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Year 13 Examinations, Leavers' Information & Key Dates

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the final weeks of Year 13, I want to share important information about upcoming examinations, leavers' events, and the next steps for our students. These final weeks are a significant milestone, and we want to ensure they are as smooth and positive as possible for you and your child.

Firstly, I would like to commend our Year 13 students for their dedication and maturity throughout what has been a demanding and crucial phase of their academic journey. We are incredibly proud of the way they have approached their studies and responsibilities. The weeks ahead will require a careful balance between revision and wellbeing—encouraging healthy routines, rest, and focus will be key.

As always, our staff are here to support both students and families. If you have any questions or require further guidance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Below, you will find all the key details for the coming weeks:

Examinations

For all students [other than those studying a T Level], A-level and vocational examinations begin on **Thursday 30th April**. Students have already received individual timetables, and the full exam schedule is available here:

<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/curriculum/assessment-and-examinations/exam-timetables/>

- Morning exams begin at 9:00am and afternoon exams at 1:00pm, unless otherwise stated.
- Students should arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of each exam.
- They will assemble in designated exam preparation rooms and be escorted to exam venues.
- In case of lateness or absence, please call reception immediately on 0191 4990111.



Students must ensure they are in full Sixth Form dress code and fully equipped with pens, pencils, rulers, calculators etc. Conduct and consideration for others remains paramount during the exam period.

Examination Contingency Dates

All students must remain available up to and including the following contingency date, in case of unforeseen national or local disruptions:

- Wednesday 24th June [am and pm]

Please do not book holidays or make other commitments during this period. You can find more details in the official guide:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-to-exams-and-assessments-in-2026>

Revision and Support

During the examination season, Year 13 students should attend scheduled revision sessions, 1:1 subject support, and supervised study sessions where needed. Teachers and Sixth Form staff remain available to help with final preparations—please encourage your child to seek support when needed.

Leavers' Mass

Year 13 Leavers' Mass will take place on **Friday 8th May**. This will be followed by a short celebration in the Sixth Form Centre. Year 13 lessons will resume after lunch.

Study Leave

All Year 13 students will be granted study leave from **Monday 1st June**. This means that for all students, their last full day of timetabled lessons will be **Friday 22nd May**.

Any student with an external examination scheduled before this date is entitled to one day of study leave prior to their exam. We encourage students to use this time effectively for preparation. While study leave is granted, we strongly recommend that students continue to take advantage of the study spaces available at school. In some cases, it may still be beneficial for students to attend timetabled lessons, even if they have permission to be on



study leave.

While on study leave, students are still expected to attend any revision sessions or exam warm-up activities arranged by their subject teachers, as these are designed to support their preparation and boost confidence ahead of exams.

A-Level Results Day

Results will be available from the Sixth Form Centre from 8:30am on **Thursday 13th August 2026**.

- Students should collect results in person. Results cannot be given by phone or email.
- If a student wishes results to be posted, please provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope (labelled "A-Level Results") to the exams office by Monday 13th July 2026.
- For exceptional cases, please contact the Sixth Form team using the email below.

Next Steps & Support with Destinations

On Results Day, students will have the opportunity to meet with members of the Sixth Form and Senior Leadership Teams to discuss next steps—whether confirming university places, exploring apprenticeships, or entering employment.

If students require further support with UCAS, clearing, references, or CVs, appointments can be made with the Sixth Form team, or by contacting us via email.

Contact Information

- Sixth Form: STM-sixthformqueries@stm.bwcet.com

Thank you for your continued support during this final phase. We wish every success to our Year 13 students as they prepare for their exams and take the next step in their journey.

Yours sincerely,

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