



October 22nd 2025

Dear parent/carer,

RE: Year 13 Student Finance Information Session

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 13 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 last year here at St. Mary's. 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 inform you that we will be hosting an in-person Student Finance Information Session for all Year 13 students and their parents/carers on **Wednesday 5th November 2025**, from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm, in the Main Hall.

The session will be delivered by specialists from Newcastle University's Student Finance Team and will provide an overview of key aspects of student finance, including:

- Tuition fees, maintenance loans, and living costs
- How to apply and the repayment process
- Information on bursaries, scholarships, and special support grants
- Practical advice on budgeting for university life

There will also be an opportunity at the end of the session to ask questions about any aspect of student finance ahead of upcoming UCAS applications and the opening of Student Finance England applications in February 2026.

To confirm attendance, please complete the short online form below by Tuesday 4th November 2025:

[Registration Form](#)

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

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mr Turnbull
Assistant Headteacher - Sixth Form