

Updates for Students. 19.3.20.

Dear Student,

Hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. We know it can be difficult, but do your best to co-operate with all the directions given by the Government, the H.S.E. and your parents with regard to preventing the spread of Covid - 19. In this way you can protect yourself and those you care about, especially the elderly and those with underlying conditions in your family.

Teachers are now communicating on line with you and using Google Classroom and other I.T. platforms to direct you in your study and learning work. If you have received no communication from teachers please contact the school, and we can help you or simply e-mail your teachers. I will be texting parents this evening to encourage you to keep in touch with your e-mail account.

Edco Book Company are offering their e-books free online. Exam classes should note that this also includes the Revise Wise editions for each subject. Mr. O Súilleabháin has posted instructions on how to access same on the school website.

Third year students applying for T.Y. are asked to post their applications to the school. The closing date has been extended to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

All T.Y. and third year students who intend to go straight into fifth year, should select their subject options using VS Ware. (under the options tab) If you cannot access VS Ware please email your subject options to [pmalone@heywood.ie](mailto:pmalone@heywood.ie). Please remember to place No. 1. beside the subject you would most like to study in fifth year and No. 2. beside your second choice and so on. Think carefully before making your choices as changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Teachers have asked me to remind you to only send them e-mails Mon. to Fri. during working hours. I guess they need a break too!!!

Third year and Leaving Certificate students should stay focused. Keep working steady with your teachers. Oral examinations and practical performance tests set to take place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April have been cancelled as of this morning. Students will be awarded full marks for this part of the exam. We may see other changes to the schedule for examinations in the coming weeks and months.

We are living through a difficult time for everyone. Help your parents and look after one another. Let's make up our minds to cope and get through. God bless all.

Yours, P. Bowe.