



ST MARY'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL



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The School, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners. ”

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An Outstanding Church School

Welcome to St Mary's.
At St Mary's you will always find a warm welcome that is built on a strong Christian ethos and excellent relationships between adults and students.

We are a happy and inclusive school where students tell us they feel very safe and well cared for and where they enjoy their learning. Central to our success is an ethos where we all work together and where individual skills, talents and cultural heritage are respected and valued.

We are a school with very high aspirations for our students, their families and the local community. We provide the best possible personalised support allowing every student to realise their full potential and to attain highly. A rich and exciting curriculum provision makes learning practical, engaging and enjoyable and is focussed on the literacy, numeracy and life skills that underpin personal, social and academic development.



At St Mary's we pride ourselves on the very highest standards for all learners. Our work and the achievements of our students are regularly recognised as being outstanding and reflecting excellent practice. We enjoy taking a role in leading education practice locally and nationally for the benefit of our learning community. Student Voice is an important part of our school and every student is expected to take advantage of the many enrichment and leadership opportunities that will be provided as part of their learning journey.

We look forward to working with you and your family and sharing our exciting future with you.

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Head Teacher

MOTIVATE
LEARN
ACHIEVE

An Outstanding Learning Experience

Every student at St Mary's is encouraged to be aspirational in their outlook and are given opportunities to achieve their full potential both academically and socially. Students follow a vibrant and stimulating curriculum that includes a strong focus on the teaching of the basic skills of literacy and numeracy, and offers an extensive variety of courses and learning experiences. These ensure that progress is rapid and learning is optimised.



The range of accredited courses and learning opportunities offered to students includes:

- GCSE and A level qualifications
- Level 2/3 vocational and technical qualifications, including BTEC
- Specialist qualifications eg., LAMDA
- Partnerships with universities and apprenticeship providers
- Opportunities for 'Professional Learning Placements' in local business and industry.

School visits and an extensive programme of enrichment activities are used to ensure learning is inspiring and relevant. Activities that stretch, support and challenge provide students with opportunities for practice, performance and application of their learning.

Students at St Mary's are well prepared for life long success and opportunities are taken regularly to recognise this and celebrate their achievements.



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You are passionate about teaching and learning and show great commitment to our children.

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Parent/Carer

CARE
TRUST
RESPECT

High Quality Support, Care and Guidance

Students at St Mary's feel safe, happy, respected and valued.

All staff and students are proactive in promoting positive behaviour for learning in the classroom, and within the school and local community. Outstanding pastoral care, matched carefully to the individual needs of each student, ensures the very highest standards of conduct, safety and wellbeing.

Each year group is led by an experienced Year Leader and every student has an identified form tutor who supports them from year 7 through to Year 11. Students meet with their tutors on a daily basis who will check that they are prepared for learning and provide additional support as it is required. Tutors know their students well, monitor their progress and provide a point of contact for parents/carers.

All students are stretched and challenged in their learning through a wide range of teaching and enrichment activities and strong links with universities, employers and industry. Specialist provision is provided for those students who have identified educational needs or are in need of emotional or behavioural support.

Citizenship and personal endeavour are highly valued. All students are accountable for their own actions and enjoy opportunities to hold positions of responsibility, encourage others and make a positive contribution to school life.

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

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Enrichment Opportunities

An extensive enrichment programme supports and extends student learning.

All students are actively encouraged to support their personal development through involvement with:

- Student Leadership Initiative (SLI) by being a Prefect or member of a School Council
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Sports clubs and fixtures
- Study clubs
- Fieldwork and international visits
- Choir and school productions
- Charity and community work.



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SMSC is promoted in all aspects of school life, particularly through the curriculum and extensive enrichment programme.”

SIAMS

ACTIVE
HEALTHY
CONFIDENT

The St Mary's Phoenix Performing Arts Academy provides students across the school with opportunities to receive voice coaching or instrumental tuition, dance or drama master classes, or to be a part of a performance group. Students also have the opportunity to gain LAMDA accreditations.

Students are actively encouraged to take part in performing arts activities.

These include:

- School plays and musical productions
- Bands and instrumental ensembles
- Choirs and singing groups
- Public speaking and debating.

ASPIRATION
LEADERSHIP
EMPLOYABILITY

Sixth Form & Leadership Centre

An inspirational and distinctive post 16 learning experience that builds on prior learning and provides learning pathways to support progression to university, training or employment.

St Mary's provides courses that meet the needs of the students who wish to access high quality post 16 learning. Professional Learning Placements provide the opportunity for students to work in their chosen work sector whilst studying in the sixth form.

Academy Programmes

St Mary's offers a range of Academy Programmes that allow students to participate in a chosen specialist field to an elite level and to gain high quality experience and accreditations. These include:

- Phoenix Performing Arts Academy
- Thunder Basketball Academy
- Aspire Business & Enterprise Academy
- ACE Football Academy.

Academy programmes are followed alongside academic courses. They provide students with opportunities to participate in enrichment linked to a career pathway or to develop an activity in which they have a personal interest.





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Pupils were welcoming and spoke openly about their sense of belonging to the St Mary's High School community.

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