

East Glendalough School Parents Association AGM

Thursday 19 September, 7.30pm

3rd Year' Information Evening

Maximising the chances of
success in the

Junior Cert 2020

Wednesday 28 August 2019

East Glendalough School

1. Why the Junior Cert is Important
2. Third Year – term by term
3. This year's group
4. Maximising success
5. How parents can help
6. Homework & Study
7. Support Structure

The significance of the Junior Certificate

Why the Junior Cert is important

- ▶ Grades in Junior Cert Exam will be an important predictor for the future
- ▶ UCAS applications
- ▶ CV effects
- ▶ Learning to face life's challenges
- ▶ Establishing good homework and study habits NOW is a crucial step toward the Leaving Certificate

Third Year Term by Term

3rd Year ...term by term

What you need to know...

...and what your son/daughter should know you know...

From the very start of this year all students should:

- ▶ Use their Homework Journal
- ▶ Complete Homework and study each evening
- ▶ Be in school every day

3rd Year ...term by term

Term One: 28 August – 20 December

- ▶ Start NOW!
- ▶ Giving homework of some sort each night
- ▶ Monthly reports
- ▶ Parent Teacher Meetings: 15 October
- ▶ Working with students for the Christmas Exams 2-6 December
- ▶ Many practical exams begin this term

3rd Year ...term by term

Term Two: 06.01.2020 – 05.04.2020

- ▶ Project Day
- ▶ Mock Exams: 3-14 February

Students Should:

- ▶ Revise 1st and 2nd Year work from December/January
- ▶ Prepare for the Mock Exams – 3-14 February
- ▶ Decide levels for each subject/extra subjects
 - ▶ These are set in stone after they are signed off in March
- ▶ Use Past Papers regularly for revision at home
- ▶ Payment (online) of exam fees
 - ▶ June and good behaviour

3rd Year ...term by term

Term Three: 20.04.20-27.05.20

- ▶ Easter break: use these holidays wisely
- ▶ Practical exams finish up
- ▶ Total focus is on the exams in June
- ▶ The Evening Study option could be considered
- ▶ Tiredness and nerves can lead to distraction
- ▶ 3-19 June: Junior Cycle written exams

Junior Cert 2020 – Feedback

- ▶ Interim Reports End September
 End October
 March
- ▶ Parent-Teacher Meeting 16 October
- ▶ Exam Reports December
 February (Mocks)
- ▶ Ongoing Feedback in class

State Exams

June

- Common Level in Science, Business, Language, Art
- Higher/Ordinary in English/Irish/Maths
- Higher/Ordinary Level in other subjects

State Exams

CBA's

- English, Science, Business, Language, Art
- CLASSROOM BASED –
 - attendance is vital – no holidays
 - marked by subject department collaboratively
- Followed by an ASSESSMENT TASK marked by the SEC (10% of final grade)
- 'LOW STAKES ASSESSMENTS'

Subjects under the 'new' Junior Cycle

- ▶ 2 CBA's in 2nd & 3rd Yr – given grade by teachers
- ▶ +
- ▶ Assessment Task – marked by the SEC - 10 %
- ▶ +
- ▶ Final examination – marked by SEC - 90 %

State Exams

Metalwork

- October – Late March:
Project (higher & ordinary)
- Early May:
Practical Exam (higher only)

State Exams

Home Economics

- Craftwork Project was completed last year
- Mid-April: Cookery Project & Cookery Exam

State Exams



Music

Mid-April: Practical Exam

State Exams



Religious Education

Mid April: Finish date for Journal

The Class of 2022



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- ▶ Lots of outstanding students, working very hard and getting stunning reports
- ▶ A very small number who are underperforming
- ▶ A 'C' in the Effort marks means "NOT GOOD ENOUGH"!

