

RE: Year 13 Leaving Site for Afternoon Study Periods

Dear Year 13 Parents,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am Miss Hasika Bhudia, the newly appointed Head of sixth form at St. Paul's Way and I am delighted to be working alongside you and our school community to ensure the best outcomes for your child when they leave Year 13. Today, I am writing to you with news of a slight change to the Sixth Form's current policies which are applicable to Year 13 students only.

As an organisation, we are committed to ensuring our students get the most out of their time in the sixth form and that they have the means and methods necessary to obtain the best outcomes for their futures. As a sixth form Year 13 student, your child has a number of study periods a week where they are not in timetabled lessons. These 100 minutes sessions are intended for individual study, giving students some autonomy over their learning. Up until now, students have been required to stay on site during these times. To maximise the quality of their study periods for individuals, we will be introducing a system that allows students to work from home should they not have a lesson on any given afternoon.

The arrangement for leaving site is as follows:

- Students must come to site every day at normal time, by 8:55am
- All students must stay on site for periods 1-4 every day, even if they have study periods
- All students must stay for afternoon tutor time (12:15- 1.40pm)
- After tutor time, year 13 students who have a study period may leave to go and study off site

The reduced numbers of students on site will provide those who do choose to stay in school with a quieter space to study. Whilst, we encourage our Year 13 students to stay on site and make the most of an environment that is conducive to learning, we recognise that for others working from home might present a welcome opportunity to complete independent work.

Please note the following exceptions to this arrangement:

- Students who find working from home challenging or who are not currently making the expected level of progress will be required to stay on site to complete independent work in the study area. This will enable us to provide the additional support required to ensure that these students met their full potential. Families of these students will receive notice from the sixth form team in due course.
- Students who have a See Me/ Central reflection/ intervention after school must return on site for this, on time. If there is a risk of them being late, they should remain on site.

We do hope this opportunity will engender a greater level of independence in our learners, better equipping them for their future studies at the of this academic year. This model will be reviewed at the end of this half term (October 20th) should issues with attendance, progress or wellbeing arise, this privilege may be revoked for individual students of concern or for the whole cohort if deemed necessary.

Please continue to support your son/daughter by talking to them about their school work, encouraging them to stick to a study schedule and ensuring they have a suitable space to study in the home.

Should you have any concern regarding the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the sixth form team by calling us on 020 7987 1883.

Best regards,



Hasika Bhudia (Head of Sixth Form)