



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 13 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 today regarding the arrangements for the remainder of Year 13 and some other important information.

Our cohort have their Y13 Transition Mass on Friday 28th May, followed by a BBQ lunch with the year group and year team. 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.

The Government have been clear that schools MUST continue to utilise the summer term to support current Y13 pupils. As all assessment work will be completed by Friday 28th May 2021, we strongly encourage our Y13 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 Y13 Programme of Study. The personalised learning for your son/daughter will help and support them as they prepare for University life and ensure they can plan their personalised study programme accordingly.

Once the exam season is concluded, excitement will build ahead of the Year 13 Prom. This is due to take place on **Friday 2nd July 7:00pm**, for a **7.30pm** start. The Year 13 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. May I reinforce the expectation of superb conduct for this formal event and advise you that the evening finishes at **11.00pm**.

I plan to write to you again later in the summer regarding the final arrangements for A Level Results day (which is on **Tuesday 10th August**).

Yours sincerely

Miss D McHugh
Deputy Headteacher