



Diocese of St. Albans



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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to introduce myself. I am Mrs Gaulton the new Careers Lead and School Careers Adviser here at St Mary's.

I believe every student needs high-quality career guidance to make informed decisions about their future. My aim is to ensure that all students receive the careers information, advice and guidance they need to help them at each stage of their educational journey. I think it is vital that good career guidance is embedded throughout education and students have the opportunity for a wide range of careers interactions throughout their years at school.

From Year 7 to Year 13, students will have the opportunity to learn from career and labour market information, they will see the link between the subjects they study and career opportunities. Each year they are at school students will also have encounters with employers and employees, they will get the opportunity to do work experience and also have encounters with further and higher education.

There are now so many exciting, high-quality education and training options available students. From T Levels that have been designed with employers to high quality apprenticeships in hundreds of occupations and traineeships, alongside A levels and university.

Parents/carers are without doubt the biggest influencers for students making decisions about their future education and careers choices. I know that navigating what is out there in terms of education and training options for your child and taking that next step can seem overwhelming, which is where great careers advice comes in. To help you navigate all this information I will be sending home a fortnightly careers bulletin full of information and opportunities to help you understand all the options available to your child.

There are also numerous ways for you to give your support, and the range of your commitment can vary depending on your availability, but whatever you are willing to help with will make a vital difference to our school. Some example ways to get involved are:

Mock Interview Days, Assembly Talks, Workplace visits, Work Experience Opportunities, Careers Fairs and Support of Curriculum Activities

If you are interested and willing to support in future events please get in touch with me via the school email address: admin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk .

It is my priority to ensure that all students know about all the opportunities available to them so they can make an informed choice about their future.

Yours faithfully

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