



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 students

Please see below a copy of the email sent prior to Easter regarding the arrangements for study leave and exams over the next few weeks.

The deadline for applying for home study from 16th to 27th May is approaching (6th May) and the link is in the email below. All other students will be expected to be in school from 08:45 to 15:35 every day and in lessons when not in a GCSE exam, until the May half term holiday.

Kind regards

Mrs McQuire
Deputy Head

As we approach the Year 11 GCSE Examinations, I write to inform you of the arrangements we have put in place to support your son/daughter at this critical time. **All Year 11 lessons will continue until Friday 27th May(half term)** with the GCSE written exams beginning on Mon 16th May and running as per the timetable issued, and [here](#) on the school website.

In practice, this means that all students are expected to be in school from 08:45 in the morning and will be either in an exam or in lessons, finishing at 3.35pm as usual. We believe that for many students this is the best use of time during this period.

If, in discussion with your son/daughter, you decide that studying at home during this period of time is the better option, you must complete the form [here](#) to apply for study leave. There is no option for a flexible study leave, for example, 2 days in school and 3 days at home. In completing this form, **you are taking responsibility for your son/daughter, except where they are in school in an examination.** The form can only be completed once, and the deadline is Friday 6th May. There is no need to complete this form if your son/daughter is attending school as normal during this period of time.

After half term (from June 6th onwards) all students in year 11 will be on study leave and will attend only for exams. During this time, we will be planning some revision sessions and you will be able to book them into these in advance; we will only expect students in school if they are booked into the sessions and the students remain the responsibility of parents/carers other than when they are in an exam/in a pre-booked revision session. Further communication about the times/dates for these sessions will be sent in due course.

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Students should wear full school uniform during the examination period and the usual school rules apply to all students in school.

We are very conscious that the remaining time prior to and during the examinations is vitally important in relation to the outcomes in August and we would ask that every student uses this time constructively both at school and at home. Mr Alker and Mr Holdsworth will be available at any time during the exam period to discuss specific issues, as will Mrs Atherton and the staff in the ILC. Our Exams Officer, Mrs Mahoney, is also on hand to answer questions about the exams.

We have been very impressed by the maturity shown by the students in Year 11 this year and obviously wish them well for what lies ahead.

On Friday 13th May (prior to the written exams starting) we will have the traditional leavers' service at the end of the morning. Students will attend normal lessons during Periods 1 and 2 and register for Period 3. There will then be a leaver's service at 11.45am to 12.10pm. At this point, students can leave the school site or have lunch until 12.45pm. All Year 11 students will leave the school site by 12.45pm. Please can you remind your son/daughter that they should then return home. Whilst wearing St Aidan's uniform, they are representing the school and we would not want them to jeopardise their attendance at the Prom by making poor behaviour choices on the way home from school. We thank you for your support with this.

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