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Dear parents/guardians/Year 13 students,

I would like to congratulate all those in Year 13 who have taken part fully in the online lessons sent to you by your teachers. For those, particularly in Year 13 who may be a little concerned about the pace of learning, please be patient with this as we would ordinarily have been finishing in early May and then going on study leave. However, as there won't be examinations, we can continue with distance learning throughout May and June. By its nature, distance learning is slower and it's not easy to replicate the classroom experience but there will be time to cover the course content, seek explanations, complete work and receive feedback.

However, some teachers have informed me that a number of pupils are not engaging. Whilst we understand that some households may have difficulty working online, it is vital for Year 13 to continue working and complete the work that has been sent. This way students will be able to complete Year 13 course and begin preparation for Year 14. The majority of Year 13 courses provide the foundation for work in Year 14 and it is essential that the required content is covered. I understand that those who were due to sit 'A' Level examinations will be anxious about their grades. Now that guidance has been issued from CCEA, staff are working diligently to ensure that the grades assigned are fair and accurate, insofar as possible and it is, of course, in everyone's interest that this is the case.

Soon teachers will also be sending work for starting Year 14 courses. It is important that students follow their instructions and fully engage with the work. If there are any concerns or queries about the work, please contact the relevant teacher as soon as possible or you may wish to contact the school via e-mail <u>info@stlouis.org.uk</u>

Please continue to check our school website for regular updates and information on examinations, pastoral support and guidance with online learning. I hope that everyone remains safe and those families which have key workers among them, stay safe and are well supported in their good work.

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Kevin Martin, Principal.





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