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Dear Parent/Carer

Introduction to Sixth Form for Parents: Tuesday 28 September, 6.00 to 7:30pm.

I would like to invite you to an evening 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, students will want opportunities to grow in confidence, build experiences and launch themselves into Higher Education 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?

On this evening, we 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. Aside from the content above, I hope you will want to come and meet us so that we can start the process of working effectively together over the next two years.

PLEASE NOTE: *The evening is for parents / carers only. We request that only **one** person attends per family.*

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Time	Venue	Title	Brief Description
6:00pm	Drama Hall	Welcome and Introduction to key staff	An introduction to key pastoral staff, including tutors, and a start to the formal programme.
6.10 pm	Drama Hall	Overview	An overview of sixth form life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key dates & milestones • highs and the lows • pressure points and the milestones.
6.30 pm	Various *	Workshops	Choose two workshops from titles Keeping Organised and Reducing Stress, Getting Involved and Taking Responsibility, University Preparation, What I Wish I Knew a Year Ago.
7.15 pm	Drama Hall	Conclusion	Top tips to ensure a successful sixth form experience.
7.30 pm	Close		

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* Students will help direct you from the Drama Hall/Precinct. Please notify us of any mobility issues.

Yours faithfully



Mrs E Smith
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs M Dengate
Headteacher