



Our ref L2570 LH

April 2021

PLEASE NOTE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL YEAR 11 PUPILS

Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers,

The last day that Year 11 will be in school is **Friday 28 May**. Year 11 have been extremely positive and resilient throughout this academic year, and this day will be a celebration of their time at St. Mary's. There are a few points we would like to bring to your attention.

1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRIDAY 28 MAY

We are delighted that our Leavers' Mass will be able to take place in line with COVID-19 safety protocols. On this day, pupils will have their normal lessons for Period 1 and 2. They will then have their final form time with their tutors. Their break will be extended until 11:20, where they will be able to buy a more substantial meal. The official celebrations will then take place from 11:30, which will include a Mass led by our Parish Priest, Father Adrian and a series of presentations from school staff. After this, pupils will go onto the netball courts and will be able to enjoy the 'traditional' shirt signing. The school day will end at the normal time of 2.35pm.

2. MOBILE PHONES

Pupils will be allowed to bring in their mobile phones on Friday 28 May, and use them to take photos during the final part of the day. Mobile phones must not be used until instructed by staff, and we will confiscate any phones used incorrectly and return them at the end of the day.

3. BEHAVIOUR

Our Year 11 Leavers' Day is always a real joy. We expect this year's to be no different, as our Year 11 group have been a delight to have in school for the past 5 years. It is imperative that pupils behave in a respectful and sensible manner throughout their final weeks with us, and particularly the final day. Our high expectations of uniform will continue right through until the pupils leave. We will not tolerate any poor behaviour and we will not allow pupils to take part in the celebrations if they are not behaving in the way we expect. We are aware that Year 11 pupils tend to congregate in local parks/spaces in the late afternoon/evening of Leavers' Day, and we do not want to receive any complaints from members of the public regarding poor behaviour or consumption of alcohol. We advise parents/carers to be aware of this.

4. ASSESSMENT WEEKS

A reminder to please refer to the previous letter detailing all the necessary information pertaining to the Assessment Weeks which will take place from **Monday 10 May – Friday 21 May 2021**.

Live, Love and Learn in the Light of Christ

5. FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021

The final Friday of your assessment weeks has altered, please read this carefully. Pupils will now have a period of time to revise in the morning session before Combined Science and Physics. Pupils will go for an early 'lunch,' and be back in your base for 11.10am. Pupils will start their assessment shortly after at 11.50am and finish for the normal time of 2.30pm.

6. BRIDGING WORK

We will be providing pupils with bridging work following the 28 May to enable them to prepare for their studies Post-16. This work will be provided by staff via Satchel One.

7. PROM

A reminder that the Year 11 Prom will be held at the Technique Stadium on Friday 2 July, 7.30 to 11.30 pm. Thank you for confirming with us on payment, that you have discussed the importance of sensible, adult behaviour and have made transport arrangements for no later than 11.30 pm. If your child wishes to attend but has not yet paid, please do this by **Friday 7 May 2021**.

8. BOOK RETURN AND THE LEAVERS' FORM

You should return all your textbooks and other school property to your teachers before you leave. Your **LEAVERS' FORM** is designed to enable us and you to check that all school property has been returned. Note that Library books must be returned by **Monday 24 May** unless you have made alternative arrangements with the Librarian. Please read the **LEAVERS' FORM** carefully and follow the procedures outlined on it.

THE COMPLETED LEAVERS' FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021.

9. CLEARING ACCOUNTS

Please ensure that all accounts are settled prior to receiving your results in August.

10. COLLECTION OF RESULTS

The GCSE examination results will be published on **Thursday 12 August**. You may collect your results one of the following two ways. PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY REQUESTING RESULTS OVER THE PHONE, OUR RECEPTION STAFF WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST.

- a) **Either:** collect your results in person from school **after 9.00 am** (Do not phone school, or come to school, earlier. It takes a lot of administration time after the postal delivery before results are ready to be given out).
- b) **Or:** leave a stamped, addressed envelope in Reception (before you leave school) for your results to be posted on to you.

NB YOUR RESULTS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO YOU IF WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED YOUR COMPLETED LEAVERS' FORM. Remember to show this to your parents.

11. HOLIDAYS

Please note if you are returning to the Sixth Form in September you must not book holidays that will take you out of school in term time. The first few days and weeks of Year 12 are critical and you must not miss any of this time.

12. SIXTH FORM COURSES

To embark on one of our Sixth Form courses, **you must enrol in person** on the Enrolment Day. Enrolment officially registers your intention to return to school and without it, you will not have a place in September.

Enrolment Day is **Thursday 12 August 2021**.

To enrol:

- * book a time slot for the enrolment on Thursday afternoon.
- * attend enrolment interview to register your intention to return and to get advice about options choices, career routes and suitability of courses chosen.

If you cannot attend enrolment day in person, contact Mr Bradley before the end of the summer term to make arrangements. **If you fail to attend the Enrolment Day in person and have not made prior arrangements, it will be assumed that you do not want a place in Sixth Form.**

13. 16+ TRANSPORT

Parents are responsible for transport costs for any pupils returning to Sixth Form. If this causes serious financial difficulty, please contact the Head of Sixth Form for September, Mrs Smith.

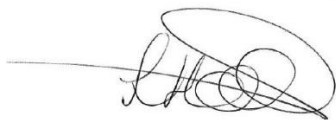
We want our students to make their remaining weeks with us as valuable as possible, with full attendance and commitment to learning during lessons and the revision sessions on offer. We fully appreciate what a challenging time this can be, so please remember to visit the '**Mental health and Emotional Wellbeing**' area of our school website for a wide range of information and links to useful organisations:

<https://www.st-maryshigh.derbyshire.sch.uk/information/mental-health-emotional-wellbeing/>

To our parents, thank you all for your continued support; it is very much appreciated.

To our Year 11 students - work hard and do your best so that you receive the just reward for all your efforts. Good luck, and enjoy the summer holiday after the examinations have finished.

Yours faithfully



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