



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students in Year 11

I am writing to you with reminders of some of the plans I highlighted to you in my letter on 11th May, and to give further detail on some of these arrangements.

Before I begin, I would like to say well done to all students for the very mature and dedicated way they have approached their in-class assessments over this half term. I hope they take a well-deserved rest next week. I will not use this letter as a farewell to them, because we shall be seeing them w/c 21st June and we shall do so then. However, I would like to take this chance to thank all parents and carers for working with us over the past five years and for all the support you have given both the students and the school. Your partnership has been invaluable, and I thank you for that.

As you are aware. Students are not to be in school w/c 7th June and w/c 14th June, unless contacted. However, if they are contacted, they must attend as requested without fail please. During these two weeks, there will be a host of online resources available to them, and later in this letter I shall give some instruction about the use of these resources.

Monday 21st June is the Year 11 Leavers' Day and we look forward to welcoming back all students for what I am sure will be an excellent end to their time in the main school of St Robert's. The timings for this day will be the normal school timings and students must wear regular school uniform. All other expectations regarding conduct and appearance will also be in place. The rest of this week will see students coming in to experience post-16 lessons and/or to receive guidance and information about post-16 progression and careers. A more detailed timetable will be published to students after half term. Friday 25th June remains the official national school leaving date for Year 11 this year.

I have already said that we will be in touch after half term with arrangements for Results Day. However, one thing to mention now is to give you details of how you can receive your results if you are unable to come into school on 12th August. If you wish to have your results emailed out to you on Results Day, please email 2021Grading@str.bwcet.com between Monday 7th June and Friday 18th June to request this service. On Results Day we will send your results to the email address used to submit the request, once all on site results have been processed.

The remainder of my letter contains further information about the online resources available for Year 11 students during the first two weeks back after half term.



Year 11 Online Resources

The resources will be located on the school website from Monday 7th June. Students can access them via the following link: [Year 11 Resources - St Robert of Newminster](#)

The resources will include:

- Bridging Work for Sixth Form Study
- Resources provided by *Unifrog* on Careers and Guidance, Post 16 and Post 18 progression, as well as information about well-being.
- Other Resources around Careers and Progression
- Prayer and Reflection.

Most resources will be self-explanatory but below are some notes to assist with the bridging work and *Unifrog* resources. Students should work through at their own pace. Please do use your time profitably, but do not feel obliged to complete every single activity.

Bridging Work

Year 11 students intending to return to 6th Form should start preparing for their new courses. This half term is an ideal opportunity to help students develop their independence and give them a variety of tasks that will prepare them for their courses in September.

Each subject area has produced study tasks to introduce course content and to start to develop the skills necessary to be successful. This is especially important for subjects students have not studied at GCSE. Students should complete between three and five tasks of their choice per subject. The tasks will engage students, provide variety and also develop their independence and research skills. Students should make notes on all tasks and start to compile their work folders for their new courses.

In addition to subject resources, students will be given non-subject specific work to help prepare for 6th Form study, this will include study skills, note taking, organisation and planning of work.

For students who are unsure about their subject choices, they can complete work on more than three subject areas to help them make their final choice of studies. The work provided by subjects will give an insight into the course content and the skills required.

At the end of their preparation work students will be asked to submit a 350 word piece of reflective writing for each subject. This will include their thoughts on the most interesting new knowledge they have gained, any insights gained and implications for future study. It will also serve as evidence of their completion of the bridging work. Students will be asked to complete their submissions using an online Form and it will be forwarded to the appropriate subject area.

Unifrog

Students should receive an email to their school account providing information on how to register for this software. Follow the instructions in the email, and once logged in, watch the video links on the first slide to show you how to use *Unifrog*. Work your way through those resources which interest you.

Once again, well done to all students and we look forward to seeing you again at the start of the third week back after half term.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Juric
Head Teacher