

Exemptions from Irish and modern languages (September 2022 onwards)

Dear Student & Parent/Guardian,

Under circular letter 0055/2022, 'Exemption from the Study of Irish: Revising Circular 0053/2019', following receipt of an application from a family, the school may grant exemption from Irish under four exceptional circumstances: 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4. For more details, see gov.ie/en/service/irish-exemption/.

Further, the School may accept a report from a recognised professional (e.g., medical specialist, psychologist) recommending a student does not pursue a modern language (e.g., French, German)

Please be advised that the granting of an exemption in relation to Irish in post-primary school, or the School's recognition of an exemption recommendation in relation to a modern language **does not guarantee** the granting of an exemption for the requirement to present Irish and/or a modern language for basic entry (matriculation) requirements at higher education.

Further information on the granting of exemption from Irish and/or a third language at the National University of Ireland (e.g., UCD, Maynooth University, UCC, NUIG, NCAD & RCSI) is available at nui.ie/college/entry-requirements.

Further information on the granting of exemption from the requirement to present a modern language for Trinity College Dublin is available at tcd.ie/exemption-modernlanguage.

Currently the Institutes of Technology/Technological Universities require only English or Irish for the purposes of meeting minimum entry requirements. Students and parents/guardians should be aware that entrance requirements to higher education are subject to change and while the School will endeavour to notify families of changes, this is ultimately the responsibility of each family.

Our school guidance counsellors are available to answer any question families may have in relation to this letter. See newparkschool.ie/guidance for contact details.

Yours sincerely,



Eoin Norton

Principal

Please sign below to acknowledge your acceptance of the above information.

Signed Student _____ Signed Parent/Guardian _____