

The Sixth Form

St Mary's Catholic School



Induction 2026
Wednesday 1st July

Loved. Guided. Inspired.

Congratulations!

WHAT YOU'VE
ACHIEVED IS

AMAZING



DETERMINATION



RESILIENCE



FOCUS



GROWTH



HARD WORK

You've worked hard, shown resilience,
and achieved something incredible.

Be proud of yourself.

NOW IT'S TIME TO

ENJOY!



RELAX



UNWIND



EXPLORE



MAKE MEMORIES



HAVE FUN

TAKE THIS TIME. YOU'VE EARNED IT.

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What can I expect from my experience?

- 1. Excellent academic outcomes...** that maximise the potential of each individual
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- 4. A diverse, immersive enrichment programme** that will develop personal growth, new interests, and provide leadership responsibilities
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A-Level Success



Vivian Ilsley, A*, A*, A*
Mathematics, University of Durham



Stefan Wlodarczyk A, A, A, A, B
War Studies, Kings College London



Jessica Banks A*, A*, A
Medicine, University of Birmingham

Vocational Success



‘VALUE ADDED’

Milly: +1.59

Kiera: +1.59



Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs)



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Applying to

UCAS

2027 entry

Name: _____

Form: _____

UCAS and Post-18 Launch Workshop



Task	Who	Deadline	Completed?
UCAS Hub Registration	All students	March 2026 <i>(i.e. you completed this at the UCAS Fair at Excel arena... using your personal email address!)</i>	Yes
SECOND version of Personal Statement <i>(completed via Unifrog)</i>	All students	Wednesday 15 th July 2026	
UCAS officially opens <i>(i.e. applications accepted from this date)</i>	All students	1 September 2026	
Personal Statement completed	Early Entry students	Wednesday 30 th September 2026	
All UCAS sections completed DEADLINE for UCAS submission	Early Entry students	18:00 on Thursday 15 th October 2026	
Personal Statement completed	All other students (75% of year group) Applying for: - Russell Group/Top 20 universities - Most competitive courses: Law, Economics, Accounting, Finance, Engineering, Pharmacy, Dental Hygiene and Therapy. - Any other student that wishes to benefit from an early application!!	Friday 6 th November 2026	
All UCAS sections completed			
Personal Statement completed	All remaining students (i.e. remaining 25% of students)	Friday 11 th December 2026	
All UCAS sections completed			
Equal consideration deadline	All other students	18:00 on Wednesday 13 th January 2027	
Student Finance opens	All students	March 2027	

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Work Experience



Outside-Inside Day



Apprenticeships

Students have recently secured degree-apprenticeships or apprenticeships at:



Our alumni board in the Sixth Form Centre

Oluwedamilade Sarusi
Barrister
Gray's Inn
Year 2014
Excellence for All

Evan Johnson
Professional Footballer
VFL Wolfsburg
Year 2016
Excellence for All

Joseph Grealy
Solicitor
Allen & Overy
Year 2010
Excellence for All

Janelle Kyel Mensah
Medical Doctor
NHS
Year 2014
Excellence for All

Ella Lai-Kit
Research Scientist
AstraZeneca
Year 2013
Excellence for All

Kamli Bobrowski
Investment Banking Analyst
J.P. Morgan
Year 2011
Excellence for All

Lucy Dain-Williams
Journalist
BBC News
Year 2016
Excellence for All

Holly Murphy
Civil Engineer
Arup
Year 2013
Excellence for All

Lewis McConnell
Royal Navy Officer
HM Coastguard
Year 2012
Excellence for All

Sam Hardy
Primary School Teacher
St Albans Diocese
Year 2014
Excellence for All

Edward Luppi
Chartered Surveyor
Savills
Year 2014
Excellence for All

Joseph Helsdon
Software Engineer
Amazon
Year 2016
Excellence for All

Joseph Beringborn
Architect
Crimmins Architects
Year 2012
Excellence for All

Maisie Evers
Vet
RSPCA
Year 2016
Excellence for All

Raul Martinelli
Entrepreneur
Self-Employed
Year 2010
Excellence for All

James Bickham
Secondary School Teacher
St Mary's Catholic School
Year 2011
Excellence for All

