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Dear Parent/Carer

Introduction to Sixth Form for Parents:
Tuesday 29 September 2020

I would like to invite you to a virtual event to inform you about how the Sixth Form works at St Mary's. You will know that this phase of your son's or daughter's education is demanding and ever more complex. In addition to balancing the high workload of A levels and BTECs, students will want opportunities to grow in confidence, build experiences and launch themselves into Higher Education, Apprenticeships and employment. They will be doing all of this within a context of increasing opportunities to socialise, having part-time jobs and generally making the difficult transition into adulthood. How does St Mary's fit into this picture and how can we work together to make this key stage successful for your son or daughter?

The virtual resources will seek to:

- Give you an overview of the Sixth Form including key times in the two year cycle.
- Make you aware of common danger spots and pitfalls in Sixth Form education.
- Introduce you to the key staff involved pastorally with your son or daughter.
- Tell you how best to contact us and who to get in touch with if you have a problem or want information.
- Offer workshops on what makes a successful A level student, what projects are available to help students gain confidence and build team skills, what constitutes being well organised at this level etc.
- Give you our best tips on how you can help your son or daughter to succeed in Sixth Form.

I hope this sounds useful and that you can attend. Sadly we cannot meet in person on this day, but I look forward to a time in the near future when we can.

Resources will be emailed to you on Monday 29 September.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Bradley
Assistant Headteacher

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