

April 2022

Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

We are writing to confirm the arrangements for Leavers' Events and Study Leave.

**Associated Leavers' Service: Wednesday 18 May 1.30pm in St John Fisher Chapel**

Students should attend this event only if they wish to mark the end of their school career through a service which will be celebratory but respectful of its space and context. Other students should use the time for independent revision in school.

**Leavers' Assemblies: Thursday 19 May 9.15am in each school's Main Hall.**

Students should register as normal and move to the Main Hall on their 'home' site at 9.10am. Normal Sixth Form dress code is required.

After the assemblies, students will be free to leave.

**Study Leave**

From Friday 20 May to Friday 10 June inclusive, the timetable continues as normal but we understand that some students will be sitting exams and some students will choose to study independently at home, especially in the period close to an exam. However, given the way in which exams in many subjects have been spaced this year, we would encourage students to look closely at their exam timetable and take advantage of the support available in school. This will be particularly important in those subjects whose exams are scheduled later in the exam period.

Teachers will be available as per the lesson timetable to help with practice questions and to review topics which students identify as potential weaknesses. Students should not expect to access these sessions via Teams if they have chosen to revise independently at home.

Normal Sixth Form dress code including the wearing of lanyards is required throughout this period. Students' attendance in school will be recorded in lessons. If a student feels that they prefer not to work at home and wish to study independently in school, they **must** sign in at the Sixth Form Office at the school where they are based, to cover any times when they are not in lessons.

Parents and carers should be aware that attendance in lessons from Friday 20 May is not compulsory: we expect students to decide which lessons they can attend, given their commitments to revision and the timing of the exams themselves. Absence from lessons will therefore not be investigated.

Our Year 13 students have endured a difficult Sixth Form experience at times and have shown great character and resilience. We are pleased and encouraged by the way in which they are approaching the final stages of their courses and feel they can move towards the final assessments with confidence and look forward to a well-earned rest thereafter.

If students or parents/carers have any further questions or concerns, they should contact the relevant Sixth Form Office and the most appropriate colleague will try to help.

With best wishes,

C Kidman  
Director of Sixth Form, St Aidan's

J Sharpe  
Director of Sixth Form, St John Fisher