



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer,

24th April 2025

I hope you had a peaceful and restful Easter break. I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the Leavers' Assembly and the beginning of Study Leave.

Following feedback from our students and some parents, we have moved the date of the Leavers' Assembly to Friday 2nd May. Thank you to those students and families that contacted us to share their views on this. After much consideration, we have tried to do what is best for the students and we understand how much they value the end of Year 11 celebrations.

On Friday 2nd May, students will attend normal lessons until Period 3. They will then have their Leavers' Assembly during Period 4. We anticipate that this will finish at around 12:15pm, at which point we assume that students will leave the school site for the day. If your child would like to remain in school for the afternoon, please let our Attendance Officer know by emailing attendanceofficer@staidans.co.uk

The normal timetable will run until Friday 9th May, when study leave will begin. We expect students to attend during this week as teachers have invaluable revision activities planned. If your child is absent during this week, you should follow the usual attendance procedure.

From Monday 12th May Study Leave will commence for all Year 11 students. During this time students will be expected to stay at home to study and to only attend school for their exams. This means they will arrive in time for their morning exam from 8.45am, and at the latest 9am, for a 9.15am start, and leave the school site immediately after the exam. In the afternoon exams start at 1.30pm so students should arrive between 1 and 1.15pm, again, leaving the site after their exam has finished.

However, if students wish to study in school there is a designated, supervised study room available for use throughout the exam period. If your child wishes to make use of this facility a parent/carer must inform school no later than 8am on the day they wish to come in, via the email address y11attendance@staidans.co.uk. If you email us to let us know your child is using the on-site revision provision students must remain on site, in the designated rooms, for the full day. Students who opt-in to study in school should sign in (8.45am) and out (3.25pm) electronically in Reception using their school identity card. For safeguarding reasons, we are not able to manage students coming in and out of school on an ad hoc basis; we must be informed via the above email address that they intend to attend, and they must sign in and out responsibly. Some students may be asked to attend specific revision sessions during the exam period. If this is the case, students should follow the individual instructions given by the specific member of staff.

Whilst students are revising off site parents/carers must ensure the safety of their children. However, please note that students remain on the school role until Friday 27th June and therefore continue to be the responsibility of the school until this date.

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Students who are entitled to a free school meal can collect a packed lunch if they are in school for an exam and do not wish to use the study rooms. Students who have both a morning and afternoon exam can sign in at Reception and stay in school for lunch, using the study rooms during lesson time. Under no circumstances should students be in school without signing in as we must be able to account for everyone in school at all times.

All of the above will be explained to the students in assembly tomorrow morning.

We look forward to our end of year celebrations. Year books will be available for those who wish to purchase them, this will appear on your ParentPay account. Tickets for the prom (Wednesday 25th June) are also now available to purchase on ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support during this time. As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help.

Kind regards,

Hannah Strickland

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