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22 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Year 11 students approach their last weeks before the start of the public exams, I wanted to share with you some key dates and information. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance for all Year 11 students to be in attendance at school each day. Students will not be authorised to take personal 'study days' at this important time in the final lead up to their summer exams.

Key dates for Year 11

- Year 11 Celebration Day Tuesday the 2nd July 2024 (more details to follow)
- Year 11 and 13 Annual Celebration Ball Friday the 5th July 2024 (more details to follow)
- Results day Thursday 22nd August 2024

Year 11 Celebration Day - This event will take place on Tuesday the 2nd July, following the end of the GCSE exam sessions. Year 11 students are expected to be in school on this day, however they will not be in lessons as it will be a day of celebration. On this day students will be having a special celebration Mass and assembly followed by shirt signing and a celebration lunch with their peers and teachers. Further details will be released separately regarding this event, including an invitation for parents to celebrate Mass with their daughter.

Golden Gala Ball - There will be an evening event for Year 11 and 13 students and their families. This event is scheduled to take place on Friday 5th July. The arrangements for this event are currently being finalised but will take place in school.

Examination Contingency Arrangements - The date of the last examination will vary depending on student's subjects. However, the 26th of June 2024 has been designated as the exam contingency date. This means that any rescheduled examinations will take place on or before this date.

Book Return - Students will be sent an email with a list of any outstanding books on their library account, and these will need to be returned before the end of term.

Textbooks may be needed for revision purposes, but we would ask that these are returned directly to the issuing subject teacher following the final examination for their subject.

GCSE Results Day - GCSE results day is Thursday the 22nd of August 2024 and students can collect their results from the school canteen from 8:00 AM. Students and their family can enter the school through the reception entrance on the corner of Milton and Canewdon Road.

If students are not available on results day, a representative can collect results on their behalf. Students who are not available on results day will need to send an e-mail (from their school email account) to our Examinations Officer, Ms Brown exams@stbernards.southend.sch.uk giving permission for a named representative to collect the results on their behalf. The representative must bring a form of ID which they will need to show on the day to collect the results. We regret that we cannot release results unless we have this confirmation.



Any results not collected by the end of the day on the 22nd will be posted out to the address that we have on file for the student at school. Can you please ensure that any changes to address or contact details are notified to the school office before the end of term.

Mrs Phillips, our careers advisor will be available to offer any advice students may need, and many teachers including senior members of staff will be in school to offer advice and congratulations.

On behalf of all the teachers and tutors of year 11, I wish your child the very best of luck in their examinations. This year group have faced some considerable challenges during their Secondary Education, and it has been a privilege to see their confidence, resilience and maturity develop.

On a personal note, I thank you for the support over their time so far with us and wish your families every happiness.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Alexander

Head of Year 11