Alex Lemery
Graphic Designer
Paragon
Year 2011
Excellence for All

Aedan Rooney
Data Scientist
Doctored
Year 2016
Excellence for All

Giuseppe Pedalino
Data Analyst
HSBC
Year 2011
Excellence for All

Shona Savage
Marketing Manager
Unilever
Year 2010
Excellence for All

Nathan Bailey
Engineer
Autodesk
Year 2012
Excellence for All

Simon Matunge
Corporate Lawyer
Clifford Chance
Year 2011
Excellence for All

Georgia Leslie
Professional Dancer
English National Ballet
Year 2016
Excellence for All

Dan Short
Film Producer
Working Title Films
Year 2013
Excellence for All

St Mary's Catholic School Alumni
See where a St Mary's education can take you

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Enrichment Opportunities:

Example 1

Rosie

EPQ

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Explore. Research. Create. Succeed.

The EPQ is a Level 3 qualification that lets you go beyond the classroom and create your own in-depth project on any topic that interests you.

HOW IT WORKS

1



CHOOSE YOUR TOPIC
Pick something you're passionate about.

2



PLAN & RESEARCH
Develop a question, explore sources and plan your project.

3



CREATE YOUR PROJECT
Produce a written report or alternative product.

4



PRESENT
Deliver a short presentation on your project.

5



ACHIEVE
Earn a Level 3 qualification worth UCAS points.

WHY TAKE THE EPQ?



BOOST YOUR UCAS APPLICATION
Show universities your initiative and academic ability.



EARN UCAS POINTS
Equivalent to half an A Level.



PURSUE YOUR PASSIONS
Study a topic that inspires you.



DEVELOP SKILLS FOR LIFE
Transferable skills valued in university and the workplace.

EXAMPLE PROJECTS



How effective is social media activism?



Should the voting age be lowered to 16?



The ethics of artificial intelligence



Is genetic engineering the future?



To what extent is the justice system fair?

Real projects. Real impact.

SKILLS YOU'LL DEVELOP



INDEPENDENT THINKING
Develop your own ideas and take ownership of your learning.



RESEARCH & ANALYSIS
Find, evaluate and use information effectively.



COMMUNICATION
Present your ideas with confidence and clarity.



TIME MANAGEMENT
Plan, manage and meet your deadlines.



UNIVERSITY & CAREER READY
Stand out in your UCAS application and develop skills for the future.

*Your idea.
Your project.
Your future.*

*"The EPQ pushed me to think deeper, work independently and discover a passion for my subject. It was challenging but so rewarding."
— Year 13 Student*

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Enrichment Opportunities:

Example 2

Duke of Edinburgh: Gold

Sophie



St Elizabeth's Project



Centred around Personal Development and Community

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
YEAR 12	Leadership ☐ Duke of Edinburgh Personal Development ☐ Finance ☐ Cooking ☐ Mindfulness ☐ Sport ☐ Current Affairs ☐ Creative Studies Community ☐ Charity event ☐ Reading support for lower years ☐ Enhancing our Environment	Leadership ☐ Duke of Edinburgh ☐ Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Personal Development ☐ Finance ☐ Cooking ☐ Mindfulness ☐ Sport ☐ Current Affairs ☐ Creative Studies Community ☐ St Elizabeth's Project ☐ Reading support for lower years ☐ Enhancing our Environment	Leadership ☐ Duke of Edinburgh ☐ Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Personal Development ☐ Finance ☐ Cooking ☐ Mindfulness ☐ Sport ☐ Current Affairs ☐ Creative Studies Community ☐ Education Project ☐ Reading support for lower years ☐ Enhancing our Environment
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Black History Month



