

29th April 2026

Dear parents/carers of Year 13 students

### Plans for Year 13 during their final A Level exams

Firstly, may we congratulate Year 13 students on their attitude and focus as they prepare to commence the exam season. We hope their revision is going well.

This letter outlines the arrangements in the run-up to their external exams.

Written exams commence from Monday 11th May. Please be aware of the following:

- Timetabled lessons will finish on **Thursday 14th May**
- **Leavers' Celebrations will take place on Friday 15th May**
- **Students will commence Study Leave on Monday 18th May. Therefore, students will no longer be required to attend timetabled lessons.**
- As in previous years, teachers may schedule extra revision sessions with students. Teachers will communicate these arrangements to students. When attending revision sessions or their exams, students are required to use the Victoria Road entrance. Students are also reminded that they should attend school wearing their lanyards. They are also required to be in business dress.
- On the days of their exams, students should arrive in school at 8:40am and line up for 8:45am to enter the exam for a 9:00am start
- For afternoon exams, students should be in school and lined up at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start

The exam period can be a stressful time for students. You may find the following websites useful when offering support to your child:

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-be-at-exam-stress/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students>

### Friday 15th May – Year 13 Celebration Assembly and Thanksgiving Mass

- A Celebration Assembly will take place in the Common Room at 12:00pm. Students should arrive in school at 12:00pm unless they are Psychology students. Psychology students will be sitting an examination at 9:00am - 11:00am.
- Students can wear their own clothes, dressing appropriately (no crop tops or short cycle shorts).
- A Celebration Mass will take place following the assembly. The mass will start at 2:00pm in Holy Souls Church.

We are very much looking forward to reflecting on and celebrating our students' time with us. Should parents and carers wish to join us for our mass, you would be most welcome.

### **Year 13 Celebration Dinner – Wednesday 24th June**

The Year 13 Celebration Dinner will take place on Wednesday 24th June at The Village Hotel, The Green Business Park, Dog Kennel Lane, Shirley, Solihull B90 4JG.

Students may arrive from 7:00pm. It promises to be a lovely evening with staff and students enjoying a buffet and disco to celebrate their time with us.

Students will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the venue.

Students have had access to the overall Summer Examination timetable; this is on our website and can be found here:

<https://www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Summer-2026-for-website.pdf>

The timetable is also in their year group Google Classroom and personalised copies have been given to students. Please talk to your child about their upcoming exams and their revision.

### **Results Day – Thursday 13th August**

A Level and Level 3 results are available from 9:00am.

Thank you for all your support, not just during this examination period, but also for the duration of time your child has spent at Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School and Sixth Form. We look forward to some very positive results on A Level results day.

Yours sincerely

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