

Hello everyone,

I certainly never imagined that my last time to address the school community as Head Girl 2019/2020 would be in this manner. The global pandemic caused by the Covid-19 coronavirus has affected all of our lives, in ways we never thought possible. The greatest of these changes for students have been the closure of schools and the cancellation of this year's Leaving Certificate exams.

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> marked the end of school for the Leaving Certificate Class of 2020. In 2014, when most of us entered the halls of Presentation College, we felt nervous and anxious about what lay ahead. This was to be a journey filled with both challenges and unforgettable moments.

For many of us this past year has been a difficult one, but it is also one that we will always remember. Although we are now finished on our school journey, let us not forget that not everyone has made it here today. I would like to remember MJ and his family especially at this time and thank everyone who was involved in the school campaign for Darkness into Light this year.

I do not think that any of us could have imagined how our final weeks in Presentation College would unfold. I think we can all agree that the past two months have been tough for everyone, in a variety of ways. We were faced with great uncertainty and stress and a wide range of emotions, but now, as our school time finally comes to an end, we must not let these past few weeks define our whole experience.

Even though we are now moving on, I will always look back on my time in Presentation College with fond memories. It has been my privilege to be involved in our vibrant school community over the past six years. From the School Musicals to Sports Day, there was always an atmosphere of fun and friendship within our school. It is my hope that this will be present in our lives and throughout the school for years to come.

For all of us in the Class of 2020, it is sad that we do not get to experience landmarks such as our last day of school and Graduation together. However, we should be hopeful as we move forward to the next chapter of our lives. We have been fortunate to have been taught under a team of knowledgeable, inspiring and caring teachers. I would like to express my gratitude to all of the teachers and staff who have helped us, taught us and guided us during the past six years in Presentation College. We would not be here, ready to move on to the next stage of our lives without you.

I hope that everyone continues to stay safe and stay well.

Thank you,

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