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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 students

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing to inform you that your child has been invited to the St Mary's Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 24th November, 2021**. This is an annual event on the school calendar to give the students an insight into Sixth Form life here at St Mary's and an opportunity to ask teachers questions about the Key Stage 5 courses offered in school.

All activities during this event are aimed at showcasing the vibrant nature of our Sixth Form, demonstrating both the academic opportunities your child would have here and the wider activities we are also proud to offer to our Key Stage 5 students. The Open Evening starts at 3.30pm with a talk in the Main Hall from myself and the Sixth Form Pastoral team. Students will then have the opportunity to visit the different subject departments in school until 5.00pm to find out more about the different subjects offered at Key Stage 5.

Due to the current climate nationally and in the North-east with regard to COVID-19, to ensure a safe event for all, this event will be available for prospective students only and not Parents/Carers. Health and Safety guidance recommends limiting large events in school and in this way and therefore, it seems sensible to limit this event to students only, given that they already mix together in school as a year group. However, Parents/Carers will still be able to get a taste of the Sixth Form and the different courses offered by visiting the school website. Each department has produced a Sixth Form Transition Showcase to provide you with the Open Evening experience in a virtual way. These showcases will complement the event taking place in the school with your child.

This event is always well received by our school community and provides an invaluable opportunity for students to get a real understanding of Sixth Form life and to ask any questions they may have about prospective courses, so they can make an informed decision about their future choices after Year 11. I would appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends this event.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me in school. In addition, you can contact the school with any general enquiries regarding the event at SixthFormAdmissions@st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk.

Many thanks as always for your continued support and I look forward to seeing your child at this event.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Headteacher Sixth Form