



**ST MARY'S
COLLEGE**



Welcome to St Mary's College



“Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as you love yourself”

ENCOUNTER ● FLOURISH ● LEARN ● GROW





Welcome from the Headteacher

I am delighted to offer you a warm welcome to St Mary's Catholic College and hope that this prospectus helps you to understand our ethos, mission and vision.

St Mary's College is a very special, unique and pioneering school where we hold Christ at the centre. We are one of the most successful schools in the country:

- We were judged to be “Outstanding” in all areas by Ofsted in October 2023
- We were named as the Sunday Times Secondary Comprehensive School of the Year 2024
- 90% of our Year 11 students achieved a grade 4-9 in English in their GCSEs in 2024
- 86% of our Year 11 students achieved a grade 4-9 in maths in their GCSEs in 2024
- Our distinctive and vast enrichment programme is designed to ensure all students have amazing experiences that otherwise they may not be exposed to.

Aiming to be one of the very best schools possible, St Mary's College is a demanding and challenging place to learn and to work. It is also a hugely rewarding and enjoyable place to be. We are rightly proud of our reputation and track record in delivering the highest of standards for all students. The relentless hard work and dedication of our staff and students never stops.

At our school we love and care for students: we focus on knowing the child as well as we know the student. We aim to develop young people who know they are adored and individually valued, who will go into the world and make a difference.

We offer a bespoke transition programme which ensures that all youngsters joining us in Year 7 feel fully supported and a key part of our community at the start of their journey at St Mary's College.

We promise to do our absolute best to look after your child: just as they are your world, so they will become ours.

God Bless,

Maria Stead, Head of School

Mission Statement

"Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as you love yourself" (Mark 12: 30-31)

St Mary's College exists to help parents and carers educate young people spiritually, morally, physically and academically as well as possible.

We are a truly Christian community, where our relationships are built on encouragement, concern, respect, forgiveness and reconciliation.

We provide opportunities to prepare and participate in a variety of liturgies.

Pastoral care is at the heart of St Mary's College education. Each student has a Personal Tutor to ensure your child is seen, known and loved.

Our Curriculum Journey

In the lower years, students study a broad and balanced curriculum with a range of subjects in line with the demands of the national curriculum and our commitment to RE and drama for all.



Enrichment

Sport: All students have the opportunity to participate in 2 hours of high-quality curriculum physical education. They experience a variety of activities and have the opportunity at KS4 & 5 to study a range of academic and vocational qualifications. An extensive range of extra-curricular sporting activities is offered.



Music & Performing Arts

Our Academy of Music & Performing Arts provides SMC students with world class tuition and experiences both within the curriculum and outside of school hours.

Our school theatre was declared by the Royal Shakespeare Company to be 'one of the finest school provisions in the country'. We hold a Platinum Artsmark award from Arts Council England for our commitment to Arts & Cultural education.



Sixth Form

The Sixth Form (SM6) is ranked 19th in the country and delivers outstanding post-16 provision at St Mary's College.

We offer a wide range of courses including A Levels, BTEC and Technical courses.



International School

We were re-designated as an International School in 2024.

Across the years our staff and students have been involved in many exciting and diverse projects that have deepened our understanding of different countries and cultures around the world, including a project in Nepal in 2018 and one in Kenya which continues to date.



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