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St Mary's Church of England Sixth Form & Leadership Centre



ST MARY'S CE HIGH SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM & LEADERSHIP CENTRE





Welcome to our distinctive Sixth Form

In St Mary's Sixth Form & Leadership Centre every student is valued and treated as an individual. Students have access to personalised courses and learning experiences that promote the highest standards of academic attainment and personal and social development.

We set high standards and expectations, encouraging and supporting students to be ambitious about achieving their full potential. Students benefit from a distinctive and unique curriculum provision giving opportunities for achieving a broad range of accreditations and experiences to support career progression routes.

Our Sixth Form & Leadership Centre offers:

- A personalised and flexible sixth form curriculum with a range of A Levels, Applied General and Technical Awards and Level 2 courses
- A comprehensive induction programme to ensure seamless progression from previous learning
- Professional learning pathways that combine academic and leadership qualifications with placements in business/industry
- High quality tutoring and subject mentoring
- A wide range of enrichment activities including Duke of Edinburgh Awards, LAMDA Public Speaking accreditations, subject specific fieldwork and offsite visits
- High quality Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

We look forward to welcoming you to our inspiring learning community.

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Head Teacher

“ Personal guidance on careers is closely integrated with the wider pastoral and student support system in the school. Students are able to draw on careers experiences and employer encounters and turn them into a clear and compelling story for applications and interviews. ”

Careers Quality Mark
(achieved by St Mary's July 2018)

ASPIRATION LEADERSHIP EMPLOYABILITY

High Quality Curriculum Pathways

Students will be guided on to study pathways based on prior attainment, subject interest and career aspirations.

The study pathways are highly individualised and provide challenging learning that builds on previous study programmes so that students are well prepared for higher education, apprenticeship and future employment.

Students are able to choose courses from a wide range of traditional A level courses and/or Applied General and Technical Awards (see Course Information Booklet for specific details).

Enrichment

Enrichment activities are organised to complement each course in a study programme and provide students with high quality, extended learning opportunities linked to their subject studies.

Examples of enrichment that will be provided for each course at St Mary's includes:

- Specialist subject speakers eg A Level Conference or Master Class
- Fieldwork or visit to a subject specific place of interest eg art gallery or theatre
- University visit/speaker specialising in the subject studied
- A placement in business/industry linked to the subject studied.

“ I am so pleased that I stayed at St Mary's Sixth Form – I have been able to get straight into my courses and the staff know just how to bring out the best in me. ”

Year 12 Student



High Quality Extracurricular Activities

To support development of a high quality curriculum vitae, all students are encouraged to make a significant contribution to the School and wider community.

A wide and varied programme of extracurricular activities supports and extends students' personal leadership and social development. These include:

- Senior Prefecture & Student Council Leadership
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Sports and outdoor activities
- Tutoring or mentoring younger students
- Voluntary work

St Mary's offers a unique suite of Academy Programmes designed to extend and enhance students' learning in an area of personal interest that might support either their career pathway or social interests in life after the Sixth Form. All students have access to one of the four specialist Academy programmes offered at St Mary's that include:

- Phoenix Performing Arts Academy
- Aspire Business Academy
- Thunder Basketball Academy
- ASE St Mary's Football Academy

Academy Programmes provide students with the opportunity to participate in extended learning or experience elite performance in their chosen specialism and run alongside their chosen academic courses.

CARE
TRUST
RESPECT

Outstanding Pastoral Care

An experienced pastoral team, led by the Director of Sixth Form, offers a wide range of pastoral support to ensure students remain on track to make rapid progress in their studies. Students are expected to take responsibility for their learning, setting very high expectations for themselves and working independently and to the best of their ability to achieve their own ambitious aspirations.

Key features of pastoral support at St Mary's are:

- The Director of Sixth Form leads a team of Academic Tutors who meet with students daily
- A Sixth Form Student Manager provides academic and pastoral support throughout the school day
- Subject and academic mentoring ensures a balance between study, personal development and wellbeing
- A robust system for monitoring includes regular progress reports and reviews with Academic Tutors
- A specialist Careers Education Leader provides support for applications to university, apprenticeships and employment.

Careers Education & Guidance

St Mary's offers a unique programme of careers education that includes regular Professional Learning Placements (PLPs) in business and industry linked to career pathways and/or subject interest. PLPs provide the opportunity to be accredited in Work Skills and gain experience of the workplace environment to strengthen confidence and personal skills.

All students are well supported to prepare curriculum vitae, UCAS and apprenticeship applications and for interviews ensuring they have a competitive edge in an increasingly challenging, modern world.

St Mary's holds a Quality Mark in Careers Education confirming the high standard of CEIAG available for students.



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The School has a culture
where the safeguarding
of pupils is taken
very seriously.”

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