



# St Augustine's Catholic College

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of our second week of GCSE exams, we are really proud of the attitude and approach of our students during these challenging times. It has been great to see staff and students working so closely together to make final preparations and exchange reassuring conversations.

On a practical note there are several things for you to be aware of. Firstly, we were let down as a College by the photographic company who lost our booking for a full College photo. We have therefore decided to have a formal photo of Year 11 in full uniform after the Science exams on Thursday at 11.30am in the Assembly Hall.

Having looked at the timetable and given the co-operation we have had from this year group, I am happy to authorise students who do not have a Computer Science exam on Thursday, to begin formal study leave. This means that from 12.30 on Thursday the majority of students may return home and continue their revision from home. This will also include Friday as there are no formal exams scheduled. As before, any student wishing to remain in College to revise or who needs to wait for a bus, is very welcome to do so. We will just need to know names so that we can register them for supervision and would be grateful if you could confirm this by email to [admin@sta.cc](mailto:admin@sta.cc).

Finally, I hope that all our students will be able to find a balance between resting over half term and revision. The key to this is in being organised and planning both revising and free time. The last phase of exams will take us towards 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, so there is still a lot to focus on but part of the reward will be a long Summer break and future success.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 is the feast day of St Augustine of Canterbury who learned to keep going when things get challenging. It will be a day for us to remember all of our students and their families in our prayers.

My best wishes

**Aidan Dowle**  
Headteacher