Charity Week



Catholic and Spiritual Life

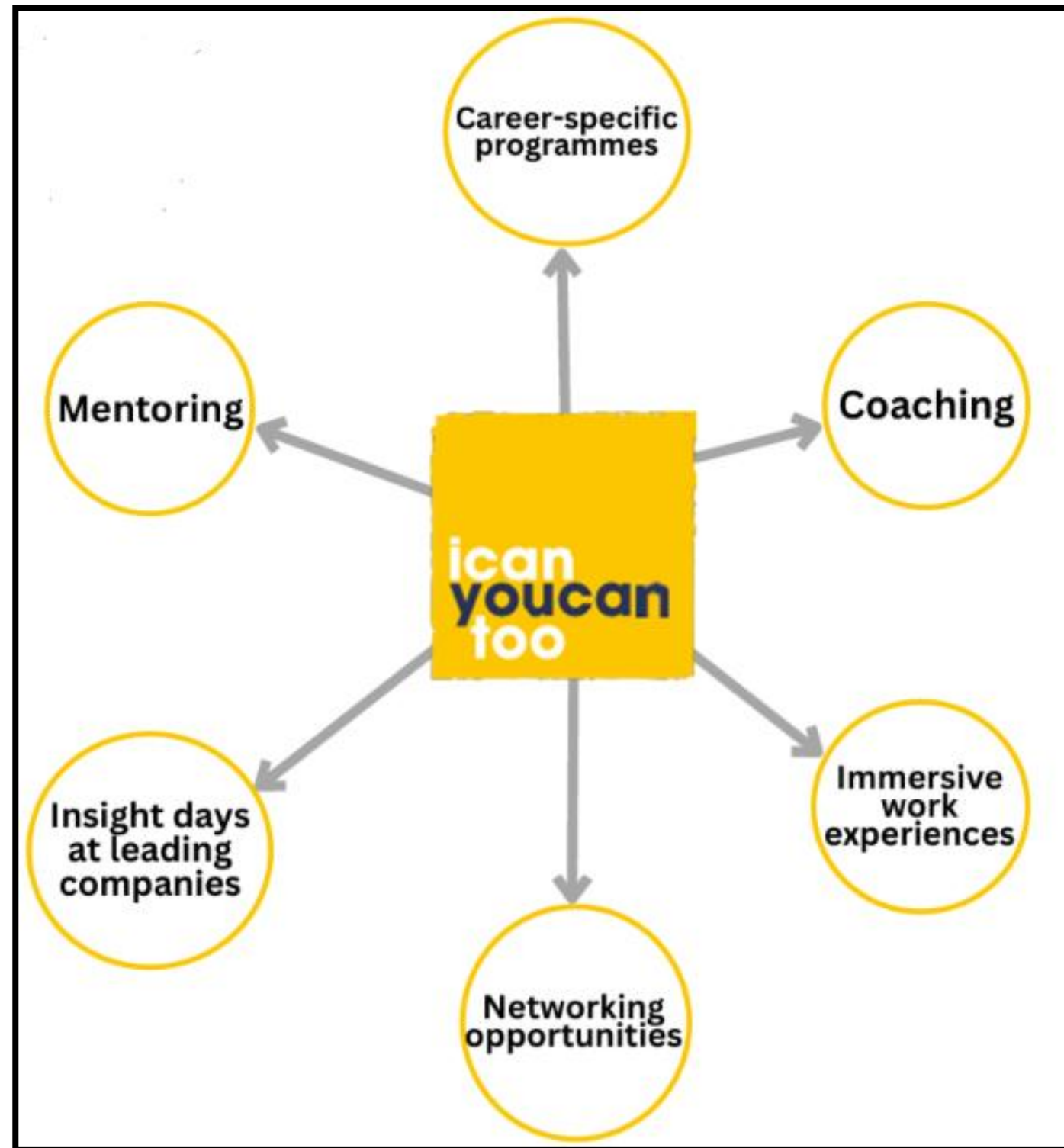
Christabel

- Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- Radio Maria
- Cantenians Public Speaking competition
- Sixth Form Retreat day (off site)
- Virtue-Driven *House reward system*
- Faith Leadership opportunities: *Spiritual Leaders & Chaplaincy Team*
- Charity Week



Enrichment Opportunities: Example 7

'I Can You Can Too' (ICYCT)





Chloe
Hellen

Wow. Where do I start, this experience has truly shaped me as a person and allowed me to constantly better myself, I can honestly say I wouldn't have the confidence I have today without the incredible professionals I have interacted with over the last couple of months. Each and every professional I have heard from has shown me that you don't always have to be the best at everything you do, but if you put hard work and lifetime, you really can achieve anything you put your mind to. I have always personally struggled with my confidence when it comes to believing in myself, but throughout this experience I have been shown time and time again why I should believe in myself. I'd like to say a massive thank you to **Jack Howell**, as the feedback from my interview filled me with so much joy and confidence that I really needed. His energy radiates through a room, and he really shows how much he cares for us young people. Below I am going to list a few names of the professionals I had noted down that gave me a different outlook on life.

