



Dear Parents/Guardians of 1st, 2nd, TY and 5th year students

29th January 2021

We are delighted to release the Christmas reports to you through our VSware platform. If you have any difficulty accessing your parent's account please email admin@lucancc.ie and we will text you your VSware username along with instructions on how to create or reset your password. Student access to VSware does not include access to their reports. Parents must access VSware through their parent account to view student reports.

Please read your child's report with them carefully and discuss the parts they are happy with (grades as well as comments) and also discuss anything that they would like to improve on. Your positive interaction with your son/daughter as they celebrate their academic successes and set goals for future improvement forms a key part of their educational progress.

As you are aware we cannot run our usual face-to-face parent teacher meetings due to the health restrictions currently in place. In place of Parent Teacher Meetings for the 2020/21 academic year we will be providing you with information about your child's progress through the following means:

- We will provide an enhanced report for the first official school-based assessment carried out by teachers (5th year October assessment, 3rd and 6th year November assessment, 1st and 2nd year Christmas assessment. Transition Years have a TY graduation in lieu of a Parent Teacher Meeting);
- Comments on these reports shall be more detailed than usual and will give some specific advice regarding student progress and suggestions for improvement;
- Teachers will also continue to provide as much ongoing feedback to students as possible in class and through the Teams platform;
- As a follow-on to these reports year head, tutors or subject teachers will phone parents of students who they feel would benefit from some additional guidance. Due to time limitations this phone call will not be possible for every student. If you do not receive a phone call then your son/daughter is progressing well and the report should provide sufficient advice for future learning;
- However, if you have specific concerns about your child's progress in a subject, please email the school office to request a phone call from the subject teacher and this will be scheduled at a suitable time.

Please note that while some teachers will be in a position to make these follow-up phone calls during the period of remote learning, many will not be able to facilitate this until we return to school. We miss the presence of parents/guardians in our school building. Attendance of parents at our Parent Teacher Meetings is usually well above 85% and we really appreciate the ongoing involvement you have in your child's education. Please continue to link with us as needed and check our website www.lucancc.ie and Twitter accounts @lucancc1 and @LearningLucanCC for updates. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we will continue the remote teaching and learning until it is safe for us to be together again in our school building.

Yours sincerely

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