



In all things faithful

May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The following is important information for the parents of Year 11.

Formal Assessments over the next few weeks

Under normal circumstances pupils would be preparing for their summer GCSE exams. Instead, they are working on almost daily assessments to produce the evidence our teachers need to produce Teacher Assessed Grades. Across the whole curriculum pupils are completing assessments based on what they have been taught over the past two years, supported by their teachers. The process is rigorous, and I am proud of how well our pupils (and staff) have risen to the challenge in these unpredictable circumstances. I ask that you encourage your child to ensure that they are putting in maximum effort and revision over the next few weeks so that we can have evidence in awarding them their grades. The week beginning 10th May is especially important as there will be a series of assessments this week. It is vital that your child attends school every day so that we can accurately assess their work. A copy of the timetable is available on the school website:

<https://www.stdamians.co.uk/exams>.

Leaving date: 28th May

I am now in a position to share the leaving dates for our Y11 pupils. Their official final day will be Friday 28th May. However, whilst they will not be expected to attend school beyond 28th May, pupils must remain available should they be required to come to school until Friday 18th June in the event of any further coursework or additional testing requirements from subjects. I am currently working on a leavers' assembly, details of which I will share at a later date. However, this may not be in the traditional manner due to circumstances.

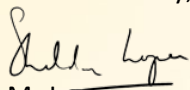
Prom: Friday 25th June

I am delighted to remind you that the Prom has been provisionally booked at The White Hart, Lydgate, Oldham. This is a great evening that celebrates your child's time at St Damian's and is one of the great traditions of St Damian's. The cost of the prom is £40.00 per person which includes a two-course meal, coach from school to the venue and a photo booth. Payment for the prom will be available via Sims pay week commencing 17th May 2021. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government on social gatherings and if in the unfortunate event we do have to cancel, a full refund will be given.

As I write, I am sad that your children, the class of 2021, didn't get the full experience of the **St Damian's Way** but the manner in which they have conducted themselves over the past few weeks have shown the staff and I that they are a superb bunch of young adults. My staff and I are extremely proud of their resilience, positivity and optimism. As parents you should be really proud of them! I am praying hard that the Prom goes ahead, and they get the grades they deserve as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

Thank you for your continued support over the years and especially over the past year.

Yours sincerely,


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