

# 6th Year Assembly

Onsite Monday 8th March 2021

Updated following information from the SEC 9th March 2021

# Agenda

## Leaving Certificate 2021

- Coursework completion dates
- Orals, Practicals & Music Practicals
- May Examinations – LCVP
- Candidate Self Service Portal
- Reasonable Accommodations

# Coursework Completion Dates

Subject	Completion Date
LCVP Portfolio	12th March
DCG	19th March
LCPE – Activity Project	22nd March
History	23rd April
Geography	23rd April
Ag Science	23rd April
Engineering (project)	7th May
Art	20th May
Construction Studies (project)	28th May

# Orals, Practicals & Music Practicals

Timing: During Easter period & shortly afterwards (26th March – 15th April) – outside tuition time & subject to public health advice.

Irish & MFL Subject Departments are reviewing.

Considerations:

Availability of staff

Students completing both Irish & MFL orals

Music Practicals scheduled for 2nd week of Easter (5th - 11th April) - external examiner appointed.

NOTE: this is a State Exam therefore you must present as scheduled.

School's schedule for Orals will issue by the end of the week.

# Practical Components not proceeding on Public Health Grounds

- Construction Studies and Engineering Day-Practicals:

"Candidates who sit the examinations in these subjects will be resulted on the written and practical coursework components with the marks for the practical skills tests reallocated to the practical coursework." CL07/2021

- Performance Assessment in LCPE:

"Candidates who sit the examinations in this subject will be resulted on the written and physical activity project components with the marks for the performance assessment reallocated to the physical activity project."

# Timetables



Available on SEC website



Available on School Website



Shared through Teams



LCVP Link Modules written paper will take place in May – date to be confirmed.

# Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSSP)

- Opens Wednesday 10th March at 12 noon
- Closes Tuesday 16th March at 6 pm
- Purpose:
  - To confirm you are listed for the correct subjects
  - To remove subjects you are not studying
  - To add subjects you are studying
  - To confirm the correct level (as of now) for each subject you are studying
  - To select examinations or SEC Accredited Grades or both

# Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSSP)

- Reopens end April/May
- Purpose:
  - To confirm levels – can change levels again at this point.
  - You can, at this point withdraw a subject from the written exam

## HOWEVER

- You cannot opt for a written paper after the 16th March
- **SEE UPDATE ON NEXT SLIDE**



# IMPORTANT UPDATE:

- YOU CAN OPT FOR WRITTEN EXAMS IN APRIL/MAY EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T OPTED THIS WEEK (March 2021)

## HOWEVER

- IF YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED COURSEWORK COMPONENTS EG IF YOU DON'T DO THE ORAL AND THEN OPT TO DO THE WRITTEN YOU WILL LOSE OUT ON THE ORAL COMPONENT

- RECOMMENDATION:

"Our advice is to consider your options very carefully at this time and to give yourself the option of taking the examination in each subject for as long as possible. This is important for all students. It is particularly important if you are studying a subject outside of school or if you are an external candidate studying entirely out of school. " State Examinations Commission 9/3/21

# Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSP)- NB Difference

## SEC Accredited Grades

- The level selected by candidates at the end of April/early May will be an absolutely final decision when it comes to the level – Higher, Ordinary or Foundation – in which they will receive their accredited grade in each subject. As teachers will then be in the estimation process, candidates (or schools) will not be permitted to change levels for the purpose of the accredited grades process after that time.

## Written Exams

- Candidates opting to sit the examinations will be permitted to change their levels in respect of the written examinations on the day of the examination, as they are in a normal year.

# Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSSP)

- Must create an account
- Need Examination Number
- Personal Identification Number – for most = first 4 digits of PPSN

# Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSSP)

- Report prepared for all students with subjects and levels currently registered with the DES.
- REVIEW
- Log on to CSSSP and amend as appropriate.

# Candidates studying subjects outside of school ...

- Must make sure your additional subject is added to your subject list.
- For reasons of equity and fairness these students will need to be able to provide substantial evidence of their learning to be eligible for consideration for Accredited Grades.
- Candidates can, of course, opt for Written Exams.

# RACE Scheme

- Students who qualify & applied have been supplied with the outcome of the application
- Strict criteria apply
- Closing date for Late Applications: 9th April 2021

# Bilingual Dictionaries - contact Ms Costello: [mary.costello@shannoncomp.ie](mailto:mary.costello@shannoncomp.ie)

- The State Examinations Commission (SEC) permits the use of bilingual translation dictionaries in the leaving certificate examinations by candidates whose first language is not English or Irish.
- Subjects in which the use of dictionaries is not permitted
  1. The candidate's first language. e.g. a candidate whose first language is French will not be permitted to use the dictionary in the French examination
  2. English
  3. Irish
  4. A language closely related to the candidate's first language. Where a query arises as to the definition of a closely related language, the SEC must be consulted in advance of the examination for advice in this respect

# Candidates unable to take their examinations

- Some students may be at very high-risk from COVID-19; some students may be required to self-isolate and/or restrict their movements for all or part of the period of the examinations; or they may have a bereavement or other medically certified illness which prevents them from sitting the examinations. Unlike in 2019, when there was an alternative sitting of the examinations for candidates who were bereaved, there will be one sitting of the 2021 Leaving Certificate. Any candidate unable to take their examinations as scheduled, for any of these reasons, will receive Accredited Grades (whether or not they have opted for Accredited Grades).