

St Michael's Church of England High School

A Church of England Academy

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'Growing in Body, Mind and Spirit'



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Year 11 Leavers' Service, Study Leave, Examinations, Revision Classes GCSE Results Day and Year 11 Prom

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud of all our Year 11 pupils and their commitment and attitude to learning in these final weeks at St. Michael's. As the GCSE examinations approach, we would like to share with you some important information and dates that will affect your son/daughter in the coming weeks.

Year 11 Revision Evening

This will take place at 6.30pm on **Thursday 16th March**. It is hoped that all Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers will be able to find out more about how to prepare for the examinations. Further details to follow.

Year 11 Examinations/Revision

Your son/daughter has been issued with a provisional timetable of events that affect Year 11 pupils in the weeks and months ahead. As the examination period commences, the school will operate a personalised timetable for Year 11 which includes elements of their normal timetable, revision lessons, examinations and study time. We have found that whilst this provision takes a vast amount of planning, it helps pupils to really focus on their examination preparation in a period of time which lasts well over a month of the school year. This has been explained to your son/daughter today and will be explained in more detail at the Year 11 Revision Evening. Provisional information can be found on the attached sheet/timetable. More comprehensive details indicating the rooms and arrangements for registration will be available nearer the time. It is essential that parents and pupils appreciate that to offer this specialised provision requires a great deal of investment from the school and the teaching staff. Pupils are therefore expected to attend all the classes provided. The school places such a high priority on providing this level of provision because we believe that it has had a marked impact on GCSE results and will really help to facilitate success for your sons and daughters.

The official leaving date for Year 11 Pupils is **Wednesday 28th June**. This marks the end of the 'GCSE Examination Contingency Period'. All pupils throughout the country need to be available to sit examinations up to and including this date, even if their own personal timetable shows that their individual exams finish earlier than this. Pupils are therefore expected to attend any planned revision lessons which take place before this date. When the revision class has finished pupils will either revert to their normal timetable or will return home.

Should any pupils need to make arrangements to remain in school during the revision programme they should speak to Mr Kirkpatrick or Mrs Hooley before the written examinations commence. Attendance data (which includes this period of revision) is passed to colleges and training providers.

Uniform

During this period of revision pupils are expected to maintain the same high standards in terms of their uniform and appearance. Thank you parents/carers for your continued support in this matter;

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particularly in ensuring that skirts are of the correct length, hair colour is of a naturally occurring shade and that hairstyles are appropriate. A small minority of pupils sometimes think that the uniform regulations have been relaxed in their final few weeks and have tried to attend school wearing jewellery, earrings, unacceptable amounts of make-up and additional non-regulation items such as hoodies. Should pupils choose to do this, the usual consequences will apply. We will uphold our high expectations and feel that this is only fair to the majority of pupils who are always correctly dressed and wear their uniform with pride.

Additional Revision Lessons

There are occasionally a few voluntary revision classes held in the Easter/May holiday time. Details of any classes that may be held will be provided nearer the time.

Leavers' Prom

This year's prom will be held at Bolton Whites Hotel on **Thursday 6th July** and further information will follow. The Leavers' Prom is a wonderful celebration of the time that pupils have spent at St Michael's and we hope that the full year group will be able to attend to celebrate their contribution to 'Team St Michael's' with their peers and the staff. However, please note that attendance at the prom is by invitation. Pupils whose behaviour, attitude to learning, attendance at revision lessons and uniform/ appearance have not met the school's expectations will not be invited to attend. The school will be the final arbiter in this matter and no refunds for the cost of tickets and any additional expenses occurred will be considered.

Leavers' Service

Parents are warmly invited to this service which will take place in the school hall at 11.15am on **Friday 26th May**. The service is expected to last for about forty five minutes and Year 11 pupils will be able to leave school after the service.

GCSE Results Day

GCSE Results will be available in school on **Thursday 24th August** at 9.00am. Results can be posted to pupils who are unable to attend on this date by prior arrangement with Mrs Lever (a large self-addressed envelope is required).

Although there are only a few months remaining in school, pupils can make a significant difference to their performance by preparing thoroughly and accessing the help and support available. Full attendance in these final few weeks is crucial. I am confident that you will support school in this.

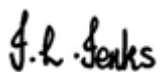
Please can we kindly request that you complete the link below to acknowledge receipt of this letter and acceptance of the information detailed.

[Y11 Letter - Acknowledgement](#)

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Kirkpatrick.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Jayne Jenks
Headteacher

