



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils of Year 8,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well.

You will be aware that from the 15th June, secondary schools have been permitted to bring Years 10 and 12 pupils into school for face to face support.

These consultation days have been highly successful. Our pupils have received individual support, guidance and reassurance from their teachers, allowing them to consolidate on the continued curriculum that has been provided throughout the school closure period.

We would now like to widen our plans and invite Year 8 pupils to come into school for a similar opportunity. We envisage this will be a chance for staff to talk through with pupils what work has been set and completed during the lockdown and for pupils to get individual support with planning what steps need to be taken to prepare for lessons in September.

In order that we can comply with social distancing regulations, we will be asking pupils from two teaching groups to come in each day. For most of the day they will be based in one room, and will receive input from their Maths, English, Science, Religious Studies, History, Geography and Language teacher. Should their teacher be unavailable another member of staff from the department will see the pupils. At the end of the day, pupils will have a session with their Form Tutor on reviewing the progress made during the lockdown period and planning for September.

For the day to run as efficiently and as effectively as possible, we will ask for pupils to come into school on the following dates:

- Pupils from teaching group B on Tuesday 14th July from 9am until 2:45pm and will be based in the Gymnasium.
- Pupils from teaching groups 8C and 8X on Wednesday 15th July from 9am until 2:45pm. 8C will be based in the Drama Hall and 8X will be in the Gymnasium.
- Pupils from teaching groups 8Y and 8W on Thursday 16th July from 9am until 2:45pm. 8Y will be based in the Drama Hall and 8W will be in the Gymnasium.
- Pupils from teaching groups 8Z and 8A on Friday 17th July from 9am until 2:45pm. 8Z will be in the Drama Hall and 8A will be in the Gymnasium.

We would ask pupils to go directly to their base on arrival where they will be registered. For pupils based in the Gymnasium please enter school through the doors on the bus bay and for those based in the Drama Hall, please enter via the precinct door.

All pupils must accept responsibility for adhering to our health and safety procedures:

- Maintaining 2m distance from other pupils and staff
- Frequently washing hands and using the hand sanitising stations across the school
- Ensuring only one pupil is in a toilet facility at a time
- Wiping down their work area with antibacterial wipes/spray when told to do so by staff

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Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and water with them. They should also bring their pencil case and a notepad or diary upon which they can make any notes. Pupils will not need to wear their school uniform on this day. Pupils may bring mobile phones for the journey to and from school, but should not use them whilst in school.

Unfortunately, our bus service is not available at this time, and so we would ask that you make arrangements for your child to get to and from school.

Please complete the reply slip below to inform us whether your child will/will not be attending on their allocated Consultation Day by Friday 3rd July. I strongly advise that your child does take advantage of this opportunity to meet their teachers.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Thurlow
Assistant Headteacher

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Year 8 Consultation Days - Reply slip

My child will be attending their allocated Consultation Day Y N

Reason for not attending: Transport issue Health & safety concerns Other