Sheena - Sheena is truly inspirational, she shows up time and time again for everyone on the programme really showing her compassion and sharing her knowledge. Her smile brightens up a room.

Toluope Oke - WOW now Toluope was not only hilarious, but she was one of the most interesting professionals I have heard from. Hearing her talk about the way she fights for what's right, not only inspired me but it inspired me as a woman. I could feel how much she really cared for us young people. I would love to hear from her again!



Jordan
Kwatabyala

Firstly, I'd like to take a moment to thank **Sheena** for consistently showing up to all our sessions and always being a helping hand, no matter what. I'm also very grateful to all the **Ambassadors** who take time out of their school and studies just to come and support us in shaping our futures.

A big thank you as well to all the professionals who've taken the time to speak with us. Hearing about their experiences has been incredibly helpful, inspiring, interesting, and genuinely enjoyable.

Lastly, I'd like to thank **Adeep** for his contribution during the live careers sessions, which I found particularly useful and engaging. It was after one of those sessions that I decided I wanted to pursue a financial career path after school.



Lucia
Pini

To every single person who has been part of this - thank you.

Each face, each word, each story has left **an imprint on me that will never fade.**

I've been reminded that the dreams I hold close are not just dreams - **they're within reach.**

You've **helped me believe**, not just in the future, **but in myself.**

From the **bottom of my heart**, thank you.

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“this programme has made me better prepared and confident to enter the workforce

“ICYCT...made me realise how important connections are...to help answer questions, you just need that initial boost of confidence to ask

“icanyoucantoo has the power to change your life – if you let it

“the most memorable encounter for me was with Mark Gillett...who serves as the Chief Medical Officer for the Premier League...Thanks to this connection, I was fortunate enough to secure a work experience placement with him—an incredible opportunity made possible through icanyoucantoo.

“I wanted to say just how amazing the ‘I can you can too’ course has been for [my son]. Nilesh and his team have been amazing and [my son] could not speak more highly of this amazing opportunity he has been given



Sam



UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME

Your path to top universities

A tailored programme for Year 12 students to help you make stronger applications and achieve your university ambitions.



OUR OBJECTIVES



To understand **Cambridge** and **Oxford** applications



To write a strong, academic **personal statement**



To prepare for **interviews** and **admissions tests**

THE PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Expert guidance. Step by step.

“ This programme gives you the knowledge, skills and confidence to **stand out**. ”



PHASE 1
GETTING STARTED
Early in Year 12

WHAT WE COVER	MORE DETAILS
Introduction to Oxbridge Applications	- Introduce the early applications and Oxbridge timeline - Explain the Collegiate system - Entry requirements and making a competitive application - Introduction to Supercurriculars and how to use them
Choosing a Course	Discuss courses at Oxbridge and choosing the right course for you



PHASE 2
BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS
Mid Year 12

WHAT WE COVER	MORE DETAILS
Foundation Years	Share the foundation years at both universities
Admissions Tests	Information about registering and preparing for admissions tests
Choosing a College	Explore Colleges, the support they provide and how to choose



PHASE 3
PREPARE & PERFORM
Late Year 12

WHAT WE COVER	MORE DETAILS
Visit to Colleges	- Tour of a College at Cambridge (and another at Oxford) - Q&A with Student Ambassadors - Lunch in College dining hall
Personal Statements	Interactive session on personal statements
Interviews	- Interactive session about interviews and how to best prepare - Discuss interview techniques and build confidence Bust myths about Oxbridge interviews and the format

WHY IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Stronger university applications



Develop critical thinking & independent learning



Gain confidence through expert support



Stand out in interviews & admissions tests



Take control of your future



Dream big. Prepare well. Achieve more.

