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Some Advice for 6th Class Pupils and Parents

Hey Everyone,

Just a quick message to assure you that you will all be fine starting first year after these strange times. Throughout your years in primary school you have been preparing for this transition. Both your determination to succeed in your education and your primary school teachers hard work will make this possible.

Please don't worry about any work you are missing now as your new teachers are professionals and will help you catch up if needed. Remember, everyone is starting first year in the same situation. Try not to worry and do your best for the remainder of this year. Take care and as secondary school teachers, we all look forward to meeting you all next year.

Ms Sineád Clifford

English Teacher
Heywood CS

Hi Everyone,

Parents of 6th class pupils please don't worry about your child falling behind in maths. When they come in to First Year, we will be working very hard with your children and will quickly get them caught up on any maths they've missed this year. Right now, the most important thing is to keep your children home and safe.

Ms Teresa Egan

Maths Teacher
Knockbeg College



Hello Everyone,

In these strange times it is vitally important that we remain active. There are lots of on-line resources for inside like Joe Wicks PE on YouTube. However, I know that many of you in The Heath are sports fanatics like me. I find the best things to do are to practise my skills and set myself a challenge. Like how many kick passes I can make off a wall in 30 seconds or how many volleys I can do in a row. This time will pass and we will all be back doing what we love shortly.

Mr Ollie Hally

PE Teacher
Portlaoise College



NÍ NEART GO CUR LE CHÉILE

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all keeping safe at home. Don't be worrying about a new start in secondary school in September. The new teachers will be working together and they understand you will be nervous. Be ready to go when we are back to school - a good start is half the work as they say!

Haigh gach duine, tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh ag coimeád slán sa bhaile san am seo. Ná bí buartha faoin tús nua sa mheánscoil i mí Deireadh Fomhair. Beidh na múinteoirí nua ag obair le chéile agus tuigeann siad go bhfuil



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neirbhíseach oraibh. Bí réidh le dul nuair atáimid ar ais ar scoil - Tús maith leath na hoibre mar a deirtear!

Ms Sarah Staunton

Múinteoir na Gaeilge
Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir

Hi Everyone,

Art for 1st years is all about learning and improving your drawing skills as well as trying out new crafts.

No matter how much Art you have done in the past all 1st year Art students will begin at the same level. You don't have to be a great artist or excellent at drawing to do well in this subject! 1st yr Art will begin next year as a brand new subject for you, students will begin as if they have never done Art before. A fresh start no matter how much school has been missed in 6th class.

Here are some examples of pinch pot creatures, created by our 1st yr Art students in Sept 2019.



Ms Sharon Webster

Art Teacher
Heywood CS

Hey Everyone,

We are in the middle of a strange time, but we will get through this. Although we are not in school – we will catch up on any work next year so don't worry about it. Your health and your family's health is more important.

History and Geography are two subjects that you can experience from not being in school. If you step outside the door of your house – geography is everywhere and history is what you brought there. Our surname is Maher and I consider myself Irish but if you trace our family history – the Mahers came to Ireland in the 12th century when the Normans invaded. Geography then tell us that Tipperary has loads of Mahers and any of ye who follow hurling will know that already!

Could you try find the history of your family name? Your first name?

Have a look at some of these places and see what you think. Then try find your favourite amazing geography place:

- [10 Most Wonderful Places on Planet Earth \(https://youtu.be/XH6ER3cNrCY\)](https://youtu.be/XH6ER3cNrCY)
- [Top 10 Most Beautiful Places In The World \(https://youtu.be/OHAWwaYu2H0\)](https://youtu.be/OHAWwaYu2H0)
- [49 Of The Most Beautiful Places In The World | The Ultimate List \(https://youtu.be/vwZBiG1_IWs\)](https://youtu.be/vwZBiG1_IWs)

My advice is not to worry about these two subjects from a school point of view but



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rather focus on why these subjects are truly amazing – so make it fun! Make sure and get some fresh air even if it is just sitting outside and listening to music or reading.

