



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 9 INFORMATION EVENING – Tuesday 14 January 2020

In assembly this week Year 9 pupils will be given the Key Stage Four Booklet. This outlines all of the courses available to your son/daughter during the GCSE Years of 10 and 11. We encourage you to read and discuss subjects with your child. All pupils must study Religious Education, English/Literature, Mathematics, Triple, Double or Single Science, Physical Education, Careers and **History or Geography**. Also, some pupils will be guided to choose a Modern Foreign Language. In addition, pupils must also choose one/two other option subjects to study.

The pupils will have opportunity in school to ask their teachers any questions about courses and option choices. However, you as parents, may wish to have an opportunity to ask questions and therefore we have arranged a Year 9 Parents Information Evening on **Tuesday 14 January**. This meeting will take place in the Drama Hall at 6.00pm and Mrs Shaw, Dr Dando (head of Careers and the Leadership Team) will be available to give information and answer questions. Due to lack of space pupils should not attend but, of course, the content will be given to them within school time.

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING - Thursday 23 January 2020

You are also invited to attend the Year Nine Parents' Evening to be held on **Thursday 23 January** from 5.00pm onwards. We look forward to meeting you to discuss your child's work, progress and potential in each of his/her subjects. Please note that pupils should not attend. It would be helpful, if on arrival at school you could go to the foyer of the Drama Hall and sign in on the form lists provided. On departure, could you please sign out. This is to enable staff to ascertain if parents are still on the premises should it be necessary to contact them.

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Live, Love and Learn in the Light of Christ

We operate an appointments system. Since several members of staff teach two or more groups of pupils, they will have to limit interviews to three minutes approximately. Your son/daughter should complete the form provided with the names of teachers. He/she should then ask each teacher, arrange the time of appointment and give the form to you before the parents' evening - please ensure that you have the list of appointments before coming to the evening.

It is very important that everyone keeps to the times stated. If any parent has a problem they wish to discuss which may need a longer time please make arrangements for an appointment with the particular member of staff later in the evening or on another occasion.

Pupils will be given an Option Form on **Wednesday 15 January**, which needs to be returned to school by **Monday 27 January**. Each pupil will of course receive information, advice and guidance in school and you have the opportunity to attend the Information Evening on **Tuesday 14 January** as previously stated. As parents your involvement in this process is vital.

Due to limited parking facilities parents are requested **not to use the staff car park** - the bus turning circle may be used. Please park diagonally as instructed by the site manager. There is further space available in two other car parks which are situated at the top end of the school. From Newbold, please drive past the school buildings and take the first left. Please be considerate of our neighbours who live near to school by not blocking their access.

Please complete the Reply Slip below and return it to your child's form tutor as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Dengate
Headteacher

Mrs S Cain
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs D Shaw
Head of Year 9

Reply Slip ✕ **Please return to Form Tutor as soon as possible**

Pupil's Name _____ Form _____

Year 9 Information Evening

I/We will/will not be attending the Year 9 Parents Information Evening on **Tuesday 14 January** in the Drama Hall at 6.00pm.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

I/We will/will not be attending the Parents Evening on **Thursday 23 January**.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer of _____ Form _____