



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

25 April 2024

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

We hope your son/daughter is doing well and preparing steadily for the upcoming examination period.

The official year 11 Final assembly will take place on Friday 3rd May 2024. This is the date advertised in the school calendar and we are aware that it is a little earlier than previous years due to the GCSE exams starting earlier. After consulting with year 11 students, this is an important and symbolic moment in their school careers and we are keen to support them even though they are not yet leaving. Students will receive their yearbooks in the morning and attend periods 1 and 2 as normal before going to assembly at 11-45am in the main hall. They will then depart school at 12-15pm. Please can we encourage students to bring an additional shirt with them if they are intending to get it signed rather than using the shirt that they are coming to school in. We would also like to highlight behaviour expectations so that the final day is a celebration of this fantastic groups five years at St Aidans.

For those students who would like to stay in school for the afternoon rather than leave early, rooms and supervision will be available. Please email us if you would like your son/ daughter to do this.


We have received a growing number of parental queries about the two week period before the half term holiday and whether students are able to be at home to revise. The rationale for keeping the normal timetable running in school until the half term break is to support the students' learning. This year group have faced disruption in various forms during their time in school and we felt that it was in their best interests to support them for a little longer. Our strong preference therefore is for the students to be in school and teaching staff will be on hand to provide specialist revision. Students will be encouraged to revise in class once the exams start, and will be provided with an environment where they can study and access help as needed. However, if you are in a position to supervise home-study and believe that your child would be most productive at home during this period then please let us know using the email y11attendance@staidans.co.uk that your child will not be on the school site during this period other than in an exam. They will not be expected in school until the start of their exam and should sign out and leave immediately after their exam has ended. If we do not receive notification, students will remain with us whilst checks are confirmed. Please be aware that once their exam is over it is your responsibility to safeguard your child's return home and time away from the school.

We appreciate that this is a time of real anxiety for all our students and their families, and we therefore do all we can to alleviate these pressures whilst still ensuring we adhere to our statutory obligation as a school. As study leave is unsupervised, we are obliged by the DfE to record this as an absence.

Headteacher: Mrs S Dover

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries about how this will work during the exam period, please get in touch.

Kind regards,



David Holdsworth
Assistant Head