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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 13 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. With only a few months remaining, we want to make sure that their time here at St Martin's is both effective and productive and therefore 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 the 11:00 gate will no longer be opening for students to leave at break. Students are now expected 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. 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.

Year 13 PPE's will take place from the 20 of January, and all students should attend all lessons unless they are in an exam.

To support students with independent learning and revision, we have organised a company called Bright Futures to run a workshop with our Year 13 on Monday 6 January from period 1 to 5, in preparation for their PPE's. All students will be expected to attend and take part in the workshop-based activities. The lunch gate will not be open and students will need to bring in lunch or purchase it from the Bistro.

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 their 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 [here](#) for the Sixth Form web page



January	
6	Year 13 Return. Year 13 Workshop Bright Futures
8	BTEC Business Exam Unit 2
9	BTEC Business Exam Unit 2
10	BTEC Sport Exam Unit 1
13	BTEC Health and Social Care Exam Unit 2
20-24	Year 13 PPE's begin
27-31	Year 13 PPE's continue
29	Year 13 UCAS application deadline
February	
10	Upper School Show 'Hairspray'
17-23	Half Term
March	
11, 12 & 13	Year 13 Drama & Theatre Scripted Exam
20	Results of January BTEC Exams
April	
4	End of Spring Term (13.25 finish)
21	Year 13 Return.
30-2	Year 13 Photography Exam
May	
6-8	Year 13 Art Exam
9	Year 13 Leavers Day TBC
12	Year 13 Summer Exams
26-31	Half Term
June	
9	Year 13 Summer Exams Continue
September	
4	Year 13 Leavers Ball

Yours sincerely



Mrs Page
Head of Year 12 & 13.