

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 13 Study Leave Arrangements & Key Information

We are writing to inform you of the arrangements for study leave and to share some key information as we approach the end of Year 13.

Study Leave – Starting Monday 2nd June

Study leave for Year 13 will begin on Monday 2nd June 2025. This will enable students to manage their time around exam timetables and any final coursework deadlines. Some students will still be expected in school for specific subjects or targeted interventions, and we will share a timetable shortly outlining when these sessions will take place.

Staff will remain available throughout the exam season to support students. Please encourage your child to check their academy email and virtual classrooms regularly for updates and additional revision opportunities.

Study Leave Guidance – Department for Education

We don't take decisions around study leave lightly and as such we are guided by national legislation. With this in mind, we want to make you aware of the Department for Education's guidance on study leave:

“Study leave should not be granted by default once tuition of the qualification is complete. Schools should consider whether young people benefit more from continued attendance.”

“If schools do decide to grant study leave, provision must still be made available for those pupils who want to continue to come into school to revise.”

— DfE, Working Together to Improve School Attendance (2024)

Leavers' Assemblies

Both campuses will be holding their own leavers' service. Students in Three Spires Sixth Form are welcome to attend both if they have lessons in both campuses. Details of the two services are below.

- Compton Campus; **Tuesday 20th May 3:15-4 pm in the Theatre**
- Tettenhall Campus; **Wednesday 2nd July 10 – 11 am in the Lecture Theatre**

Supporting Your Child

We understand that the exam season can be a stressful time. The following link contains helpful strategies to support your child during this period:

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>

Other tips that may help:

- Help them discover their preferred revision style.
- Encourage breaks and a balance between studying and relaxing.
- Ensure they eat and drink regularly.
- Promote winding down after revision sessions.

- Offer regular reassurance and positivity.
- Plan a treat or activity after exams to look forward to.
- Make time for one-to-one conversations.
- Validate their feelings while offering practical support.
- Encourage a healthy bedtime routine.
- Explore simple relaxation techniques.
- If anxiety becomes overwhelming, consider speaking to a GP.

Results Day – Thursday 15th August 2024

All Three Spires Sixth, students will be able to collect their results in person at the **Compton campus from 8:00am**. Staff from both campuses will be available on site to celebrate with and support students. If you need to contact the exams officer on results day, please contact the respective exams officers

- Compton Campus – Ms J Long jlong@stpetersacademy.org.uk
- Tettenhall Campus - Mr R Rogers rrogers@stregisacademy.org

Alumni Network

Your child's connection to Three Spires Sixth Form doesn't end here. We have a growing alumni network, and we would love for our students to stay in touch. To join, please encourage your child to join our LinkedIn page <https://www.linkedin.com/company/three-spires-sixth-form>. We very often have ex-students who return to school and deliver mentoring sessions, workshops and assemblies to students – we love to hear what they are up to!

Finally, on behalf of the entire Sixth Form team, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been a pleasure working with your children. They are a talented, thoughtful, and resilient group of young adults, and we are proud of the people they have become. We are confident they leave Three Spires ready to meet life's challenges and opportunities with confidence.

Warm regards,

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