

# ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## WEST CUMBRIA CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

### RE: Key Dates and Year 11 GCSE Examination Information

As the external exam period is almost upon us, I would like to confirm the arrangements for the rest of this term as well as the results days this summer.

You should already have received your exam timetables, which tell you when and where your exams will be taking place. Please read this very carefully as you will not always be in the same room, or seat for every exam and it is important that you know where you need to be, and at what time, so that you arrive in the exam room in good time and are as relaxed as possible.

The exam dates and start times are decided by the exam boards and are the same for all schools in the country. This means that the school has no control over these dates and times. As a result, please remember that some exams will finish after the normal end of school. You will need to ensure that you make suitable arrangements for getting home after the end of the exam on these occasions.

The external examination period runs from Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, with a break for the half term holiday between Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. There is often discussion around the idea of "study leave" when examinations take place. Here at St Benedict's, we believe that the best place for students to prepare for their exams is in their lessons with their class teachers. **As a result, there will not be study leave during the main external summer examination period. Students will either be in examinations or normal lessons until Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June.** Up to this date, if students have completed the examinations in a particular subject, they will still attend these lessons but will be able to use the time to study for examinations in other subjects. After Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June students will only be required to attend school for examinations, though there will still be revision lessons for those subjects with exams still to be completed. Your teachers will let you know about these.

The GCSE exam results will be published this year on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August. The exam results will be sent to students by email from 8am on this day. School will be open from 8.30am for those students who wish to collect their results in person. Students wishing to join us in the sixth form, in September, will be able to make appointments to discuss their results and intended courses on the same day. Further details about how to make these appointments will be sent in due course.

To help students in years 11 and 13 study and prepare for their exams, and beyond, the school will continue to offer a study space in the library area after school until 4.30pm Monday-Wednesday, 4pm Thursday and 3.30pm Friday. Throughout the exam period the canteen will be open from 8.00am until 8.30am for year 11 and sixth form students to have a drink or snack and do any last minute preparation for their exams that day.



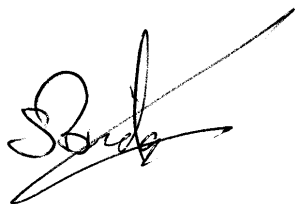
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On Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Mass in School at 5pm for students, parents, and carers. We do hope you can all join us, to celebrate students' time in school. On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May there will be a leavers' assembly during the afternoon for students and staff.

### Year 11 Key Dates

Main examination period	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Leavers' Mass	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Leavers' Assembly	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August

Yours faithfully



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