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## ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH - YEAR 11 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move forward into what would normally be Term 5, we just wanted to provide you with a short update.

### 1. St John's Sixth Form

Students who have applied to St John's Sixth Form should now have started the work set for their Sixth Form courses. Mrs Haig-Williams (Head of Sixth Form) has sent regular bulletins in preparation for this. As a reminder the work can be found on the St. John's website, by going to the Sixth Form tab and the selecting **Rising Y12 Summer Work**. The direct link is:

<https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/sixth-form/rising-year-12-summer-homework/>

There are a number of ways to complete this work, but we suggest that students get into a structure and focus on this daily. When doing this work, students should complete it in depth, following all tasks comprehensively. This will gain significant advantage for the return to school, so push your son/daughter to challenge themselves. To help engage your son/daughter in this work, asking them to do a verbal report to you at the end of each day on what they have discovered is a really effective way of embedded their new knowledge.

### 2. Alternative destinations

For those students who are going onto other providers such as other colleges and apprenticeships, we recommend that you contact those providers directly for information on how to prepare for those courses, qualifications and training. Naturally, if students are studying courses that we offer at St. John's then please do take advantage of our "**Rising Y12 Summer Work**" as noted above. However, it would be sensible to contact your new provider to see if they cover the same exam boards and courses. If you are unsure about these next steps, please do contact Fiona Havill from our Careers team for further advice:

[fhavill@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:fhavill@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk)

### 3. The Prom!

None of us could have imagined the sense of anti-climax with the abrupt end to the Year 11 academic year. The students have had many things taken away from them, leaving them feeling somewhat flat and despondent. Therefore, I wanted to take the opportunity to say that behind the scenes the Pastoral Team appreciate how important the Prom is for students and how it could at least provide a happy end to this part of schooling!

Therefore, the Pastoral Team has been looking at different future scenarios with the aspiration that we could still have a Prom and we are quietly planning in the background. At this stage, we are not providing any dates or details as we can only progress as the national picture of lockdown and social distancing changes. Therefore, whilst we are making plans, we cannot make promises and I strongly recommend that you do not invest money into dresses, suits, transport and so on at this stage.

One reality of this planning is that if this event goes ahead, we will need significant student help to set-up the school. Therefore, if your son/daughter would like to be part of this team, could he/she email Mr Jefferies (Head of Year 11) to express their interest:

[kjefferies@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:kjefferies@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact us through the [covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk) email if you require more support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Nicholls". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke above the name.

T Nicholls  
**Assistant Vice-Principal**