



# St Mary's Catholic School

Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE7 7PE

*where everyone can succeed*



Tel: 0191 2153260 Fax: 0191 2153279

admin@st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk

www.stmarysnewcastle.co.uk

5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear parent/carers,

## RE: Year 12 Day of Aspiration

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support at the start of this new school year. Our Year 12 students have made a brilliant start to the new academic year, quickly settling into our school routines and expectations, allowing them to make an excellent start to their KS5 courses. Your support in ensuring that your child's return to school in the Sixth Form has been so successful, and it has been hugely appreciated and highly valued.

I am writing to you today to inform you that your child will be taking place in the Year 12 Day of Aspiration on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. This is an annual event of the school calendar where the students complete a variety of activities throughout the school day aimed at developing their hope and ambition of achieving in their future.

All activities, which include team building tasks, group discussions and creative design, are constructed to make the students see the worth in being themselves whilst trying to take them out of their comfort zone. These tasks will all take place in the school and students are required to continue to follow the Sixth Form Dress Code for this event. However, no timetabled lessons will take place on this day, rather students will be following a bespoke timetable of activities. No catch-up work will be placed on Teams for the cancelled lessons as we want the students to fully focus on the activities of the day. Students should ensure they are equipped for the school day as normal, so they can carry out activities to their fullest extent.

Students will be expected to register as normal for the day and will depart school at their usual time. Students will be allowed to make their own arrangements for lunch, including going off site for the lunch break if they wish.

This event is well received by our school community and provides an excellent time for personal reflection as we head towards the end of a busy half term. I would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is prepared for this day.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Turnbull**  
**Assistant Headteacher Sixth Form**