



8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with details of our Year 11 leavers' event which will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The year group have approached this period of online learning with the same diligence and resilience which they have demonstrated over what has been an incredibly challenging period for them, and we are looking forward to welcoming the students back into school to celebrate the wonderful things they have accomplished in their time with us at St Mary's College.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Mass which will start promptly at 1pm at the Marist Church, Cottingham Road, which parents are welcome to attend with your children should you wish to do so. The Mass will last approximately 1 hour, finishing at 2pm and will be followed by a leaver's event at 2.15pm which will be an opportunity for the students to gather together as a year group with the year team and their tutors and teachers to celebrate them leaving school. The leavers' event will be held back at St Mary's in the theatre and the Inglemire Lane entrance will be open for students to access the event; Students should not attempt to access the site at any other entrance. Whilst parents are more than welcome to attend the Mass, we would respectfully ask for students only to attend the leavers' event so that the students can have a celebration with their peers and staff. The gathering will last until approximately 4.30pm and will include food and drinks for students, awards and an opportunity for students to sign personal commemorative books which will be provided by the school.

Any students wishing to attend the leavers' event only and not the Mass should arrive to the bottom of SM6 at 2.15pm via the Inglemire Lane entrance where they will be welcomed by members of staff. Students do not have to attend either the Mass or the leaver's event in uniform but must dress appropriately for a school event. The event will finish at 4.30pm and students can then make their own way home, however if any students would prefer to get the school bus home they are more than welcome to do so, which would be at 3.40pm.

We would strongly suggest that anyone attending either the Mass or the leavers' event completes a Covid lateral flow test before arriving onto school site in order to ensure the event is as safe as possible for all attending. Lateral flow tests can be ordered from the government website if any students have run out at home. Please could we also ask that if students have any revision guides which they need to return to the school that they bring them on the 24<sup>th</sup> June; there will be boxes available for students to drop these materials off as soon as they arrive.

I am immensely proud of this wonderful year group and the resilience they have demonstrated throughout the pandemic and since returning to school. The year team are looking forward to celebrating these achievements with the students on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. All students will be emailed a Microsoft Forms link to confirm their attendance and the deadline for this to be completed is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June to allow us to confirm numbers with caterers. Please ensure your child completes this link if they wish to attend the Mass and/or leavers' event.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 team.

Kind regards,

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