



St Michael's

Catholic Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers.

Year 11 Updates

I hope you have enjoyed being able to spend some time together as a family over the recent halfterm break.

As we return to school, it is a very busy time for our Year 11 students with just 10 school weeks remaining until they begin the 2024 Summer GCSE exam series. I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of what we will be doing in school over the next 10 weeks to ensure that all our young people are fully prepared for these exams.

For those students who take any of the practical subjects such as Art; Graphics or Textiles, preparation for the forthcoming exams is already underway and in these subjects the preparation work also counts to their final exam grade.

GCSE Food practical exams take place the week beginning 26 February for the full week. All students will be aware of when their practical exams are taking place.

Students completing CNAT Sports, CNAT Health & Social Care and BTEC Travel & Tourism are busy completing their controlled assessments ready to submit for assessment before the final exams start in May.

Compulsory English and Science intervention sessions are taking place, for all students, every Monday and Thursday, 3.30pm - 4.30 pm. We are also providing transport to Wynyard and Norton if needed to enable our Year 11 students to attend. If this is required, please let school know.

Afterschool every evening, Monday to Friday, from 3.30pm - 4.30pm Year 11 students can access our LRC for revision and homework quiet study sessions. Additionally, in the LRC revision timetable planning support sessions are available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afterschool, 3.30-4.30pm.

'Technique a week' - How to revise drop-in session to support students to learn how to use revision techniques to help to support them. Each week a short video clip will be uploaded to school social media to enable you to see how to help your child.

Our Year 11 students' final round of Mock exams will begin Monday 4 March until Wednesday 13 March. A full set of papers will be completed in English Language; English Literature; Maths and Science.

Daily mental health/exam stress sessions are available at lunchtime with Karen Stephenson, our School Life Coach.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Clare Humble Headteacher