

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God



October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations – Monday, October 13th, 2025

As you are no doubt aware, Year 11 begin their Pre-Public Examinations in the week beginning **13th October**. These formal assessments are a vital component of their preparation for GCSEs: exams such as these provide important practice for not only sitting assessments, but also the logistics and protocols that students will need to follow next year, so I'm confident they will be a successful and worthwhile endeavour.

This year, we are pleased to give students a **Focus and Recharge Day** on **Friday, October 24th**, during which school will be closed.

Starting on **Monday, October 13th**, the exam period will be busy, with exams starting early and running through the day. Due to this, it is vital that your daughter is in school – and in full school uniform - no later than **0745**. I understand that for many, this will present a challenge, so please contact Ms Labonne with any concerns. I'd like also to stress the importance to your daughter of complying with all examination protocols, including handing in her phone and smart watch at the start of the day. Students who do not plan on bringing a phone into school on any day must contact Mrs Erica Hewitt in advance.

While students are not in exams or on breaks they will be in their normal lessons. As students **won't be able to leave their lessons** to collect revision resources from other departments, it's important that your daughter plans ahead and brings everything necessary for a day's revision, such as revision guides and notes. In a change from last year, laptops, tablets and personal devices **will not be allowed** in school for revision purposes. Students should, therefore, ensure they have sufficient textbooks, handouts and physical resources for the day.

Finally, to facilitate the efficient return of phones at the end of the day, students will begin to be dismissed from Period 5 at around 14:50. This means your daughter may be leaving school ten minutes early on occasion.

I'd like to thank you in advance for your support in what can be a challenging time. While undoubtedly stressful, sitting PPEs at this stage ensures your daughter is used to the demands and expectations of the GCSE period, ensuring she is as well prepared as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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