



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Year 13 Summer Examinations 2025**

Please find essential information below regarding the forthcoming A Level and Level 3 BTEC external examinations. Any correspondence you might have regarding examinations should be emailed to [Exams@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org](mailto:Exams@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org)

**The examination series**

- The summer series for A Level and Level 3 BTEC examinations will run from **30<sup>th</sup> April until 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. A contingency has also been put in place in case of local or national emergencies until the **25<sup>th</sup> June**. All pupils need to be available within this window.
- During this examination window, please do not book holidays. Your child will receive an X for any missed paper(s), which may result in a U grade.
- Failure to attend exams will incur the cost of the paper entry. Entry costs for A Level and Level 3 BTEC exams range between £90 and £140 per subject.

**Attendance and Equipment**

- To support students in their final preparations, they are expected to attend all lessons for each subject, up to the point where all external examinations and coursework units have been completed.
- Students do not need to be in school when they do not have any lessons, but they must ensure that they are punctual for any lessons they do have and sign in at Reception on their arrival.
- Once a student has been 'signed-off' by their subject teacher(s) there will be no expectation for them to be in school for those lessons.
- Students need to ensure that they are on the school site by 8:30 at the latest for any morning exams, where breakfast and snacks will be available.
- It is an expectation that students will adhere to the VI Form dress code for the entirety of the exam period when in school and in examinations.
- Students must ensure that they are fully equipped for each of their examinations with a transparent case containing a minimum of: 2 black pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, highlighter. Specific





equipment for specialist subjects such as calculators, compass, protractors need to be provided by the student.

- During the exam period, all students who have afternoon examinations will have an early lunch at 12.30pm instead of the usual 1.15pm as afternoon exams will commence at 1pm.

### **Signing-off**

- As part of the 'sign-off' process, students are reminded that they need to return any equipment they have borrowed as part of their studies, including any textbooks and iPads, as well as ensuring that their locker is emptied and locks removed.
- Any deposits will be returned as per the contract.

### **Celebrations**

- There will be a special Mass on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, celebrated by Father Brendan Killeen. This will enable the Year 13 students for some time to reflect and offer the opportunity for a few moments of calm before the examinations and to feel the strength, the peace and the grace of the prayers and support around them as students at Thomas Becket Catholic School.
- A final leavers' assembly and celebration will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May where all students regardless of whether they have exams are expected to be in school. This day marks an important milestone and proffers the chance to celebrate achievements, share and make more special memories and say important goodbyes to staff and peers alike.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Miss V Donovan  
Head of VI Form



**RESPECT**



**TRUTH**



**COMPASSION**



**JUSTICE**



**FAITH**