

St Mary's Catholic School



Sixth Form Open Evening 2025-2026

Why St Mary's?

Continuity

Friends

Teachers

Pastoral care

Climate to learn, improve, aspire



Pastoral Care and Guidance

Structure

Assistant Headteacher- Sixth Form
Two Heads of Year
Experienced team of Form Tutors



Balance between independence and support

Excellent communication with home.

Regular monitoring and progress checks.

Support with study and subject achievement.

Support for progression to university, apprenticeship and trained employment

Careers Advice and Guidance

Students are given lots of support to decide their next destination.

Online Resources like Unifrog, SpringPod, dedicated Teams tiles.

Subject Taster sessions from universities.

Our Employer Experience which allows different employers to run sessions with students.

Dedicated Enrichment mornings with employers and apprenticeship providers.

Rigorous application support programmes such as practice interviews and UCAS mentors.

Higher Education and Careers Fair.



Sixth Form Extra-Curricular

We offer many different Sixth Form specific activities to both support students in their aspirations but also channel their passions and skills in different ways.

Aspire to Oxbridge Group

Medicine and Dentistry Society

Law Society

STEM Club

Debate Club



Achievement

History of Results (Post 2022)

99 % pass rate at A level

33 % grades A* - A

61 % grades A*-B

83 % grades A*-C

66 % of vocational entries are
Distinction or Distinction*



Each year, we approximately have over 20% of students achieving 3 or more A/A* or Distinction/Distinction* grades across various subjects.

How is the Sixth Form Different?

More specialised subjects.

Smaller number of subjects studied, chosen from a wider range.

More independent studying.

Sixth Form identity.

Separate superb, modern facilities.



Is St Mary's Right for You?

High expectations of students.

Full time attendance.

High expectations of use of Independent Study Periods.

Distinctive Catholic ethos – students play an important role in this.



Is St Mary's Right for You?

High expectations of dress code.

It creates a purposeful, academic environment.

Pride in representing the Sixth Form.

Prepare students for the world of work.



What Will I Study?

Subjects that are challenging, rigorous content.

Most are linear assessment (assessed at the end of Year 13).

Therefore, students ***choose 3 subjects.***

Opportunity to supplement studies with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and/or AS-level Thinking Skills and Core Mathematics.



What Should I Study?

Strong performance at Key Stage 4.

Strong performance in challenging components.

Career goals.

Passion/interest.

Combination of subjects.

Core curriculum.



A-Level Pathway

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- (Product) Design
- Drama
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- History
- Photography
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Physics
- Psychology
- Politics
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sports Studies

Subject to viability

The Extended Project Qualification, AS Thinking Skills and AS Core Mathematics are also offered as additional courses.

Vocational Pathways

- Science
- Business Studies
- Health and Social Care
- IT
- Early Childhood Development

Subject to viability



What Else Will I Study?

Core Sport



Core RE

Personal Development



Super-Curricular

Wider Opportunities

Various opportunities in our wider opportunities include:

Student Leadership Scheme

Student Leadership Team / Student Leavers Committee

Mentoring and Volunteering Programme

Student Spirituality Team

Charity Fundraising Programme

Extra-Curricular Opportunities



Wider Opportunities

Some of the leadership roles students have taken on this year include:

- Activity Coordinator
- Dance and Drama Leader
- Spirituality Leader
- In-Class Support
- Lunch Support
- Reading Support
- Intervention Support
- Peer Mentor
- Academic Mentor
- Sports Leaders
- Sixth Form Newspaper Writer
- Sixth Form Café Supervisor
- School Fitness Suite Supervisor
- Sixth Form Podcast Producer



Outreach Trip

Opportunity to take place in Sixth Form Outreach projects.

Previous years included destinations such as the Philippines, Zambia, Peru and India.

In October 2025, fifty Sixth Form students travelled to Edinburgh for a community outreach visit rooted in service and social action.

Worked alongside local Catholic parishes to support vulnerable people and communities and enhance their cultural awareness of the city.



What Next?

Review the information – is it St Mary's right for you?

Review your Achievement data – indication of academic strengths.

Students complete an initial questionnaire / application form stating plans for next year in January 2026.

Students have a one-on-one meeting with a member of the Sixth Form Pastoral Team to discuss these future plans.

Written confirmation of Sixth Form enrolment will follow (in April 2026).

Sixth Form Taster day in summer 2026 (June 2026).

GCSE results – confirm subjects.

External Applicants – application form on website, apply by **20th February 2026**.

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