



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

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Ms. Clare Wallace
Deputy Principal
Coláiste Mhuire
Thurles
Co. Tipperary

Dear Ms. Wallace,

I want to thank you most sincerely for your email of 22 May, 2020 and for your kind invitation for me to open the upcoming Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed virtual gallery art exhibition.

While nothing matches the real classroom experience, I was delighted to hear that your school, like so many, is keeping in touch with students through online resources. The idea of a virtual art gallery and show will demonstrate once again this connectedness and be a wonderful showcase for the many talents there are amongst students for all forms and expressions of art.

As President of Ireland, I value my relationship with all of our young people. I am continually encouraged by the energy, creativity and enthusiasm, and humour too, that these young people bring to so many areas of their lives.

I want to thank all of you for being so responsible during this global pandemic, by playing your part in helping to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. This crisis will pass, and out of this dark time will emerge a brighter period ahead for all of us to enjoy.

Finally, I wish students, teachers, staff and parents the very best as the school year draws to a close and hope that the summer allows a time to refresh, re-engage and re-energise.

Beir beannacht,

Michael D. Higgins
Uachtarán na hÉireann
President of Ireland