



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have finally arrived at the end of what has been an extraordinary school year. I'm sure you will agree with me that the young people in our care have shown enormous resilience and positivity in dealing with the challenges they have faced; it is to their credit that we have managed to keep school as "normal" as possible. As the summer holidays loom, I have been asked by a number of students and parents what they should be doing over the break to prepare for Key Stage 4. This year more than ever, it is important that we keep one eye on schoolwork over the summer so that we can make a productive start to Year 10.

To that end, we have compiled a list of activities and ideas for each subject, which will be uploaded on Teams in the folder "Summer Holiday Work". There is a wide variety of material, including web based resources, that we hope will serve as an interesting way for the youngsters to pass some of their holiday time.

With one or two exceptions, the activities are not compulsory, but they are designed to offer some insight into the content and context of the forthcoming GCSE courses. As a broad suggestion, students might think of spending around a few hours a week following the activities provided. For those of you who are already thinking about revision resources for GCSEs, please see [here](#) on the school website for a document summarising suggested resources for each of our KS4 courses.

At St. Aidan's we encourage the youngsters to embrace "Life in All Its Fullness" and the Summer Holiday work is best blended with plenty of time with family and friends, outdoor exercise, hobbies and games (and, ok, a BIT of screentime).

If we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to ask. In the meantime, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming Year 10 back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

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