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Dear Parent/Carer

Careers and Higher Education Evening for Parents 6.00 – 8.00 pm Monday 20 May - (Drama Hall)

I would like to invite you to an evening specifically aimed at informing parents about career and study options after Sixth Form. We will address:

- University options and the UCAS application process
- University finance
- Degree Apprenticeships
- Broader career and training pathways post -18
- Preparing students for independence

Staff from St Mary's and from Sheffield Hallam University will highlight key opportunities available to 18 year olds and give time for you to ask questions as part of the group or individually.

We hope to be able to offer insights into the pathways all students might choose to take, whether your son/daughter is certain they would like to study in Higher Education, or is interested in alternative training or routes into university.

Students are not expected to attend this evening as they will have had a full day of advice and support during Monday 20 May, followed by a university visit on 21 May.

The programme for the evening will include:

- **Overview and Timescale:** when should a student decide on a course? When do applications go in? How many applications can be made? How are final choices made?
- **Applications at St Mary's:** specific advice on how it works at St Mary's including key dates and support available in school.
- **Finance:** expert advice from university on the current position for costs and financing university courses, including loans, grants and bursaries.
- **Deciding which course and university:** staff will explain the different kinds of courses and give advice on choosing course and universities.
- **Advice given for helping to prepare your son/daughter for independence.**

During the evening, St Mary's staff will be available to answer your questions.

Please tick the box if you are able to attend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Taylor
UCAS Co-ordinator

Mr C Bradley
Assistant Headteacher – Sixth Form

Mrs M Dengate
Headteacher

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