

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the start of our Easter Holidays, I would like to thank you, our parents and guardians, for everything you are doing to support your daughter at home during this difficult time. Your support both for your daughter and our school is much appreciated by all the staff in St Mary's. Can I pay tribute to our wonderful pupils who are engaging with their teachers and trying their very best to complete all the work set through the various online communication channels.

To our parents of Years 11-14 pupils who are awaiting information on how your daughter's exam results will be finalised, I appreciate this is a worrying time for you and your daughter. As yet, CCEA have not issued any guidance on how results will be calculated but we are expecting some information towards the end of this week. I will write to you when we have a full understanding of how all of the results are being finalised, as some of the other Vocational Awarding Bodies have not yet indicated how this will be completed. Can I please ask you to continue to be patient as it could be the week beginning Monday 20th April before I write to you with further information.

We all deserve a well-earned break over this Easter time to reflect on what is most important to all of us, our family and friends. Our online learning will stop from 3pm today and will resume on Monday 20th April when once again our teachers will engage with our pupils to continue the learning until the middle of June when the Summer Tests would have been due to start.

Once again, I want you to know that while we are not physically in the school building we are still here for all our families. If you have questions please do not hesitate to communicate through the school email address info@stmarys.newry.ni.sch.uk and either the Vice Principal or myself will respond.

Finally, I want to wish all our pupils, staff, parents, families and wider St Mary's Community a very happy, peaceful and holy Easter and I pray that we all have better times ahead. Please take time over the Easter break to reflect on all that is good in our lives – family, friends, our home and our faith.

Please stay safe and look after each other.

Yours faithfully

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