



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 pupils

This year the patron saint for our Year 9 pupils is St. Vincent de Paul. Throughout the year, Year 9 will be working on creating a year group identity, modelled on the values of St. Vincent, particularly caring for those in poverty and supporting the local charity 'Pathways'. ([Home - Pathways of Chesterfield](#))

On 28 September we will celebrate the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul and this day will be a celebration for Year 9 only. We will be able to do this through the celebration of Mass at The Annunciation, in the morning. The pupils will then be returning to school for period three, then the whole year group will be able to have lunch early during period 4. This will allow the pupils to have an extended lunchtime to be together. During the lunchtime we will be initiating the first drive to help those in need, by asking the pupils to bring in a food or toiletries item (e.g. tin of soup or shower gel), that we can donate to Pathways. The day will be non-uniform day and a no homework day for Year 9 pupils only.

To cover the cost of the day and transportation we are asking each parent/carer for a donation of £4.00 which should be paid through ParentPay. If you would like to donate any more than this all the extra money will go to the Pathways appeal.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs D Shaw**  
Head of Year 9

**Mr A Marshall**  
Head of Chaplaincy

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*Live, Love and Learn in the Light of Christ*

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