

# ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

## RE: Key Dates and Year 13 GCE A Level 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.

For most students, the exams run from the middle of May until the end of June. Attendance in lessons, if you are not in an exam, will be as follows:

- Until Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May students **must attend all lessons as normal**, unless they are in an exam at the time of the lesson.
- On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May students will attend school as normal. There will be a "leavers' assembly" during the day, after which students may leave the school site for the start of the half term holiday.
- After the half term holiday students will only be **required** to attend for their exams. **However, lessons will continue until the end of the exam period and students may, if they wish, attend these lessons to revise and continue to work towards their exams.** If a student has finished all the exams in a particular subject, then they will be able to revise other subjects in those lessons as appropriate. If they do not have a lesson, then they may use the school library or winter garden for quiet study / revision. Alternatively, they may leave the school site and study at home.

**To reiterate, after half term, students will either be (i) in an exam (ii) in a lesson (iii) in the library/winter garden (iv) off site.**

**These are the only options available to students.**

The GCE exam results will be published this year on Thursday, 17<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. Staff will also be available to discuss results and offer congratulations, advice and assistance with regards to students' next steps.



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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.

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.

### Year 13 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
GCE Results Day	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August

Yours faithfully



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