



In all things faithful

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: GOOD LUCK to All our Great Yr11 Students

I am writing this letter the weekend before the GCSE exams commence. On behalf of the great staff here at St Damian's, we want to wish your child the very best in their forthcoming GCSE exams.

It is normal that over the last few weeks before an exam, students get increasingly nervous. This is expected, and it shows that they care. From experience, this anxiety decreases as the exams start. I am hoping that this will be the case this year.

I politely ask that parents continue to encourage and support your child with the revision they are doing at home and ensure 100% attendance up to the leaving date. I am delighted that the vast majority of Yr11 have taken advantage of the great teaching they have received over the last 5 years and more recently intervention and revision classes, and I am looking forward to some great individual GCSE results this August!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for your support whilst your child has been at St Damian's. Below are a couple of e-mails for your perusal received from parents. I did ask permission to share names.

First email

Good afternoon Mr Logue

I wanted to say "thank you" to all teachers and staff helping our children with their forthcoming GCSE's.

Myself and my husband have been impressed by the continuing support for our son with interventions, extra classes in the holidays and Saturday lessons which will be starting in the near future.

I don't think any child, parent or carer can say they are not prepared, obviously they still have to do more work at home.

Kind regards

Second email

Dear Mr Logue

I'm writing this email to say thank you to you and all the staff that have taught my daughter Grace over the last 5 years. I've always known what Grace was capable of but her confidence has always been a problem. Over the years she has progressed so much and that's down to the support, guidance and encouragement of all her teachers. I know she will achieve her grades and go on to college and university, her teachers saw what I did in her and encouraged her to

reach her full potential so I would love if you could pass of my thanks to all of them. They are a credit to you and your school.

Thank you

Miss Catherine Quinn

It makes my staff and I really proud to read such positive messages from parents. We do not take your support for granted.

A personal message from Mr Burtles, Head of Yr11.

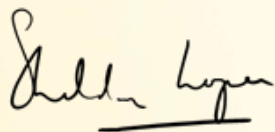
Yr11, it is time! All your hard work and dedication has brought you to this point. I wish you tremendous, best wishes over the next 6 weeks, that all your hard work, time and effort allow you the best opportunity to get the grades you desire. We are here for you, please use us! Good luck once again Class of 23. Best Wishes Mr Burtles

A Few Reminders

- Good attendance, behaviour and wearing full school uniform is expected and is a pre-requisite to receiving an invitation to attend the Prom.
- Structured revision is in place throughout the exam season, including during the May break. Students will be informed and know what and when to attend.
- I ask that parents inform their children to ensure 100% attendance at all exams. If they do not attend, they will get zero for that exam. Likewise, it is important that they arrive on time, or they may not be allowed to enter the exam, and again, they will get zero in that exam. This would be disastrous for that exam.
- A special Yr11 assembly will take place (for students only) last period on Friday 26th May.
- The leavers Mass will take place at St Christopher's church at 12pm on Wednesday 14th June. Parents are invited to attend.

Again, all the best to the **class of 2023** in the forthcoming exams!

Yours faithfully,



Mr Logue
Headteacher