



St. Louis
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear parents/guardians/Year 11 students

Thank you for all your help and support with home learning. The feedback to date from our recent online surveys indicates that arrangements are working well overall. We hope we have got the balance right and we encourage you to continue to provide feedback at any stage by contacting the school in the usual way via e-mail: info@stlouis.org.uk

We have learned many new things about distance learning over the past number of weeks and perhaps one of the most significant is the need for patience. We acknowledge that the circumstances in which pupils are trying to engage with on-line learning vary from family to family. 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 indicated that a number of pupils are not engaging. It is vital for Year 11 students to continue working online and complete the work they have been sent by their teachers. This way they will be able to finish their Year 11 course and begin the preparation for Year 12. Year 11s should also be completing the necessary Science work and revision as they need to prepare for the upcoming Science modules in November (please see further information below). We encourage each student to do their best at this difficult time and try to be as positive as they can. Promoting positive mental health is so important and whilst you would expect us to emphasise the importance of academic study to our students during this school closure period, it is also important to remember to get the balance right. It is of value for students in the Middle School to take part in a range of activities including exercise, creative activities and reading for pleasure.

Our teaching staff are aware of the challenges of home schooling which include; parents working from home and siblings having to share devices among other consideration. Teachers are taking all these factors into account while setting work. It is important for students to try and maintain a routine which suits your household which includes academic work as well as other activities to enrich the student's day. Soon teachers will also be sending work for starting year 12 courses. It is important that students follow their instructions and fully engage with the work.



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If there are any concerns or queries about the work, please contact the relevant teacher as soon as possible. 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.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Martin,
Principal.

List of exams in Y12

The timetable for November 2020 will include:

Double Award Science (DAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Single Award Science (SAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

The timetable for January 2021 will include:

GCSE Mathematics (All units, 1–8)

GCSE English Language (Unit 1 and 4)

The timetable for March 2021 will include:

Double Award Science (DAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Single Award Science (SAS) units in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Summer 2021 will include all GCSE, AS and A level units as timetabled



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