Horrible Histories Page:

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUNYSwNARexFwxXp3oPATvg>

Amazing geography kid – Part 1 and 2:

- <https://youtu.be/0POHnKF2pH4>
- https://youtu.be/z3oovgah4_E

Mr Darren Maher

History and Geography Teacher
Portlaise College

Hi Parents and Pupils,

My advice as a business teacher would be to listen to the news; try keep up to date with economics and how this current crisis is impacting business.

Most importantly, however, please try not to worry about next year as all kids in every school will be entering at the same level so teachers will work to support them.

Mr Paul Broderick

Business Teacher
Heywood CS

Hello to All,

I just want to make contact with all of you to assure you not to be worried about starting school next year. Material Technology Wood and Technical Graphics will be brand new subject choices for all incoming 1st years. In technical graphics you will learn to produce drawings using drawing equipment, freehand sketching and computer aided

drawing.

In Material Wood technology you will build on many existing skills you have and develop further skills such as examining trees, how trees effect the environment and also develop craft skills to allow you to make unique projects. The beauty of both subjects is that they accommodate a whole range of various skills and can be enjoyed by all no matter what experience or strengths they have. Last thing I will say is not too worry and remember we are all in this together and know that ye have so many of the skills already to succeed in your new schools next year!

Mr Michael Larkin

Technical Graphics/Material Technology
Wood Teacher
Kilkenny City Vocational School

Hey Kids,

I know you are all probably a little anxious about leaving primary school, the teacher(s) you've got to know over the past few years and most of all some of your classmates if they are going to different secondary schools, but you really have nothing to worry about. There's a whole new adventure ahead of you in secondary school, loads of opportunities to meet new people, learn new subjects, develop new skills and study a new language or two. There to support you along the way are a team of caring, thoughtful, and approachable professionals who will help you in any way they can to make the transition easier.



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Please don't worry about anything you think you're missing due to school closures, everyone is in the same boat and we'll catch up with everything together next year if necessary. Please know you are not alone, do what you can this year and we'll start afresh in September.

If you think about it, you've no reason to be anxious about foreign languages, as chances are, it's a new and exciting adventure for each and everyone of you. You'll all be learning to count, identify car logos, recall famous French/Spanish/German footballers and possibly collect points on Duolingo games.

Do your best for now, enjoy the extra time with your families, make the most of the summer holidays and start secondary school relaxed and refreshed after the summer break.

Ms Sharon O' Gorman

German Teacher
Heywood CS

Hi Everyone,

At present we are going through an event none of us have witnessed before, it can be difficult, worrying and even scary at times. However, it will end and normality will resume. As a teacher I am adapting everyday to suit the needs of my students in what's now a virtual online classroom. This is all new to me, and sometimes as I read new articles about online-teaching I too feel like a student learning again!

I'm writing this for you parents to try take

away some of the worries and fears you have as your child is missing out on many days of face to face classroom learning. All I can say is do not worry. Take each day as it comes. All learning starts in the home for any subject. Think about the times you have showed your child how to make something, you have told them the name of a mountain as you passed it, you have shown them how to use a special tool or instrument or even explained how to change a lightbulb... you have always been 'teaching' your child without any online instruction from any teacher. So please do not stop the great learning already happening in your homes.

In terms of my subjects and your child starting 1st year in September, please do not panic about missing anything academic in the last few weeks of primary school it will not negatively affect them in September. However, there are some things you can do to encourage learning whilst they are at home particularly in terms of Home Economics as a subject. When you are cooking get your child/children involved. Show them how to peel, weigh, measure, sieve, roll etc. Think of simple skills that you find easy and break them into small steps for them to understand. All of these skills will be used in the first 3 years of secondary school. Encourage kids to taste food too, try new things. Watching cookery programmes can also be really helpful!

Stay safe, happy and healthy everyone!

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