



# St Mary's Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## RE: Sixth Form Open Evening

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

I am writing to invite you and your child to the St Mary's Sixth Form Open Evening on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. This is an excellent event which gives 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 for the next academic year.

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 5 pm with a presentation in the Main Hall from Miss Patterson and myself. Students will then have the opportunity to visit the different subject departments in school until 7 pm to find out more about the different subjects offered at Key Stage 5. This is a very important part of the evening as it will also give students an insight into the demands of the courses that we offer, and the entry requirements for individual courses.

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 next steps. It is not compulsory to attend, but we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends this event.

Following the Sixth Form Open Evening, each student in Year 11 will have an end of KS4 transition meeting with me, or another member of the Sixth Form Pastoral Team. The purpose of this meeting is to give us an idea of what students wish to study and to ensure they select courses that are appropriate for them, based on their predicted performance at GCSE level and the entry requirements for our courses. If your child decides that they do not wish to attend St Mary's Sixth Form, all other options can be discussed in this meeting and appropriate support offered for their next steps.

This is an important and exciting time for your child and we will ensure that they are supported fully and informed of all the options available to them. With your continued support, I am sure the transition into the Sixth Form will be a smooth one, and I very much look forward to meeting you at the Sixth Form Open Evening. I would be very grateful if you would complete the electronic form found at the link below, indicating your intention to attend the Open Evening, by no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

<https://forms.office.com/e/t5iWvuc1N2>

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](mailto:SixthFormAdmissions@st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk).

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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

