



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Year 12 Students and Parents/Carers

As we approach Year 12 examinations and a busy final half term, I thought it useful to clarify some key points and dates.

Unless exam leave has been removed on an individual basis, students only attend school for their examinations. Being in school uniform helps us to run school, know who is on the premises and distinguish between students and visitors or intruders. Signing in is **not** necessary for examinations (students are registered in exam bases). If a student attends school prior to an exam, or remains on site afterwards, they must sign in and out accordingly at reception to adhere to fire regulations.

Exam Leave/Internal exams Monday 7 – Friday 11 June	Students come into school to undertake exams according to the attached exam timetable. Clash candidates <u>must</u> see Mrs Kay to arrange sittings.
Council training	Friday (pm) 11 June

Examinations (Internal)	Begin (am) 9.00 (arrive at exam base by 8.45) (pm) 1.00 (arrive at exam base by 12.45)
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- Full and correct school uniform to be worn, including blazers
- Be at the exam base 15 minutes before an exam
- Clear pencil cases only
- No food or drink in the exam base (except plain unlabelled bottles of water)
- You need a minimum of 1 black pen (+ spare), pencil and eraser
- Calculators needed for many exams
- Watches must be taken off and placed on desks (Smart watches are not allowed)
- **DOUBLE CHECK YOUR EXAM TIMETABLE (attached)**

HE Provision / alternative provision	Monday 14 June HE/Apprenticeships day 1 - full day in school off timetable - check MS Teams for groupings prior to the day
	Tuesday 15 June VIRTUAL HE/Apprenticeship information for parents/carers shared
	Tuesday 15 June – Thurs 17 June lessons as normal
	Friday 18 June HE/ Apprenticeships day 2 - full day in school off timetable

End of Term	Friday 23 July No planned absence in term time unless authorised in advance by school
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The pace of learning after Year 12 exams is strong and forms the foundation for all Year 13 work.

Please do not be tempted to take days off school to start holidays early!

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Internal exam results	To be shared by subject teachers in lesson time
Re-sit Day	If required, students will re-sit examinations on Monday 28 June

Please note students will not be able to progress automatically into Year 13 in a subject where the internal re-sit result is a fail/U grade. Students must show **basic competency** in each of their subjects to progress into the second year of A Levels/BTEC. Teachers and senior sixth form staff will give advice and guidance to students in June/July and parents at the Parents' Day (see below) should this be necessary.

Other key dates

Alton Towers	Thursday 24 June
INSET	Tuesday 25 May
INSET	Friday 25 June
Sponsored Walk	Tuesday 29 June (details to follow)
Parents' Day	Tuesday 13 July (in place of Parents' Evening; details to follow)
Open Days/Enrichment courses	Only three days on weekdays in Summer Term in total
Year 13	Begins on Thursday 9 September – ensure you have your 2021/22 Sixth Form student planner on the first day of Year 13
Finally	Good luck with your examinations

Yours faithfully



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Assistant Headteacher - Sixth Form



Miss C Errington
Head of Year 12



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EXAMINATION REMINDERS

- Double check exam dates/times every day
- Use a good quality black pen, including for diagrams
In external exams, most scripts are scanned into computers to mark
- Bring a calculator
- Bring a sharp pencil
- Clear pencil case only
- Clear, plain bottled water allowed but no other drinks and no food
- You should take off your watch and put it on the desk in front of you
- For internal exams students must be at exams bases by 8:45 am (mornings) and 12:45 pm (afternoons)

RETURN TO YEAR 13

Thursday 9 September

(Ensure you bring your 2021/22 Sixth Form student planner)

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YEAR 12 Exam Week 2021 - 7th - 11th June - DRAMA HALL

		Monday 7th June		Tuesday 8th June		Wednesday 9th June		Thursday 10th June		Friday 11th June	
AM (9:00 - 11:30)	DRAMA HALL	Eng Lang Psychology 1 Computer Science	2h30m 1h30m 2h30m	Chemistry Business Studies 1 Geography 1 Maths	2h 1h30m	Eng Lit RS PE 1 Applied Science (BTEC)	2 30m 2h 2hrs 2hrs	Maths 2 Business Studies 2	2h 1h15m	History 2 Geography 2 DT 1	1h30m 1h30m 2h30m
	SEPARATE ROOM			Music	2h30m	French ICT (BTEC)	1h45 + 1h30 2h30m	German Spanish	1h45 + 1h30		
LUNCH 12:00 - 12:50											
PM (13:00 - 15:30)	DRAMA HALL	Biology F Maths 1 Economics 1 Drama Psychology 1	2h 2h 1h30m 2h	Maths 1 Geography 1 Chemistry	2h 1h30m	History 1 Psychology 2 F Maths 2 Economics 2 RS	1h30 1h30 2h 1h30m	Physics Sociology 2 PE 2 Maths 2	2h 2h 1h	New School Council Training	
	SEPARATE ROOM	Photography	2h 30m	Art	2h 30m						