

St Cecilia's

R.C. HIGH SCHOOL



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23rd April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 11 EXAMS

I hope you are well and that your child is progressing well through their revision plan and preparing for the exams ahead.

I wanted to provide you with some information about events that lay ahead for Year 11, in addition to some logistics about school timetables.

Year 11 exams begin on **Thursday 9th May**. Your child has been issued with a paper copy of their personalised exam timetable which has also been added to their EduLink account under their 'exams' tab. When not in exams, pupils will continue with their full lesson timetables and therefore should attend school as normal, including form time, in full school uniform. In essence, nothing changes from their usual school pattern throughout the exam period. For instances where afternoon exams finish earlier than the end of the school day, pupils will be released to their lessons for exam warmups and are expected to stay in school up until the end of the school day, again as they normally would.

Whilst in school over the exam period, pupils will benefit from the expertise of their subject teachers for the longest duration possible and we will provide a calm, relaxed and studious environment for self-study when a subject's exams have been completed. With this in mind, we ask that you help prepare your child to organise themselves with plenty of revision materials that they can bring to school with them when a subject class becomes a self-study class (once its associated exams have been sat).

Included below this letter, attached to your EduLink documents, and on the revision page of the school website, you will see the timetable for the further avenues of preparation that we offer over the exam period, including:

- An afterschool warm-up session running from 3.15-4.15pm the evening before the following day's AM and PM exams
- A morning warm-up running from 8.00am-9.00am for the AM exam on the morning of that exam
- In addition, where possible, P3 and P5 timetables are altered so that Y11 can warm-up for upcoming exams with their subject teacher

We will provide breakfast for all AM warm up sessions. Last year, 95% of our cohort attending every AM and PM warm up opportunity. This is incredibly precious and valuable preparation time as well as providing a calm, reassuring, purposeful environment. Therefore, pupils who are late to these sessions will not be permitted into them.

The Year 11 Celebration Mass will take place on **Friday 24th May** at 3.30pm until approx. 4.30pm. Parents and carers are invited, and we will contact you shortly to advise us on your intended numbers. Traditionally, pupils will have their school shirts signed on this day. However, to attend the Mass, pupils will be required to change into a clean white school shirt and remain in full school uniform. Food and drink will be provided after the Mass, leavers' hoodies will be distributed and there will be opportunity to celebrate together. Pupils who cannot attend the leavers' Mass can collect

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their leavers' hoodie following their next exam in school. Pupils can then wear their leavers' hoodies in school from this date onwards but cannot wear them in exams (due to them containing writing). Pupils must remove the hoodies before exams and replace them with their blazer.

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Once pupils have completed their final exam with us, they needn't attend school anymore. This will be no earlier than **Friday 14th June** where the whole cohort sit their Physics exam that morning. From that point, pupils who have exams remaining in Music, Design and Technology and/or Food Preparation and Nutrition can choose to stay in school permanently or attend only their warmup sessions before and after school, and during relevant P3 and P5 opportunities (see timetable). Mrs Eames' Music class are invited to attend P1-3 for a dedicated warm up session ahead of the Music exam that afternoon on **Monday 17th June**. Exams are completed on **Wednesday 19th June**.

The awarding bodies have designated **Thursday 26th June** as a 'contingency day' for examinations, with two additional half-day contingency sessions on **Thursday 6th June** and **Thursday 13th June 2024**.

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations.

Therefore, candidates must remain available until **Thursday 26th June** should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

As your child's journey with us comes to an end, we would very much appreciate items of uniform that your child has grown out of or no longer needs. These kind donations would enable us to support some families with acquiring school uniform. We are particularly in need of school skirts. Should you be able to assist then please send in this uniform with your child who can drop it off in our 'Damascus' room. We will also appeal to you closer the time for blazers, skirts, ties, PE kit and revision guides/textbooks that can be donated after your child's last exam.

If you require any further advice, then please contact the relevant member of staff via info@st-cecilias.lancs.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued and valued support.



Mrs H Hall
Headteacher

Date	Before School 8-9am	Staff, Class, Location	P3 Warm Up	P5 Warm Up	After School 3:15-4:15pm	Staff, Class, Location
Wed 08 May					RE	IB Chapel, RD LB Rm 21
Thu 09 May	RE	IB Chapel, RD LB Rm 21		Biology	Biology	AH Lab 6, ND Lab 2
Fri 10 May	Biology	AH Lab 6, ND Lab 2		English Lit	English/Sports Studies	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20, NT LRC
Mon 13 May	English	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20	Sports Studies (and part P4)			
Tue 14 May					History/Comp Sci	AG rm 8, LC rm 16, KA 22
Wed 15 May	History	LC rm 16	Comp Sci	Maths	Maths/RE	IB Chapel, RD LB Rm 21, 11B CC Rm 13, 11W CIS
Thu 16 May	Maths	11B CC, 11W CIS, 11F EB.	RE (and part P4)	Chemistry	Chemistry/Geography	RG rm 21, SCN rm 15 SP Lab 5 AH Lab 6
Fri 17 May	Chemistry	SP Lab 5, AH Lab 5	Geography	English Lit	English Lit	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20
Mon 20 May	English Lit	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20		Comp Sci	Comp Sci	KA 22
Tue 21 May	Comp Sci	KA 22	Comp Sci	Physics	Physics/PE	ND Lab 2, GH lab 1
Wed 22 May	Physics	ND Lab 2	PE (and part P4)	Eng Lang	Eng Lang	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20
Thu 23 May	Eng lang	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20				
Fri 24 May				Maths	Maths/PE	GH Lab 1
Mon 03 Jun	Maths	Foundation CIS m 7, HigherCC m 13	PE (and part P4)	Spanish	Spanish/History	AG rm 8, JHU rm 18
Tue 04 Jun	Spanish	JHU rm 18	History	Geography	Geography	RG rm 21, SCN rm 15
Wed 05 Jun	Geography	RG rm 21, SCN rm 15		English Lang	English Lang	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20
Thu 06 Jun	English lang	AF 16a, JM 16, EC 17, RB 20		RE	RE/Biology	AH Lab 6 ND Lab 2 IB Chapel, RD LB Rm 21
Fri 07 Jun	RE	IB Chapel, RD LB Rm 21	Biology (and part P4)	Maths	Maths/Spanish	
Mon 10 Jun	Maths	Foundation CIS m 7, HigherCC m 13	Spanish (and part P4)	Chemistry	Chemistry/History	AG rm 8, LC rm 16, AN Lab 5
Tue 11 Jun	Chemistry	AN Lab 5 AH Lab 6	History			
Wed 12 Jun						
Thu 13 Jun				Geography/Physics	Geography/Physics	RG rm 21, SCN rm 15
Fri 14 Jun	Geography	RG rm 21, SCN rm 15	Physics (and part P4)			
Mon 17 Jun	Music		Music P1.3	DT	DT	DB rm 11
Tue 18 Jun	DT	DB rm 11		Food	FM Food rm 9	
Wed 19 Jun	Food	FM rm 9				