



12th July 2017

YEAR 11 ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Results Day Arrangements: Thursday 24th August 2017

I am writing to clarify the arrangements for GCSE Results Day on Thursday 24th August 2017 and to outline what you/ your son/daughter will need to do on the day.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pathways One, Two or Three; they will also receive an **Offer Letter** on Results Day, and they **must** agree their final course choices with a member of the Senior Leadership Team **before they leave** school on Results Day.

On Results Day

GCSE results will be available for collection in the Main School Hall **9a.m.** onwards, where Miss Workman and other members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available.

Sixth Form Entry Policy

St. Mary's will use your GCSE Grades to determine your Post-16 Programme of Study.

We offer three Pathways for entry into Sixth Form. Each Pathway has separate entry requirements which are detailed below.

You must achieve a minimum of a Grade 4 in English and Maths to proceed under any Pathway. Each Pathway has separate entry requirements which are detailed below:

- Pathway One: Five A*-B GCSE grades or equivalent in order to study three A-Level courses.
- Pathway Two: 5 A-C Grades or equivalent. You will study two BTEC qualifications and 1 A Level.
- Pathway Three: 5 A-D GCSE grades or equivalent in order to study the Business Admin NVQ Level 2/3 qualification.

Students eligible for Pathway Two and Three must consult Miss Workman, the Director of Sixth Form or Mr Tatum Assistant Headteacher before enrolling.

Course Choice

All A level courses require at least a B grade or equivalent in that subject in order to qualify, with the following exceptions:

- Design and Technology: C grade in Design and Technology GCSE
- Film Studies: grade 4 in English Language or English Literature
- Physical Education BTEC: D grade in GCSE PE or BTEC First Certificate in Sport at Merit/Distinction level
- Maths: Level 7 in Maths and it would be desirable to have a B grade in Physics or a AA in Double Science
- Further Maths: Level 8 in Maths and it would be desirable to have an B grade in Physics or AA in Double Science
- Science A Levels: a B grade in the subject at GCSE or BB in Double Science with an A grade in the component you wish to study

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We reserve the right to offer courses to students which reflect their academic profile and if applications for certain courses do not meet a minimum level, some courses may not run. This may mean that students are unable to take up the original subject(s) that they chose during Futures meetings. Alternatively, students may have exceeded their expectations and now wish to choose different subjects than those originally indicated. Subject to timetabling, and provided those courses are not already full we will be happy to discuss changes in applications.

Late applicants

If your son/daughter did not previously apply to St Mary's sixth form, but on Results Day feel that they wish to join Sixth Form, we will be happy to hear from them. Provided students meet the entry criteria and courses are not already full, we will endeavour to accommodate students. In the first instance students should speak to Miss Workman. Subject Leaders and Miss Workman will be available to discuss the options for your child.

Next Steps/ Careers Advice

Unfortunately, there will be some students who on Results Day do not meet the entry requirements for Sixth Form in September 2017.

Staff will be on hand to advise students who have not met the requirements for entry into Sixth Form, or who have otherwise decided to pursue alternative provision for post- 16 training /education, such as College courses or apprenticeships.

I look forward to seeing you on 24th August.

Yours sincerely,

Miss V Workman
Director of Sixth Form

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