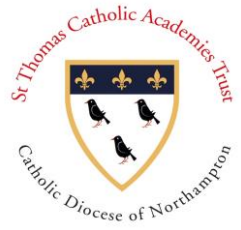




**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
Roman Catholic School  
in the Diocese of Northampton  
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“The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive!”

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5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing a further update due to the fluidity of the events in education at present. From here on and unless there's a burning need to do so we'll keep the communication to once a week in the Friday Newsletter where we hope to deliver all we need to pass on in one email rather than a constant barrage of communication that could fast become an overload of information. We'll continue to use the school Facebook site and Twitter site as a means for communication.

1. The most pressing issue is that the **BTEC and Cambridge National Exams are still going ahead this month**. This was confirmed by the Department of Education at 9.50pm last night. This means that students due to take exams from tomorrow through to the 18<sup>th</sup> January (Year 10, 11, 12 and 13) should continue to prepare for them as originally planned. Students undertaking exams should meet in the Hall 30 minutes before the beginning of the exam.
2. Year 13 students due to take the pre-exam preparation under supervision (part of the examination in itself) should still do this on line with their teachers, including those planned to do so today (for some students this is 6 hours for others this is 4 hours). Their respective teachers contacted those students late last night or will be doing so this morning.
3. We have postponed the Centre Assessed Exams (PPE2/Mocks) for years 11-13 until further notice and will continue to teach the content of the curriculum accordingly.
4. Sixth Form application interviews will take place, albeit on line and students will be contacted in due course for appointments.
5. Our canteen staff have been furloughed by the catering company we use. Those students that are coming to the school as either Key Worker children, EHCP or designed vulnerable should come prepared with a packed lunch and enough food and drink for the day.

With so much change in such a short period of time there may be questions you still have feel unresolved. If we can be of any further help – please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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