



Archbishop Ilsey Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by thanking you for the support you have given your child and the school since the start of the academic year. I have been very pleased with the vast majority of our year 11 students; they are smartly dressed, co-operative and are working well in lessons.

In this letter I will be outlining details of the forthcoming mock examinations and providing you with some information regarding end of term arrangements and parents' evening.

Mock Examinations

Year 11 mock examinations start on Friday 1st December and end on Monday 18th December. During this time all students are expected to be in school- there is **no study leave for any student**. The only exceptions are Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December, where students will either be in school to do a day of Design Technology or at home doing personal revision. There will be a copy of the mock examination timetable on the school website from next week. Due to the length of the papers, some afternoon examinations may not finish until 3.30 p.m.

There are strict protocols for all external examinations and we will be following these for the mock examinations in order to provide as close an experience as possible to what the summer examinations will be like. Your child must be dressed in **full school uniform, including their blazer**, for all examinations. If your child is late for an examination, they will not be admitted to the exam and will be kept behind after school **on the same day they were late** to complete any exams they missed because of their punctuality.

The students have been told that if they miss examinations they will not be permitted to go to the prom, unless there is a genuine reason for their absence. We would ask that if your child is genuinely ill, you contact school first thing in the morning to make us aware of this.

For those students who take GCSE Media Studies, they will be sitting their mock exam on Monday 18th December. They are then going out of school on a visit so for this examination only, Media students will be permitted to wear their own clothes for their exam.

End of term arrangements

Year 11 students will finish at 3.10 on Wednesday 20th December at 3.10 p.m. They should return to school on Tuesday 9th January at normal time.

Parents' evening

Y11 Parents' evening is on Thursday 11th January starting at 4.00 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. You will need to register in O'Donnell hall, where you will be given your child's mock exam results. Staff will not release the results of the mock exams prior to parents' evening so it is important that your child attends with you in order to collect their results. Students are responsible for making appointments with their teachers prior to the evening.

This will be my final letter to you before we break up for the Christmas holidays. I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to seeing all of the students return to school in January.

God Bless,

H Burrows

Miss Burrows
Assistant Headteacher

