



Ref: MC18

8th May 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Arriving to examinations in a positive state of mind is key to enhancing the chances of success. With this in mind, Y11 pupils will have a start time of **8:00am** on the morning of any day that they have a morning examination for final examination preparations. Year 11 pupils arriving at this time will be able to receive free toast and drinks so that they have the energy to work through the morning. Subject teachers will therefore be on hand to offer support and guidance.

At St Patrick's we do not offer "study leave". Therefore all pupils will be expected to attend school full-time up-to **Tuesday 12th June 2018**, which is the date of the final Mathematics examinations. After this date, if your son/daughter still has examinations to complete, they will be given a personalised timetable highlighting when they need to attend school.

In subjects that have finished examinations relatively early for example RE and French, pupils will be expected to attend these lessons as normal and utilise their time by revising for other subjects examinations. During this revision time pupils may also be requested in other subject areas and will receive extra tuition.

As we approach half term, your child will be provided with a personalised planner which they will complete with the help of their Form Tutors and Subject Teachers. Every hour during the day will be accounted for so every pupil is aware of their daily timetable. Wherever possible, we have made available subject specialists to deliver extra study sessions in the examinations that are still to be taken. We do not want to waste a single minute of learning time at this stage and know that pupils work harder and more effectively in school with their teachers than they do at home.

I am confident that you will continue to work with us to ensure that your son/daughter is successful, and attendance at these lessons and revision sessions is an important strategy in this success.

Your son/daughter has been given guidance on creating a revision timetable for effective study at home; half term cannot be seen as a week off for our Year 11 pupils. It is a vital time needed for revision and exam practice. Please ensure they are working for several hours EVERY DAY. If your son/daughter is invited in during the holidays you will be informed of which subjects and what days/times.

We have organised a "**Leavers' Mass**" for **Tuesday 26th June at 9.15am**. Pupils should bring a spare shirt which can be used for signing after Mass, but shirts are not to be signed before Mass. Pupils are to attend in full school uniform.

Thank you once again for your support during the last five years and we look forward to seeing your son/daughter and possibly you on results day on **Thursday, 23rd August 2018 at 10am**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Connelly
Senior Assistant Head-teacher

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Executive Principal : Mr P Murden
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