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Dear Student/Parent/Carer

I do hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

Before the new school term in September begins we would like to see all students who are hoping to enrol in the Sixth Form. For this to run smoothly it is essential that you do the following:-

## On Results Day

Thursday 20 August

- Come in to school to **collect your calculated grades from 9.00 am** and, whilst in school ...
- **Make an appointment** for enrolment that afternoon between **1.00 pm and 5.00 pm** when Mr Bradley or another member of staff will be available to see you.

Please read the information below carefully:

Recent weeks and months have been extremely challenging and you will understandably have worries and concerns about transition in to Sixth Form. Students have worked hard in school and plan to join our Sixth Form in September. They quite rightly deserve their places. Students have been engaging with the bridging work that has been recommended by Heads of Departments, and it is expected this is completed ahead of enrolment so that students are well prepared for September. These activities should mean that Year 11 students are not disadvantaged by the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in. In fact it will mean that they have taken more significant steps toward A level preparation than students in past years. It is important to look for the positives.

### Options for September

Miss McKay, Miss Hood and I have been in touch with those of you considering any changes to your option choices. It is important to remember that with the absence of exams this summer, we are firming up programmes at this stage, and changes at enrolment (after calculated grades have been issued) may be possible but not guaranteed. The timetable and option structure was designed around your 'final choices' in the Spring. That said some minor changes may be possible and those of you completing additional bridging work to investigate your preferences will of course take priority in this regard.

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## Transition

In addition to students receiving emails about this work, and being part of subject specific email groups, this work is now being collated and placed in the **Year 11 Transition** section of the **Sixth Form** area of our website. This will be accessible for students both internal/external, and parents. Here students and parents will also find reassuring videos from our current Head Boy and Girl explaining important aspects of making the 'step up to A level' and getting the most out of the next two years.

Parents will be invited to our 'Sixth Form Information Evening' at the end of September as usual, if gatherings are permissible at this time. Alternatively this evening will go online and be supplemented by resources to explain the 'Journey through Sixth Form'.

## Uniform

You can purchase uniform online from Monkhouse our school stockists or from other alternative sources. Students are encouraged to begin purchasing the items they will need as soon as possible, see below for full uniform **requirements**. The Sixth Form tie (£8.00) and Sixth Form planner (£5.00) are **essential** and available only from reception - you can purchase these when you return your textbooks or on Enrolment Day (cash only please).

## Returning Books

We will be scheduling an opportunity for you to return textbooks/resources thus bringing the year to a formal close. We will be in touch again about this soon.

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Please follow @VIVAStMarys on Twitter and keep checking our website for updates.

Please note the current plans are subject to change.

We look forward to seeing you when you return textbooks/resources, and thereafter at that exciting Enrolment Day!

Yours faithfully



**Mr C Bradley**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mrs M Dengate**

**See below for uniform requirements**



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GIRLS	ITEM	NOTES
Skirt	Navy blue, knee length, box pleat skirt.	Worn no higher than just above the knee (1 inch maximum)
Shoes	Plain black, <i>sensible</i> shoes. Flat or with a small heel.	No suede or canvas shoes. No open toed sandals or sling back shoes. No extremely thick sole. No logos. <i>Sharply pointed heels</i> not allowed. <i>Big heels</i> (inside measurement over 3cm) not allowed.
Tights	Navy or flesh coloured.	From 1 May until October half term girls may choose not to wear tights and can wear white ankle socks instead.
Shirt	Plain, white, <i>formal</i> school shirt (long or short sleeve).	Must be tucked into skirt. Must not be <i>over fitted</i> .
Tie	Sixth Form Tie.	Must be fully up to the neck with shirt top button fastened.
Blazer	Standard, navy blue school blazer with school badge sewn to top pocket.	
Pullover	Navy blue, long sleeve, V-neck pullover.	Not a compulsory item of uniform.
Coat	<i>Smart</i> , navy or black formal coat.	Not a compulsory item of uniform. Must be no shorter than the blazer.
Hats and Gloves	Navy blue/black and <i>in keeping with school uniform</i> .	
Jewellery	<i>A small amount of discrete</i> jewellery allowed.	Earrings: only one or two small earrings per ear.
Make-up	<i>Subtle</i> make up allowed. No false eyelashes or lash extensions. <i>Natural</i> nail coloured varnish only allowed.	<i>Heavy</i> use of make-up not allowed. No coloured nail varnish.
Hair	Hair should look <i>smart and professional</i> with no extremes in styling.	<i>Subtly</i> enhanced natural colour tolerated but <i>significant</i> colour changes not allowed.
Badges	Responsibility group or charity badges only.	
Bags	Predominantly blue or black and <i>in keeping with the school uniform</i> .	<i>Bright or over-patterned</i> school bags not allowed.
Mobile phones	Not permitted for these to be seen in main school areas.	Allowed in exclusively sixth form areas. Must be switched off in lessons and around school.
PE Kit	Monkhouse polo shirt, navy blue shorts. Monkhouse navy blue leggings ( <i>optional and worn at teacher's discretion as an undergarment in winter months</i> ). Navy blue football socks for hockey/football etc. White ankle socks for netball/athletics etc. Suitable outdoor trainers for the courts and all weather pitch (not moulded). Clean, white soled and non-marking trainers for the sports hall.	Any other kit appropriate to the activity i.e. shin pads, gum shield.  PLEASE NOTE THAT CURRENT ST MARYS KIT CAN BE USED IN SIXTH FORM BUT MUST NOT HAVE LOGOS ON OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL BADGE.
BOYS	ITEM	NOTES
Trousers	<i>Smart</i> , formal black or dark grey school trousers.	No canvass, denim or corduroy. No tight or low skinny trousers.
Shoes	Plain black, <i>sensible</i> shoes.	No suede, canvas or cotton. No extremely thick soles. No logos. Desert shoe/boot styles are unacceptable.
Socks	Plain grey, navy or black.	
Shirt	Plain, white, <i>formal</i> school shirt (long or short sleeve).	Must be tucked into trousers.
Tie	Sixth Form Tie.	Must be fully up to the neck with shirt top button fastened.
Blazer	Standard, navy blue school blazer with school badge sewn to top pocket.	
Pullover	Navy blue, long sleeve, V-neck pullover	Not a compulsory item of uniform.
Coat	<i>Smart</i> , navy or black formal coat	Not a compulsory item of uniform. Must be no shorter than the blazer.
Hats and Gloves	Navy blue/black and <i>in keeping with school uniform</i> .	
Jewellery	No facial jewellery (studs or rings) allowed.	
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