



20th May 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

As you will recall, we wrote to you earlier this term to share details of our tailored programme of study for year 11 students. That programme aims to maximise student performance during the busy assessment period. As we are now progressing most of the way through that busy assessment time, thoughts inevitably turn to the much anticipated end of the assessed tasks. With that in mind I am writing regarding the arrangements for the remainder of Year 11, as well as detailing some other important information.

Our Y11 cohort have their Y11 Transition Mass on Thursday 27th May, followed by a BBQ lunch with the year group and year team where they will receive their Class of 2021 Hoodies and the yearbook. Students may use their phones to take photographs etc. of this wonderful occasion. The BBQ ends at 2.15pm when students are then permitted to return home. Please note that Friday 28th May is a home study day for the Y11 students.

The Government have been clear that schools MUST continue to utilise the summer term to support current Y11 pupils. As all assessment work will be completed by Friday 28th May 2021, we strongly encourage our Y11 cohort to maximise opportunities that meet their progression needs during this period. A personalised study programme is necessary and in order to support our students following the May half term break up to Friday 25th June, this three week period will be a Remote Learning Y11 Programme of Study. The personalised learning for your son/daughter will help and support them as they prepare for Sixth Form and ensure they can plan their personalised study programme accordingly.

Once the exam season is concluded, excitement will build ahead of the Year 11 Prom. This is due to take place on **Thursday 1st July 7:00pm**, for a **7.30pm** start. The Year 11 Prom is a formal school event and promises to be a wonderful celebration of achievement and successes in your son/daughters time at St Mary's, to date. Attendance at the Prom is fully and entirely dependent on maintaining the excellent behaviour at school that we have come to expect from everybody, all the way through to the very end of the assessment season. As parents, you are invited to join the Staff in welcoming the students between 7:00pm and 7:30pm as they make their grand entrance in the School Turning Circle; this will be an ideal opportunity for photographs of friendship groups etc. to be taken. May I reinforce the expectation of superb conduct for this formal event and advise you that the evening finishes at **11.00pm**.

For those attending the Sixth Form Induction, please note that this takes place on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th of July. A detailed itinerary has already been sent via email but any further details or reminders will be sent the week as a valuable reminder. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the Induction trip or Induction activities.

I plan to write to you again later in the summer regarding the final arrangements for GCSE Results day (which is on **Thursday 12th August**) and Registration for Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely

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