



12 March 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The Department of Education has this week issued guidance to schools on Assessment and Reporting on Students' Learning – Junior Cycle 2021. In the coming two weeks, we as a school will discuss our approach and arrangements to report "on the learning achievements and progress" of our Third Year students.

Consideration will be given to the range of evidence allowed by the guidance for inclusion in such reporting.

We are cognisant of the guidance not to over assess our students and that additional assessment must be completed before 21 May 2021.

Our assessment arrangements will be issued to Third Year students before the Spring Holiday following consultation with staff.

We fully support the following statement from the guidance document:

"It is recognised that students completing Junior Cycle in 2021 have experienced disruption to their learning and loss of face-to face teaching and learning in 2020 and more recently in 2021."

We would like to take this opportunity to complement our Third Years for their work ethic, perseverance and resilience in the face of the pandemic and their patience in waiting for the detail of their eventual assessment.

We would also like to take this opportunity to Thank Parents and Guardians for your support of our staff, your messages have been a tonic in era of remote working.

We ask our students to continue with your coursework and we will be in touch before the holidays with the detail on your assessment.

Donabate Community College