



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## School Day from September 2019

Following a comprehensive curriculum review, the decision has been taken to make some adjustments to the St Mary's school day from September.

Single lessons of 30 minutes are being replaced by longer lessons, alongside changes to the timings of break and lunchtime.

The full curriculum will still be taught and the number of lessons per subject, at A Level, will increase significantly. Option subjects at GCSE will also have more curriculum time.

As a school we are entirely committed to providing our young people with the best opportunities to fulfil their potential and believe that these changes will have a positive impact on our pupils.

St Mary's also has one of the latest finish times of any school locally and the largest catchment area. We are keen to support the very large numbers of pupils travelling by school bus and therefore having very long days. As a result, the school week will now finish at 2.35 pm, for pupils, on Fridays and at the usual time of 3.35 pm all other days. The school bus companies are aware of, and can accommodate, this change.

The school's three priorities of: academic excellence, holistic education, and religious formation remain unchanged and our belief is that our pupils will benefit greatly from these amendments.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs M Dengate**  
Headteacher

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*Live, Love and Learn in the Light of Christ*

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## The School Day 2019-2020

	<b>Monday to Thursday</b>		<b>Friday</b>
<b>8.45 to 9.05</b>	Registration/Assembly	<b>8.45 to 9.05</b>	Registration/Assembly
<b>9.05 to 9.55</b>	Period 1	<b>9.05 to 9.55</b>	Period 1
<b>9.55 to 10.50</b>	Period 2	<b>9.55 to 10.50</b>	Period 2
<b>10.50 to 11.05</b>	Break	<b>10.50 to 11.05</b>	Break
<b>11.05 to 11.55</b>	Period 3	<b>11.05 to 11.55</b>	Period 3
<b>11.55 to 12.50</b>	Period 4	<b>11.55 to 12.50</b>	Period 4
<b>12.50 to 1.45</b>	Lunch	<b>12.50 to 1.40</b>	Lunch
<b>1.45 to 1.50</b>	Registration	<b>1.40 to 1.45</b>	Registration
<b>1.50 to 2.40</b>	Period 5	<b>1.45 to 2.35</b>	Period 5
<b>2.40 to 3.35</b>	Period 6		