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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Re: Year 12 Student Update

I would like to start by sincerely thanking you for your continued efforts supporting your child, the Sixth Form team and the school. We want to make sure your child's time here at St Martin's is both effective and productive and so we have made a few changes to support this.

The school day will now finish at 13:30 or 15:05 if they have a period 5 and so the 11:00 gate will no longer be opening for students to leave at break. Students are now expecting to stay and use this time to work independently in the silent study space or with their peers in the social study space, attending intervention sessions or one to one revision sessions. Therefore, we ask that any driving lessons or tutoring be arranged outside of school hours. We believe that giving the students this structured time will support their learning going forward, and also give us an opportunity to put interventions in when needed.

The expectation of students next term must still continue, punctuality and attendance is paramount for your child to succeed. Therefore, we ask that you encourage your child's attendance and punctuality to ensure they are prepared to start a day of learning at 08:25.

Students are also asked to make sure lanyards are worn and visible at all times as part of our safeguarding policy. Students are reminded that mobile phones or air pods are not used around school and only in the sixth form areas to keep in line with the school policy.

As a reminder, some important dates for your diary are below, for more information please click in the link <u>here</u> for the Sixth Form web page.

January	
6	Year 12 no lunch gate for this day only
14	Year 12 Drama & Theatre NT trip
February	
10	Upper School Show 'Hairspray'
17-23	Half Term
27	Year 12 Parents Evening
March	
10-11	Year 12 Photography PPE's
12-14	Year 12 Art PPE's
April	
4	End of Spring Term (1.25 finish)



22-25	Year 12 and 13 Return. Year 12 PPE's
	begin
28-2	Year 12 PPE's continue
May	
9	Year 13 Leavers Day <b>TBC</b>
26-31	Half Term
June	
9	Year 12 Progression Meetings
30	Year 12 Progression Exams
July	
23	End of School Term (13.25 finish)

Yours sincerely

Mrs Page Head of Year 12 & 13.