



Dear Principal,

I wanted to write to you in the hope you will pass a message to your Leaving Cert students, who are starting their exams tomorrow.

This is a time of great stress for students. I have met many of them travelling around the country in my previous role as Minister for Further and Higher Education.

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish each one of them well.

To each student I want to say that the Leaving Cert is important, but it will not define you.

There are so many options available to you after your Leaving Cert.

Take a deep breath, work hard and give it your all. A world of opportunity awaits you.

I also want to thank all your teachers, who are as nervous as you are, for getting you this far.

Do your best and good luck.

Warm regards,

Simon Harris, T.D.

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