

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS 2021

Key Messages:

1. Candidates have been assigned to the same desk in the same exam centre, for the duration of the exams.
2. All desks will be 2 metres apart.
3. Candidates and superintendents must wear face coverings at all times. A candidate who fails to wear a mask will be refused access to the examinations.
4. Candidates must observe social distancing in accessing the centre, in the centre and on departure from the centre.
5. There will be attention to hand hygiene to reduce the risk of transmission.
6. Candidates are required to have their own pens, calculator etc.
7. Candidates are not allowed to have mobile phones, personal music players, tablets, smart watches, or other unauthorised electronic devices with them in the exam centre, whether switched on or off.
8. When the exams begin, the candidates should stay within their examination centre pod. This includes before, between and after examinations.
9. There is no alternative sitting of the Leaving Certificate in 2021. The safety net of Accredited Grades has been put in place.

Restrictions on Candidates presenting for exams:

Leaving Certificate candidates who have made a choice to sit examinations want to be able to exercise that choice for the month of June. If candidates act without due care, it could mean that they and/or their friends do not get to sit their exams due to COVID-19.

Candidates should limit their interactions with others and avoid gatherings that present risks of COVID-19.

Candidates will not be allowed to present for exams in the following circumstances:

- They have been diagnosed with COVID-19
- They are unwell or have symptoms of COVID-19
- They have been instructed to self-isolate or restrict their movements
- They are a close contact of a confirmed case.

Attendance at Exams:

1. Day 1: Wednesday 9th June: Candidates are required to be in their assigned seat in the exam centre at least 30 minutes before the start time of the exam (and 15 minutes on subsequent days).
2. Candidates must present in full uniform for all exams.
3. A candidate who is late for an exam will be admitted up to 30 minutes after the start time, but the time is forfeited.
4. If the candidate is going to be absent from an examination or a number of examinations, parent/guardian or the candidate must contact the school so that the superintendent of the exam centre is notified at the earliest opportunity.