June** will be Staff Development Days, and all Year Groups should remain at home on these dates also.
- Our Year 14 Leavers' Mass will be taking place on **Friday 28th May**, and will be held on Slemish Mountain, weather permitting. All other Year Groups attend school as normal.
- Our Year 12 Leavers' Mass will be taking place on **Tuesday 1st June in All Saints' Church at 1.30pm**. All other Year Groups attend school as normal.
- Summer Assessments for students in Years 8 to 11 will take place over the next three weeks. These will all be completed in normal class time.
- A Level and GCSE results will be issued earlier than normal this year. **A Level results will be available in school for students on Tuesday 10th August**, and **GCSE results will be available in school for students on Thursday 12th August**. **We will also be holding meetings for admission to post-16 study for 2021-22 on Thursday 12th August.**

We are now approaching the end of the period during which our Year 12, 13 and 14 students have been completing assessments to be used to help determine Centre Determined Grades. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students for the positive way in which they have approached these assessments, and to thank you, their parents and guardians, for all the support you have given them during this period.

This has been a very challenging year for us all in our school community, and we are very grateful as always for the support of our parents/guardians. We are currently planning for next year in school, when we hope for a more normal school day, in line with ongoing guidance from the Department of Education and the Department of Health.

Yours faithfully

Dr M Knox
Principal