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## To Parents/Guardians of Leaving Certificate Students

On behalf of all of us in Naas CBS, you are cordially invited to our Leaving Certificate Graduation on Thursday night, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. While we would love to have you all in person, the present restrictions don't allow this to happen. **We will forward a live link to you on the App about 10mins before we start and hope that you can join us.**

We will begin our service with a ceremony of light. A candle will be lit in the assembly and in each of the classrooms that our 6<sup>th</sup> years are in. We would like to invite all of the parents/guardians to also light a candle in your own homes at 6pm as a symbol of our unity and togetherness although we are apart. Following the ceremony, there will be a presentation of certificates in the classrooms through the Form Teachers to the students in a safe way.

This will be a very special occasion when we celebrate the great growth to maturity which the lads have made since they came to secondary school in First Year. It will mark the end of secondary education for them and it will also be the last time the entire group will pray and celebrate together as part of Naas CBS.

We hope the lads will use the occasion to dress up and if they don't have a suit, the uniform is perfect for the evening.

It will also be special for yourselves; you have done so much to help your son over the years and we would like you to celebrate with us. We do hope you can tune in with us on the night.

This is a very different time due to Covid 19 and we do ask that you pick the lads up from the school after the service and continue the celebrations in your own home if you so wish. We really need your support on this. The lads have one chance to sit their Leaving Certificate and if they end up with covid or are a close contact they cannot sit their Leaving Cert in the school. They do not get another opportunity to sit it later in the year. Time is of the essence here. This is

not the way we would want things to be but I know you want the lads to be safe and that you understand where we are coming from. It can still be a lovely occasion and the lads will get plenty of opportunity after the Leaving Cert to celebrate together.

**With kind regards,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Travers", written over a horizontal line.

**Ben Travers  
Principal**