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Dear Parents of 6th year students

We have been in touch with your children over the last few days and we recognise that emotions are very mixed about the decision of the department of education to use calculated grades.

Please rest assured. We will follow the guidance issued by the department on this and are being supported by the ETB with this process. If you would like to read about this process we have collated all the information available to us at <https://www.cmco.ie/leaving-cert-calculated-grades/> in our Remote Hub.

Please understand that we are not in a position or at liberty to answer any questions regarding grades at this point. But rest assured the robust and rigorous process outlined by the Department of Education and Skills will be implemented in full.

Wellbeing of Leaving cert students

Miss Hickey and Miss Byrne are happy to speak with students from an emotional or guidance perspective and can be contacted by students until the end of May at their school email addresses.

We are very aware of the mixed emotions that both you and your leaving cert students are feeling. Not only are they missing out on face to face time with their teachers they are missing on the social aspect of the last few weeks in secondary. This is like a rite of passage- the Leaving Cert final trip, the social Barbeque getting to know us at a different level, the graduation ceremony and their own night out. Having walked the journey so far with them we feel robbed too.

We would like to thank you for the 5 or 6 years your child has spent with us. Our school has grown since your child came into first year. Our first year numbers have tripled, we have enjoyed great sporting success and our musicals have gone from strength to strength. We have very happy memories of your children's involvement. Your child has had opportunities for valuable curricular and extracurricular opportunities. Over the years we enjoyed celebrating their successes and, while the end of their time was not what we would have wished for them, we hope they take happy memories of their years at Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. We will plan an event to celebrate remotely and hopefully when everything settles down again we will all enjoy a more formal celebration.

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Principal

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Deputy Principal

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Year Head