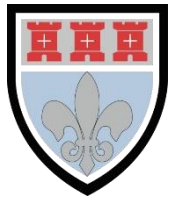




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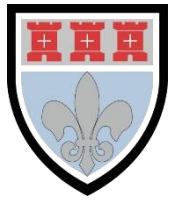
# **Sixth Form Open Evening**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



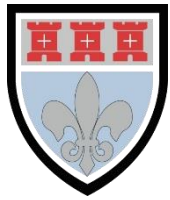
# Why St Mary's?

- ▶ **Continuity/ethos**
- ▶ **Excellent pastoral care and support**
  - Key Stage 5 Leader and two Assistant Sixth Form Leaders (dedicated to each year group)
  - 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?

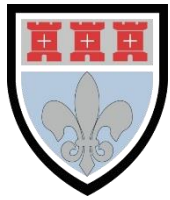
- ▶ **Opportunities for spiritual development**
  
- ▶ **Outstanding Achievement**  
Over the last three years:
  - 99.3% pass rate at A level
  - 35% of all grades A\*-A, 62% A\*-B, 85% A\*-C
  - 14 students achieved straight A\*/As last year
  
  - 100% vocational pass rate
  - 72% of vocational entries were Distinctions or starred Distinctions
  
- ▶ **Preparation for the next stage**



# Entry Requirements

## Students need to:

- ▶ Meet all entry requirements in chosen courses
- ▶ Support our school ethos
  - ▶ Demonstrate excellent work ethic, attendance and punctuality
  - ▶ 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*)
  - ▶ Always adhere to the Sixth Form Dress Code



# Pathways

## A Level

- ▶ Wide range of academic A-Level choices
- ▶ Mainly grades 6-9 at GCSE, with English & Maths at Grade 5+
- ▶ Select 3 subjects
- ▶ A small number of students may wish to select 4 subjects

## Vocational

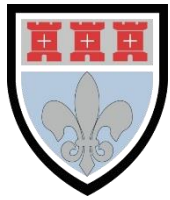
- ▶ Mainly grades 4-6 at GCSE
- ▶ Prefer practical work and coursework
- ▶ It is possible to complete a combination of A Level and Vocational courses
- ▶ New requirements mean there is still an examined element that students must pass



# A level Pathways

- Fine Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Film Studies
- Further Maths
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Photography
- Physics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sports Studies
- Thinking Skills

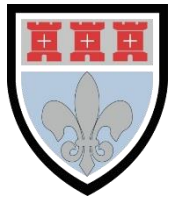
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# Vocational Pathways

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

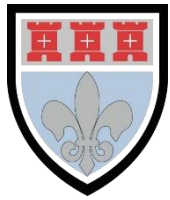
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# Core curriculum

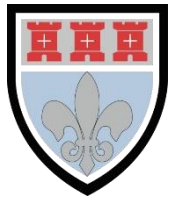
- ▶ Core RE (*NOCN Award*)
- ▶ Core PE
- ▶ Pastoral Programme
- ▶ Service contribution





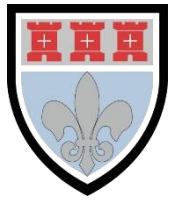
# Sixth Form students

- ▶ **Tim Jones** (Year 13)
- ▶ **Anisha Smith** (Year 13)



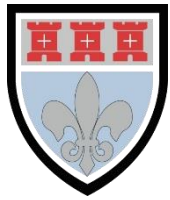
# Wider opportunities

- 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
- Social Mobility Fund
- International Expedition
- Career Ready
- Work experience
- Young Entrepreneur Competition
- Peer Mentoring
- Sports Leaders
- Reece Scholarships
- National Citizenship Service
- Sixth Form Prom
- Debating competitions
- Latin and Mandarin lessons



# EPQ

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



# What next?

- ▶ Initial survey of interest
  - ▶ Students meet with senior staff
  - ▶ Ongoing high quality guidance to ensure appropriate subject choices are made
  - ▶ Transition day at the end of June - details will follow
  - ▶ GCSE results August 2020
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- ▶ *External Applicants - application form on website, apply by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

# 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