



To All Parents and Carers

23 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11

Our Year 11 students have made an excellent start to their GCSE examinations and we extend our best wishes to the whole cohort as they continue to meet this challenge with maturity and enthusiasm.

Details of the GCSE examination schedule and revision sessions have been emailed to parents and carers separately via EduLink. This is also available on our website at [Letters to Parents/Carers - St Anne's Academy \(stannesacademy.org.uk\)](http://www.stannesacademy.org.uk). Our May half term revision sessions for Year 11 are as follows:

May Half Term Revision Sessions

Tuesday 28th May 2024	Wednesday 29th May 2024	Thursday 30th May 2024	Friday 31st May 2024
Geography 9am—12pm Biology 12pm—3pm	RS 9am—12pm English 9:30am—11am Chemistry 12pm—3pm	Maths 10am—12pm Statistics 12pm—2:30pm	

Saturday School 1st June

9:00am — 10:30am	10:30am—12:00pm
Maths Foundation Paper 2 Physics	Maths Higher Paper 2 Physics

Saturday School 8th June

9:00am — 10:30am	10:30am—12:00pm
Maths Foundation Paper 3	Maths Higher Paper 3

There are also two important dates for Year 11 student diaries to reward them for their hard work throughout their learning journey here at St Anne's, as follows:

- **Year 11 Prom, Friday 5 July 2024:** Details have already been circulated to Year 11 about this event but please contact Mr Whitehead or Miss Gibbons if you have any queries;
- **GCSE examination Results, Thursday 22 August 2024:** Year 11 students collect their examination results in person at school on this date. Further details will follow in due course regarding the arrangements.

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U16 Football Champions!

You may have seen on social media that our U16 boys' football team won the Rochdale Schools' U16 Cup Final earlier this month. Congratulations to the team who showed real grit and determination, winning 3-2 after being 2 nil down!

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Good luck to our group of 20 students from Y9 and Y10, who are currently undertaking practice expeditions, working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Their final qualifying expedition will be a hike and overnight camp in the Rochdale Ashworth Valley area in July.

School Uniform

We would like to remind parents and carers that all students should attend school in full uniform every day. Full details of our uniform policy can be found at [Uniform Guide - St Anne's Academy \(stannesacademy.org.uk\)](https://stannesacademy.org.uk).

We would also encourage you not to send your child into school with expensive items, such as coats, shoes, bags, etc., to avoid the risk of wear and tear, loss or damage to costly items. The Academy cannot be held liable for the replacement cost of students' personal belongings which are lost or damaged at school, including items which are optionally expensive choices.

Caffeinated, Fizzy and Energy Drinks

I would like to remind parents and carers that drinks which are caffeinated, fizzy or classed as energy drinks are not allowed in school at any time. These are full of sugar and research shows that energy drinks can cause headaches, stomach aches, anxiety, sleep disruption and other harmful side effects to children. We recommend that students drink water at school and there are several filtered water dispensers situated throughout the building where students can refill their personal water bottles during social time, free of charge.

Family Holidays during Term Time

There have been a number of requests recently for permission to take students out of school for family holidays. DfE guidance permits headteachers to grant leave of absence only in exceptional circumstances, however family holidays are not considered to be exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that requests for holidays taken during term time will not be authorised, i.e. recorded as unauthorised absence, in line with DfE and Rochdale Local Authority guidelines. Therefore, any parents and carers who choose to do this will incur financial penalties imposed by the Local Authority.

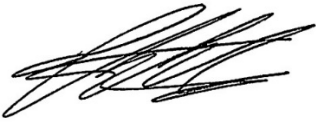
Forthcoming School Holidays:

- **May Half Term Break 2024**
As a reminder, the last day of this half term is Friday 24 May 2024. School will then reopen to all students at 08:25 on Monday 3 June 2024.
- **End of the Summer Term 2024**
As previously advised, the last day of term for students in Years 7 to 10 inclusive will be Friday 19 July 2024 when school will close at the end of period 3 [12:05].

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable break at the end of May. We look forward to seeing all our students safely back in school on Monday 3 June, ready to learn and enjoy the term ahead.

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Yours sincerely,



Mr C Heyes
Headteacher

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