



In all things faithful

16th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Expectations During the GCSE Exams

The GCSE exams have started today, and I thought I would take this opportunity to write to you in order to provide clarity on the expectations for next coming weeks. I have summarised this below:

- ✓ Exams continue until Thursday 23rd June when most pupils will officially finish their exams. Pupils must arrive **promptly** to the start of an exam.
- ✓ On Monday 27th June, a few pupils will be sitting their GCSE Polish exam
- ✓ Pupils will be expected to attend school as normal and follow the established school rules. This includes having the correct uniform
- ✓ Pupils should be actively following a structured revision schedule. We will be open during the half term to provide some extra revision sessions
- ✓ *Leavers' Mass*. This will take place on Thursday 23rd June at 12 o'clock. I would like as many parents in attendance as possible so that we celebrate your child's five years at St Damian's
- ✓ *Prom*. This is taking place on Friday 1st July. Further details will follow in due course.

Study Leave

It is my expectation that pupils **do attend** school for the remainder of their exams. However, some pupils/parents may want their child to study at home. If this is the case, please write me a letter and I will support this. Additionally, there are a few pupils who may disrupt the learning of others. If this is the case, I will ask them to study from home. In all cases of study leave, pupils **must attend all their exams**. Those that don't attend will be billed the cost of the exam.

As a parent, I appreciate the pressure and stress that pupils are under. Both my children are sitting exams. Caitlan is sitting her A-Levels and Malachy is sitting his GCSEs.

I wish your child the very best in the forthcoming exams!

Regards

Yours sincerely

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