



29 April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

END OF YEAR 11 ARRANGEMENTS

Please find, below, some useful information as we near the end of Key Stage 4 for Year 11.

Examinations and study leave

The examination window commences on 16 May 2022 and closes at the end of June. This year, the vast majority of learners will have completed examinations by 17 June 2022 although it is important that you have reviewed the timetable specific to your child. At present, pupils should continue to attend school all day, every day. Lessons will continue between examinations and these are crucial for preparation and practise. There is no study leave during this half term.

We do not typically share plans for celebrations – such as shirt signing, hospitality and assemblies – in order to prevent disengagement and minimise the possibility of end of year 'pranks'. Therefore, it is important that your child attends school each day so that they do not miss out.

For similar reasons, I shall advise you of the commencement of study leave closer to the date.

Prom

I am delighted that we are able (at long last) to offer an end of year prom. This will be a much-needed celebratory event for Year 11 after a hugely difficult period of disruption and uncertainty.

The prom will take place on 29th June 2022 at the Parkway Hotel in Cwmbran. Those who wish to attend will be required to travel by coach from school, leaving at 6.30pm. We have been able to limit the total cost of venue hire, food, DJ, coach and other sundries to £30 per person, based on 220 attendees.

As always, the right to attend the prom is reserved and acceptance is conditional on good school attendance and behaviour.

Should your child wish to join us for this special occasion, please provide the **payment of £30 in full** (in cash or cheque, made payable to 'St Teilo's Amenities') to Mrs Johnson by Friday 27 May 2022. Should you have any financial difficulties at present, please reach out to me at headteacher@stteilos.com so that I can find ways to assist.

Sixth Form

A reminder that, for current St Teilo's pupils, admission to our Sixth Form is guaranteed. However, I wish to remind families that strict entry criteria apply to all courses at level 3. The full details about these programmes of study (including insights from current students) can be found here: <http://www.stteilos.com/students/sixth-form/>

Studying in the Sixth Form confers significant advantages to learners, notably smaller class sizes, more one-to-one time with teachers and the focused support of the wellbeing team.

For some young people, it is appropriate to continue to study at level 2. This means that the types of courses offered at colleges of further education are more likely to meet their needs. With the support of Careers Wales, school staff have worked directly with every child to secure a destination. Please do ensure that your child is confident about their next steps and, should you have any questions, please contact Miss Hallett (k.hallett@stteilos.com) or Mrs Johnson (c.johnson@stteilos.com) directly.

Revision

Almost all of the revision required for examinations is now taking place in lessons. Of course, your child will need to engage in a structured programme of revision at home, making summary notes and practising, practising, practising! We will provide a short guide to assist your child with their revision, aiming to get the balance 'just right', whilst ensuring good emotional health and wellbeing is maintained.

In an effort to avoid creating unnecessary pressure, we are seeking to minimise the amount of extracurricular revision required in school and asking learners simply to engage fully in lessons. Some teachers may feel the need to offer additional support to classes based upon their assessment of progress and preparedness and they will discuss these details with your child directly.

We cannot underestimate the extraordinary circumstances children in Year 11 find themselves in and I anticipate that this examination season will be extremely difficult for all involved. By working together, we can create the sort of reassuring and affirming environment that will encourage and enthuse – they *can* do it!

The mind is like water. When it's turbulent, it's difficult to see. When it's calm, everything becomes clear.

As ever,

Mr I Loynd
Headteacher