



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

24 May 2024

GCSE exam arrangements for after the half term holiday

Dear Year 11 Parents/ Carers

Please pass on our thanks to the students for the way that they have approached the GCSE examinations so far. They have done an excellent job and our best wishes go to them for the exams still to come. Please continue to remind them about the stringent rules associated with public exams and in particular: to remove all watches, leave mobile phones behind, have no ink marks or writing on hands or parts of the body and avoid all forms of communication with others whilst in the examination room.

After half term from Monday June 3rd, students will not attend normal lessons but will come in only for their scheduled exams. Students will normally be expected to leave the school site after their exam.

During the period after half term, if parents/carers would like their students to remain in school to study before or after their examination, or, if they do not have an exam and want to study in school, they will be required to inform us by email: y11attendance@staidans.co.uk

The email should be for the whole of the exam period where the parent/carer opts for their son/ daughter to study in school each day until the end of school for the examination period. This will mean that opt in students will be expected to stay in school after a morning exam to study. Students who opt in to study in school should sign in (8-45am) and out (3-35pm) electronically in Reception using their school identity card. They will study in the school library or an allocated study room with a member of staff supervising them and break and lunchtimes will be as normal. Year 11 students will not be allowed to wander the site and be out of the study area. Students who have a morning and afternoon exam and would like to stay in school are allowed to do so but parents should email to let us know and they must sign in electronically at Reception before making their way to the library/ study room.

To summarise procedures for year 11 after half term:

- If the students want to study in school for the exam period – please email us and let us know. Students will sign in and out and are expected in school each day until 3-35pm.

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- If students are only coming into school for one exam either in the morning or afternoon – we will not expect them to have lunch (although packed lunches will be available for those on free school meals).
- If students want to stay in school because they have morning and afternoon exams – please use the email address to let us know so that we are aware of numbers of students in school. They will then be required to go to the library or study room between exams.
- If students would like a brief visit for example to ask a question to a member of staff, they must sign in and out at Reception using their card so that we are aware of who is in school for safeguarding purposes.
- Under no circumstances should students be in school without signing as we must be able to account for everyone in school.

Thank you

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