



27th April 2022

Dear Parents,

Study Leave for Year 13 Examinations

I am pleased that the Year 13 students have made such a fantastic start to the summer term in their studies. It is important that students maintain a high level of attendance during this period and up to the examination stage in order to benefit from the maximum level of guidance and support that their subject teachers are able to provide.

Study leave is eligible for those students who have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate excellence performance, in meeting their target grades this half term as the examination period approaches.

Students who achieved both the following criteria will be eligible and granted study leave:

1. + 1.25 or above Attitude to Learning in their Assessment Point 3 data
2. Attendance of 95% or above from the 19th April 2022.

If your child has met the above criteria they will be granted study leave starting 19th May 2022.

All other students will remain in school and attend lessons as normal. Lessons are scheduled for **ALL** Year 13 students up to and through the examination period so they are receiving quality first teacher instruction advice, support and guidance right up until the moment they walk into the exam hall to sit their exam.

All students remaining in school must take full use of this support to ensure they are as prepared as they can be. Your child's last lesson is the moment before their final examination.

Year 13 students will also be having "Futures Meetings" over the course of next week with Miss McHugh and Mr Johnston, our Heads of School. This is to ensure they are on track with their learning and revision and are well prepared for the examination season.

Students who remain in school should attend school **EVERY DAY AND EVERY LESSON** and continue to fulfil the high expectations at St Mary's. Students should be revising in the evenings at home in preparation for their exams and I strongly suggest that they complete their revision in a quiet area of home suitable for private study. Subject Teachers have issued the Year 13 students with an abundance of work in preparation for their exams and students should work through this in order to maximise their chances of doing well in their examinations.



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If your child has met the study leave criteria, but wishes to attend school anyway, I am more than happy for them to do so. I wish to support the students in every way possible.

If your child has not met the study leave criteria, I do apologise for any upset this may cause them. Unfortunately, due to their Attitude to Learning score and Attendance levels, I believe the best place for them to study and achieve the best results as possible, will be in school, in lessons, with their subject teachers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via sixthform@stmarys.net

Kind regards,

Mr Jason Butler
Head of Sixth Form