



St Benedict's Catholic High School

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Head Teacher: Emma Jackson

22nd April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Key Dates and Examination Information

As we approach the main examination period, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some key dates for the weeks ahead as we jointly prepare for the GCSE examinations.

To help students in years 11 study and prepare for their exams, the school library is open each evening after school providing a quiet supervised space that students can use for study. Also a number of subjects offer after school revision sessions. Further details of these will be available from class teachers. There are also a number of revision resources, tips and hints available on the "revision hub" accessible from the school website and via Teams.

The final examination timetables have recently been shared with students. The main exam period runs from **Tuesday, 7th May 2024 to Wednesday, 26th June 2024**, with a break for the half term holiday between **Monday, 27th May and Friday, 31st May**. Please note that there are some dates, including **Wednesday, 26th June**, which are designated as "contingency days". These days are put in place in case the government decides there is a need for an exam to be moved. As a result any exam could end up being moved to these dates so any holidays **must not be booked in this time**. The school does not have any control over these external examination dates, and **it is not possible for the school or individual students to rearrange these examinations for any reason** as they are organised for the whole country to take at the same time.

There is often discussion around the idea of "study leave" when examinations take place. Here at St. Benedict's School 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 any "study leave" during the main summer examination period.** For the exams in the summer students must attend school as normal until **Tuesday, 11th June**, when they will have finished most of their examinations. During this time they will either be in examinations or their normal timetabled lessons. When 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. There are still a small number of exams after Tuesday, 11th June and students will be able to attend lessons in these subjects up until the final exam.



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The following table summarises the key dates.

Main Examination period begins	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
Final day of compulsory lessons / leavers assembly	Tuesday 11 th June
Final Exam "contingency day"	Wednesday 26 th June
Exam Results	Thursday 22 nd August

Yours faithfully

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