The Class of 2022



- ▶ Some have moved forward since Christmas
- ▶ Some may have increased study time since Easter
- ▶ A big 9-month push is essential to learn good habits prior to the Leaving Cert programme
- ▶ A big 9-month push will give excellent results

Junior Cert 2002 – EGS Strategies



- ▶ Encouraging high achievers to aim high
- ▶ Making it difficult for those who are underperforming
- ▶ Regular Interim Reports with meaningful effort marks
- ▶ Mr McGettigan and the Form Teachers will be following up with parents
- ▶ Inviting parents into school sooner rather than later

Maximising Success

Raising your chances of success

1. Buy in to what we're doing
2. Maximum Attendance in School
3. Homework (set by teachers in class)
Study (extra background work)
4. BE AMBITIOUS!
5. Smart tactics!

Smart Tactics

- ▶ Look for little extras that can help
- ▶ Learn and USE good study techniques
- ▶ A good study environment
- ▶ Evening Study

Homework & Study

Homework

- ▶ All homework should be written into Homework Journal
- ▶ This work will be
 - ▶ Written
 - ▶ Learning
 - ▶ Revision

All equally important

Study

- ▶ Study is done by each individual student, regardless of the amount of formal homework

- ▶ The amount of time spent on Homework and Study?

2 – 3 hours

If homework is completed in less than the time set, **the rest of the time should be spent on study**

What is Study?

1. Ensuring notes are up-to-date
2. Learning Notes → This will be the Key to success
3. Researching subjects covered in class in greater depth

How Parents can help

Expectations of 3rd Year Students

- ▶ What are your expectations for your son/daughter?

How Parents can help

- ▶ Be kind, but firm
- ▶ High expectations
- ▶ Good study environment
- ▶ Watch out for stress
- ▶ Stay in touch with the school
- ▶ Fill in the gaps where performance is weak

The Environment...

Does your son/daughter have the best possible conditions in which to study?

- ✓ Regular Time
- ✓ Regular Place
- ✓ NO PHONE/DEVICE

No TV, No disturbances,
No work outside the home

Regular Sleep

The Environment.....

Does your son/daughter go to bed at a reasonable time?

Nobody can and work properly in school and study/work effectively each evening

and socialize
and text friends

and watch TV

and go out in the evenings
and listen to music or play games all evening

...and play guitar all night...

What to Watch Out For

- ▶ “I don’t have any homework...”
- ▶ “But everyone else is going out tonight...”
- ▶ Stress/Anxiety
- ▶ Low Mood

Support Structures

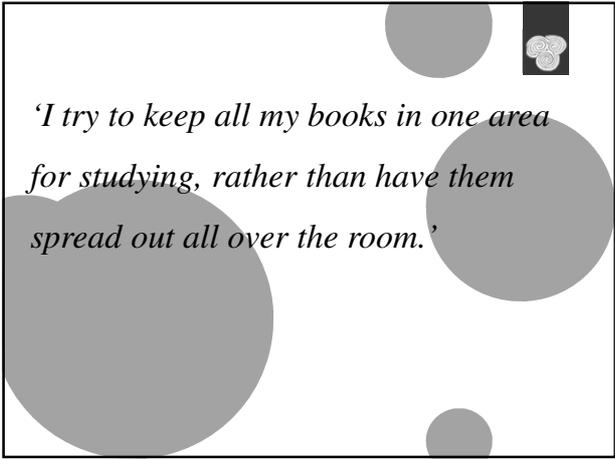
Support Structures

- ▶ Form Teacher (3E: Ms C. Nolan; 3G: Ms P. Walsh)
- ▶ Head of Junior School (Mr McGettigan)
- ▶ Guidance Counsellor (Mrs O’Callaghan)
- ▶ Chaplain (Ms Evans)
- ▶ Principal & Deputy Principal
- ▶ ASN Dept
- ▶ Parents and family

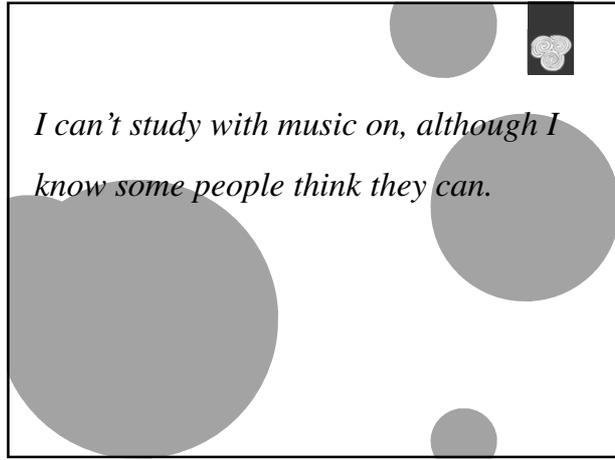
Some tips from a straight-A student...