We're with you every step of the way.



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

ICYCT:
Oxbridge Programme



Nilesch B. Dosa MBE  · 1st

Founder, icanyoucantoo | MBE & King's Award recipient | Keynote
Speaker & Advisor on Social Equality | EY

 icanyoucantoo

Official Launch Date:

Thursday 17th September

Today's Timings:

08:40 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:45	Welcome talk in the Hall
09:45 - 09:50	Movement time
09:50 - 10:35	Taster Lesson 1
10:35 - 10:40	Movement time
10:40 - 11:25	Taster Lesson 2
11:25 - 11:40	Break
11:40 - 11:45	Movement time
11:45 - 12:30	Taster Lesson 3
12:30 - 12:35	Movement time
12:35 - 13:20	Taster Lesson 4
13:20 - 13:55	Lunch
13:55 - 14:00	Movement time
14:00 - 14:45	Taster Lesson 5
14:45 - 14:50	Movement time
14:50 - 15:15	Final reflections in the Hall

Taster Lessons Timetable:

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Psychology Ms Compton T24	Business Mr McElhinney C1	Health & Social Care Ms Compton T24	Maths Mrs Wilkin K2	Further Maths Mr Antwi K9
Chemistry Mrs Ryan H8	History Mr Juliff E5	DT Mr Hunt A2	Sociology Mrs McGloin T22	Physics Miss Ciooke H6
Art Miss Nairn C6	Psychology Ms Compton T24	Biology Mrs Acheson H9	Media Ms Malik-Brown T23	English Language Mr Graves B2
Religious Studies Mrs Barnes K8	Maths Mrs Wilkin K2	Politics Mr Noble F6	English Literature Miss Keane B5	Sociology Mrs McGloin T22
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				DT Mr Hunt A2
When not in a Taster Lesson, please go to the Sixth Form Centre (F Block)				

Using today's time in the Sixth Form Centre

Year 11 into St. Mary's Sixth Form

Our Summer Challenge to help you 'bridge the gap'

✓ Three Academic Goals

✓ Personal Growth Goal

✓ Community Goal



Bridging the Gap :
Subject Transition
Booklet

Sixth Form Induction
Booklet



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SOMETHING DELICIOUS FOR EVERYONE!

FOOD ON OFFER

FRESH, TASTY & MADE FOR YOU

BREAKFAST

- Fresh croissants
- Pain au chocolat
- Selections of muffins/ tray cakes available, along with some confectionery.
- Cheese and tomato turnovers
- Sausage baps
- Sausage rolls
- C and T bagels

LUNCH

- Folded southern fried chicken naan
- Homemade BBQ sauce and pulled pork wraps.
- Jumbo hot dogs with (crispy onions and a curry sauce topping)
- Pita pockets, doner kebabs.
- Pea and mint falafel pita
- Cheese and tomato calzone.

FRESHLY PREPARED **GREAT CHOICES** **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**



Payment via:

- *Contactless*
- *ParentPay account*

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Welcome Back

The Sixth Form St Mary's Catholic School



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Our commitment

to helping you make a happy and successful start to Year 12

1. Your Form Group

A. Friendship pairing

B. Experienced Form Tutors:

- ✓ Mr. Lawn
- ✓ Mr. Hunt
- ✓ Mrs. Ryan
- ✓ Mr. McElhinney

2. The Sixth Form Team

- Mrs. Ribeiro Year 12 Manager
- Mrs. Jose Year 13 Manager
- Mrs. Knight Careers Leader
- Mr. Noble Director of Sixth Form

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3. Fun and inclusive events to develop friendships:

- **Form Group Activities – Week 1**
- **Wise-Up Team Building (onsite) - Week 2**
- **Nuclear Races Team Building Day (offsite) – Week 4**
- **Spiritual Day Retreat (offsite) – Week 5**



A chance to hear from your Head Pupil Team:

