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Re: Revised arrangements for CBA's for 2nd Year students

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As you all know by now there has been a lot of disruption to school matters over the last few months.

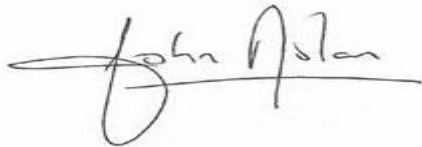
I write to inform you that the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) has posted details on its website of revised arrangements for the completion of Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) for the cohort of students currently coming to the end of their **2nd Year** (2019/20). These revised arrangements are on foot of the disruption to their learning caused for these students by the Covid-19 pandemic and the desire to avoid an excessive assessment burden in 2020/21. A summary of the revised arrangements include:

1. Extension of the deadline for completion of CBA 1s into the first term of the school year 2020/21, while also allowing for the possibility that some teachers and schools may wish to, and be able to, complete them before the end of the current term.
2. Removal of the requirement for students currently in second year of Junior Cycle to complete two CBAs in each subject, to a requirement to complete just one CBA in each subject. Students will be required to complete an Assessment Task in respect of whatever CBA they complete.
3. The school management and its teachers, in discussion where feasible with students, will choose the one CBA to complete for each subject. However, there will be some exceptions to this choice:
 - ~ To ensure assessment of oral communications skills, students must complete CBA 2: Communicative Task in Irish, and CBA 1: Oral Communication in Modern Foreign Languages.
 - ~ As they are linked in each case with the final examination in the subject, students studying Visual Art, Home Economics, and Music must complete CBA 2.

More information and clarity will be provided over the summer and this will be communicated to parents and students when school reopens.

I will take this opportunity to wish all of our parents, guardians and students a great summer break and hope all our families stay safe and well.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Nolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

John Nolan
Principal