‘I found using a timetable really helpful, especially closer to the exams when you have so many subjects to cover...It helps you to break up the subjects and you can pick a night to study a particular subject eg. History on a Wednesday...Also, if you know you have homework in one subject you can combine it with some extra study in this subject.’

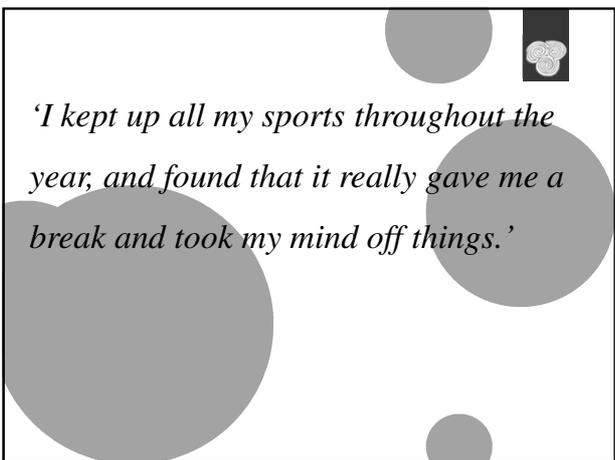
‘I try to get homework out of the way as soon as I come in from school, then go on to revision, possibly after dinner, depending on how much homework I have.’



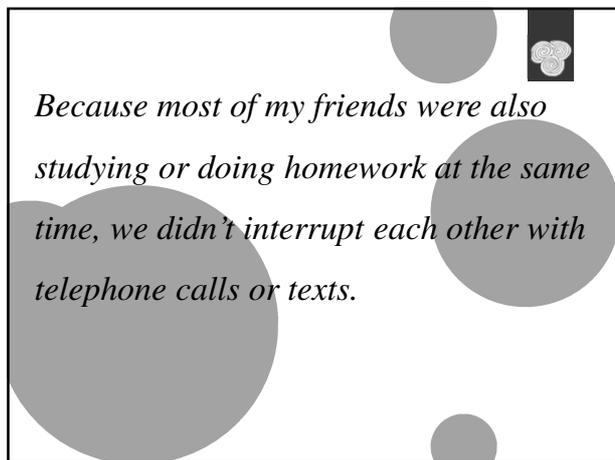
'I try to keep all my books in one area for studying, rather than have them spread out all over the room.'



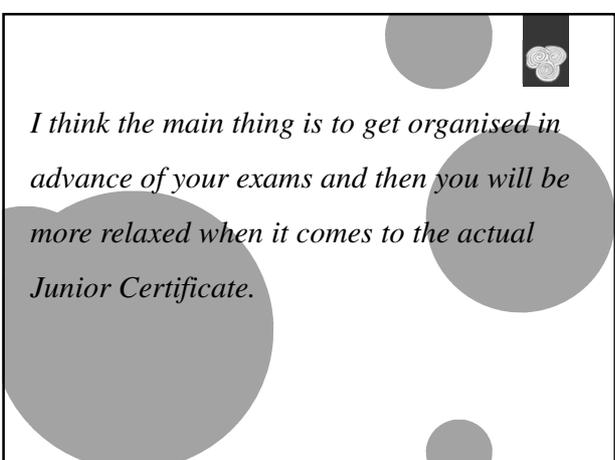
I can't study with music on, although I know some people think they can.



'I kept up all my sports throughout the year, and found that it really gave me a break and took my mind off things.'



Because most of my friends were also studying or doing homework at the same time, we didn't interrupt each other with telephone calls or texts.



I think the main thing is to get organised in advance of your exams and then you will be more relaxed when it comes to the actual Junior Certificate.



Press on now

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