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Dear Parents, Pupils and Colleagues

Thank you to each one of you for your hard work this week. You will be glad to hear that planning for the return of our examination classes (Years 12-14) on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021** is well underway and whilst we await details from the Executive about a return date for pupils in Years 8-11, we really hope that it will not be too long until our school buildings are again echoing to the sounds of life, laughter and learning.

I will be writing specifically to Parents and Pupils in Years 12-14 over the coming days with more details about our plans for reopening and about this year's alternative awarding arrangements. In the meantime, I would ask every member of the *#collegetcommunity* to continue to engage fully with all aspects of remote learning.

During this Season of Lent, we have decided to designate **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021** as our *Trócaire – Mercy Day*. On that day the entire school community will be invited to take on a challenge and make a donation to *Trócaire*, which is our main charity.

More details will follow at the start of next week; we really hope that every member of the *#collegetcommunity* will be able to participate in this day at some level.

Also, during the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, our College Chaplain, Fr Chris Ferguson, will celebrate Mass for the *#collegetcommunity*; as usual, I invite you to send your intentions in advance to [intentions@stcolumbscollege.org](mailto:intentions@stcolumbscollege.org).

Please note that in order to facilitate our *Trócaire – Mercy Day*, remote learning **will be suspended** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Once again, 'thank you' to each one of you - parent, pupil and colleague - for your continuing efforts. Please enjoy the weekend and - as always - keep your mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health to the fore.

With every good wish.

Stay safe

*FJM Madden*  
**Principal**