✓ **Why I chose St Mary's Sixth Form**

✓ **My Year 12 Experience so far**



Q & A

Sixth Form Students

or

The Sixth Form Team

Q & A

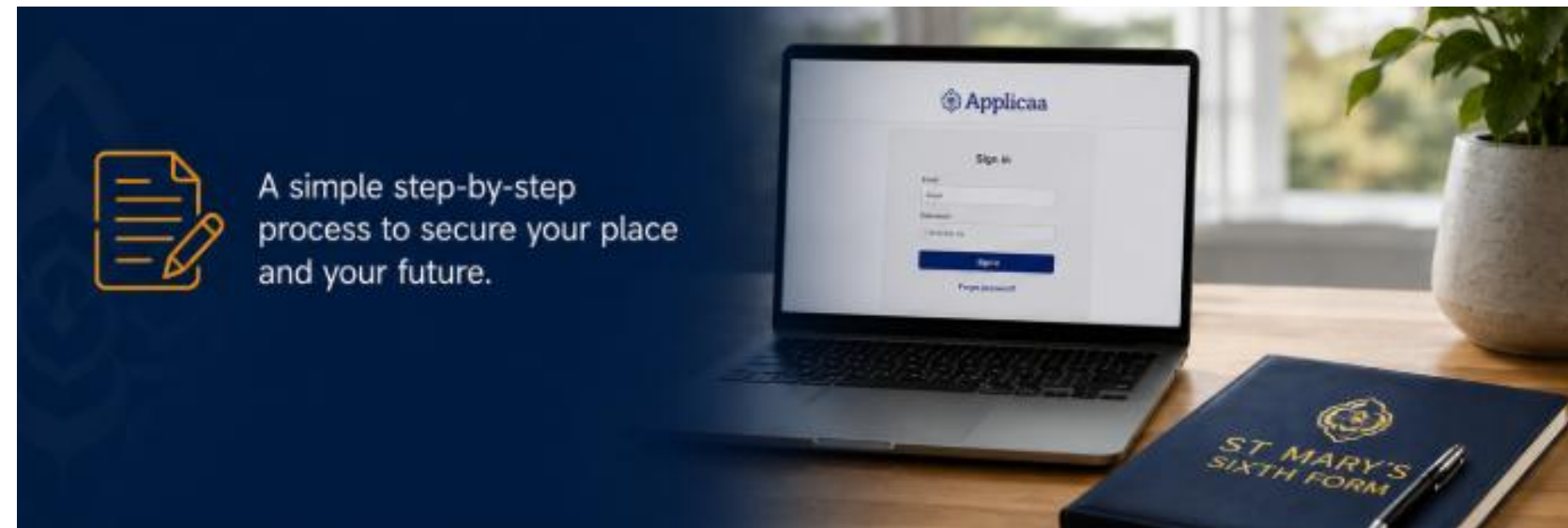
1. How do A-levels differ from GCSEs in terms of workload and difficulty?
2. What's been the positive biggest surprise to St Mary's Sixth Form life?
3. What's been the biggest challenge you've had to overcome in Year 12?
4. How do you balance your time between studying and other activities?
5. How do students typically socialise and make friends in Sixth Form?

GCSE Results Day

Staff will be in the
Sports Hall
from 8:30am on
Thursday 20th August 2026
ready to enrol you.



St Mary's Sixth Form Enrolment



Before you arrive

- Bring a fully charged smartphone, tablet or laptop so you can access your Applicaa account.

When you arrive

1. Log in to your Applicaa account.
2. Open your enrolment form (your GCSE grades will have been uploaded automatically).
3. Select your final subjects (in line with our published minimum entry criteria).
4. Submit your enrolment form.
5. Your St Mary's Sixth Form place and programme of study are then confirmed, and we'll see you on Wednesday 2nd September 😊

The Sixth Form Team, Senior Leadership Team, Subject Leaders will be available to answer questions, offer guidance and

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Option Blocks:

September 2026

A	B	C	D	E
 Computing	 Art	 Chemistry	 Biology	 Finance
 Further Maths	 Economics	 Geography	 D & T	 Business Studies
 Maths	 Sociology	 History	 English literature	 English Language
 Politics		 Media	 Health and social care	 P.E
 Photography			 Maths	 Physics
 Psychology			 Performing Arts	
 R.E				
 Spanish				

Thank you.

We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday...

**... and look forward to seeing you on GCSE Results Day
and @ SMSF in September!**