

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that your daughter's time in main school Sacred Heart is coming to an end. It seems just like yesterday when they joined us in Year 7 as fresh-faced 11 year olds.

Teacher Assessed Grades

All our girls have worked so hard to build their portfolios for each subject they study and to complete this work to the very best of their ability. We are very proud of each and every one of them. Please remember, we have your daughter's best interests in all of our hearts and we will ensure she gets to take her next step on her path in life, whether that be returning to Sacred Heart Sixth Form, going to college, taking up an apprenticeship or securing a job.

Year 11 Leaving Dates

After taking on board advice from both the Department for Education and Newcastle Local Authority, we have decided that Year 11 students will leave school on Friday 28th May, at the start of the Spring Bank holiday. However, we have certain expectations of the girls after half term:

Week commencing 7th June: all Year 11s will be given a CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) booklet to complete which is full of progression activities that will support them in their next steps. This booklet will be given to girls well in advance of their leaving date, support is available in school after half term to complete the tasks if needed. There are also some opportunities to complete online work experience, take part in life skills training on managing money and complete a CV.

Week commencing 14th June: all students who are returning to Sacred Heart in September, to take up a place in our Sixth Form, are expected to come into school this week. There will be a series of taster sessions for all subjects offered throughout the week. This will support the girls in making final decisions about which courses they will study and will give them a feel for different subjects and what it might be like to take up studies in that area. They will also be given some bridging work to complete for the subjects they have chosen. Students not planning on returning to Sacred Heart will be signposted by staff to additional career and course related resources. They are of course free to begin bridging work for their new courses should they wish to. Girls are not expected to attend school after Friday 18th June. Students returning will be based in the Sixth Form building all week which will allow them to experience life in Sixth Form. For this week only, they are not expected to attend in uniform.



If you have any queries, please get in touch with school via the helpdesk email enquiries@shhs.org.uk and mark your email for the attention of 'Head of Progress - Year 11'. Finally, a thank you to all the girls for 5 great years, for their smiles and their positivity and particularly for all their resilience and patience in what has been a very difficult 18 months. They are a credit to you, and to our school. I wish them all the very best in everything they do.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Howell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs S Howell
Headteacher