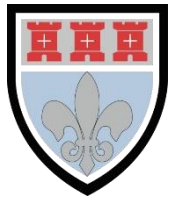




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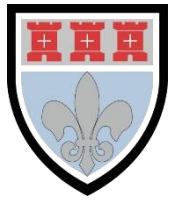
Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 22nd November 2017



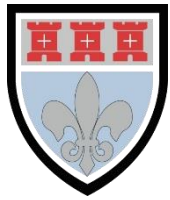
Why St Mary's?

- ▶ **Continuity/ethos**
- ▶ **Excellent pastoral care and support**
 - Key Stage 5 Leader and Deputy Key Stage 5 Leader
 - Experienced team of Form Tutors and support tutors
 - Highly committed subject teachers
- ▶ **High quality Teaching and Learning**
- ▶ **Wide ranging curriculum**
- ▶ **Vibrant extra-curricular and wider life**



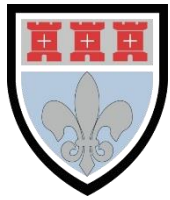
Why St Mary's?

- ▶ **Opportunities for spiritual development**
- ▶ **Outstanding Achievement**
2017 Summer outcomes:
 - 100% pass rate at A level
 - Over one third of grades A*-A
 - 63% of grades A*-B
 - 83% of vocational entries were Distinctions or starred Distinctions
 - Combined A-level and vocational >40% A*-A or equivalent
- ▶ **Preparation for the next stage**



Entry Requirements

- ▶ The decision to join Sixth Form should be carefully considered
- ▶ Students need to:
 - ▶ Demonstrate excellent work ethic, attendance and punctuality
 - ▶ Always adhere to the Sixth Form Dress Code
 - ▶ Support our school ethos
 - ▶ Show commitment to the wider life of Sixth Form, including all aspects of Core Curriculum
 - ▶ Be able to cope with the demands of Sixth Form study (*independent learning*)
 - ▶ Meet all entry requirements in chosen courses



Pathways

- ▶ Most students will study 3 A Levels, or their equivalent, during Years 12/13 and an EPQ
- ▶ Choosing the right pathway and subjects is vital
- ▶ Increased rigour of A Levels and vocational courses must be carefully considered
- ▶ Excellent and informed guidance for students
- ▶ To give students the best possible chance of success, students will have to meet entry requirements for the subjects they choose
- ▶ Most students will choose either an **A Level** or **Vocational pathway** (*some combine these*)



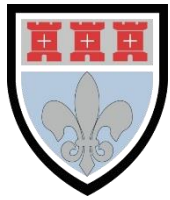
Pathways

A Level

- ▶ Wide range of academic A-Level choices
- ▶ Students achieving 7-10 Grade 7+ in traditional GCSE subjects
- ▶ GCSE English & Maths at Grade 5
- ▶ Select 3 subjects
- ▶ A small number of students may wish to select 4 subjects

Vocational

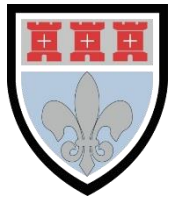
- ▶ Mainly grades 4-6 at GCSE
- ▶ Prefer practical work and coursework
- ▶ It is possible to complete a combination of A Level and Vocational courses
- ▶ New requirements mean there is still an examined element that students must pass



A level Pathways

- Art
- Biology *
- Business Studies
- Chemistry *
- Computer Science
- 3D Design
- Drama
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature *
- French *
- Further Maths *
- Geography *
- History *
- Maths *
- Music
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Physics *
- Psychology
- Russian *
- Spanish *
- Sports Studies
- Textiles

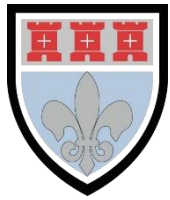
* Facilitating Subjects
Subject to viability



Vocational Pathways

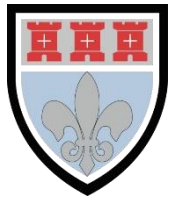
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Health and Social Care
- ▶ Information Technology

Subject to viability



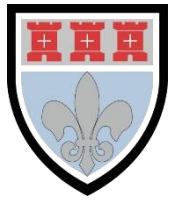
Core curriculum

- ▶ Core RE (*NOCN Award*)
- ▶ Core PE
- ▶ Pastoral Programme
- ▶ Service contribution



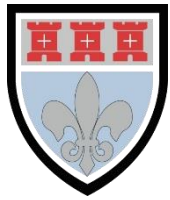
Sixth Form students

- ▶ **Ailsa Simpson** (Year 13)
- ▶ **Daniel Bell** (Year 13)



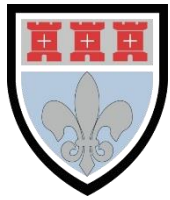
Wider opportunities

- Sixth Form Leadership Team
- Amnesty International
- Classics Society
- John Paul II Award
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Charity fundraising
- Spirituality group
- In-class support/paired reading
- Educational visits
- International Expedition
- Career Ready (Careers Academy UK)
- Work experience
- Young Entrepreneur Competition
- Peer Mentoring
- Sports Leaders
- Reece Scholarships
- National Citizenship Service
- Sixth Form Prom



EPQ

- ▶ Self managed but with a mentor
- ▶ Topic of own choice
- ▶ 5,000 words or equivalent
- ▶ March Year 12 to December Year 13
- ▶ Highly valued by universities



What next?

- ▶ Students meet with senior staff
- ▶ Ongoing high quality guidance to ensure appropriate subject choices are made
- ▶ Taster day in July 2018 - details will follow
- ▶ GCSE results August 2018

- ▶ *External Applicants - application form on website, apply by 9th February 2018*

Thank you for listening

- ▶ Please make your way to departments to find out more about specific subjects (*see map for further details*)
- ▶ Subject teachers are available to answer any questions you may have
- ▶ The Sixth Form area on the second floor is also open for you to visit