

March 13th, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of Sixth Year Students,

Attendance

It has come to my attention that a small number of Sixth Year students have been signing out of school during the day in order to study at home/elsewhere. I wish to clarify that this is not permitted in Creagh College, except in exceptional circumstances approved in advance by school management.

At this stage of the year, full attendance is extremely important. Each year we see students wishing to stay at home/go to the library to study. As a school our aim is to support students to achieve their potential. There is strong evidence to suggest that students who have done best in their mock examinations and those that will do best in their Leaving Certificate Examinations are those that come to our teachers' classes daily. Many teachers are still completing key elements of their course content, and valuable revision, guidance and preparation for the State Examinations is taking place in class. Being present in school ensures that students benefit from this final phase of teaching and support. As their mock exam papers come in, teachers will go through the exams to ensure that our students learn from mistakes they have made.

For this reason, all Sixth-Year students are expected to attend all of their scheduled classes every day. Signing out during the school day to study at home/elsewhere is not an acceptable reason for absence. If a student needs to sign out during the school day for any reason, they must present a written note from a parent/guardian to either Mr. O'Loughlin (Year Head) or Ms. Wallace (Deputy Principal) for approval prior to signing out.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of full attendance with your son/daughter over the coming weeks. The remaining time before the Leaving Certificate is a very important period in their academic preparation.

Leaving Certificate State Examination information

Oral Examinations in Irish, French, Spanish and non-curricular languages

Please ensure that all 6th year students are available from **Saturday 28th March to Thursday 2nd April 2026** for their oral exams in Irish, French, Spanish and any languages they are studying outside of school that you have confirmed sitting for the Leaving Certificate. This is the first week of the Easter holidays. Examiners are still being appointed to schools so the earliest we will have an oral examination timetable for students is early in the week of 23rd March (the week before Easter). If you have any queries, Ms Lillis will be the Administration Examinations Aide siobhanlillis@wwetb.ie and Ms. Devereux will be the Pastoral Support Examinations Aide aoifedeveureux@wwetb.ie. We cannot facilitate changes to the examination schedule.

Please find links to important information about the LC examinations schedule below:

1. **Established Leaving Certificate Only:**
[Important upcoming dates \(Established Leaving Certificate\)](#)
[Established Leaving Certificate - June Timetable](#)
2. **Leaving Certificate Applied Only:**
[Important upcoming dates \(Leaving Certificate Applied - LCA\)](#)

[Leaving Certificate Applied \(LCA\) - June Timetable & other key dates](#)

LCA exam is Wednesday 29th April 2026. It is essential that all students are in school that day.

LC Exam Fees

The Department of Education has made the decision to re-introduce examination fees for LC/LCA and JC students this year. The State Examinations Commission will issue a letter on payment methods to schools early next week. We will distribute this letter to students for your attention. This letter will have the student's examination number and password. Please note that the school will not be part of the payment process. Instructions on how to do this will be part of the letter. Payments will be made via their online fee service and will open on Thursday 19th March at 2pm at <http://fees.examinations.ie/>. The closing date for the payment of fees, or making an application for those with a medical card exemption, will be 5pm Thursday, 30th April 2026. LC and LCA fees are €116. JC fees are €109. You will need the student's Exam number and password to pay these fees. Our roll number is 76127D.

Yours sincerely,

Declan O'Toole
Principal