

Dear Parents/Guardian/Students,

RE: Accredited Grades in Leaving Certificate 2021 for out-of-school subjects, out of school learners, and students of non-curricular languages

(A) Information for students

As you are aware the closing date for applying for Leaving Certificate Examinations 2021 has passed and students have selected the subjects they wish to be examined in. While students will have an opportunity to change levels and their options with respect to Accredited Grades and written examinations in late April/early May, it is no longer possible to add subjects not already selected.

I wish to bring the following information contained in the three points below to the attention of all students in St. Augustine's College who are entered for Leaving Certificate 2021. This is necessary in order to inform students who are studying subjects out-of-school and those who are studying non-curricular languages of the processes that they should follow in order to receive an Accredited Grade in those subjects this year. I already have spoken to the students who are in these categories but there may be others that I am not aware of yet.

1. All students who are studying subjects out-of-school and students of non-curricular languages should be advised to familiarise themselves with the *Guide to Accredited Grades for Leaving Certificate 2021 for (a) Out-of-School Subjects and (b) Out-of-School Learners* available at gov.ie/leavingcertificate.
2. Students who are studying subject/s entirely outside of school are required to complete and return an Initial Information Form (OOS 1) to their Principal/Manager/Coordinator as soon as possible but no later than Thursday 22 April 2021 (note: this date has been extended to allow more time for students to engage with the process). This form is available at gov.ie/leavingcertificate. These students are those students attending your school but taking subjects outside of the school.
It is very important that these students read the *Guide to Accredited Grades for Leaving Certificate 2021 for (a) Out-of-School Subjects and (b) Out-of-School Learners* and prepare to engage with the processes set out in section three of the guide.
3. Students who have registered for a non-curricular language in Leaving Certificate 2021

These students are now not required to complete the Initial Information Form (OOS 1). As a consequence of the particular context of non-curricular languages in the Leaving Certificate, special arrangements are being put in place for all students in this category to access an Accredited Grade. **All** students who are registered for a non-curricular language in Leaving Certificate 2021 will be provided with an opportunity to complete a written Proficiency Assessment on the afternoon of the 8 May in their school. Students of non-curricular languages should note this date carefully. If they choose not to complete the Proficiency Assessment, the only route to a grade in their non-curricular language is by taking the relevant examination in June.

Kind regards

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