



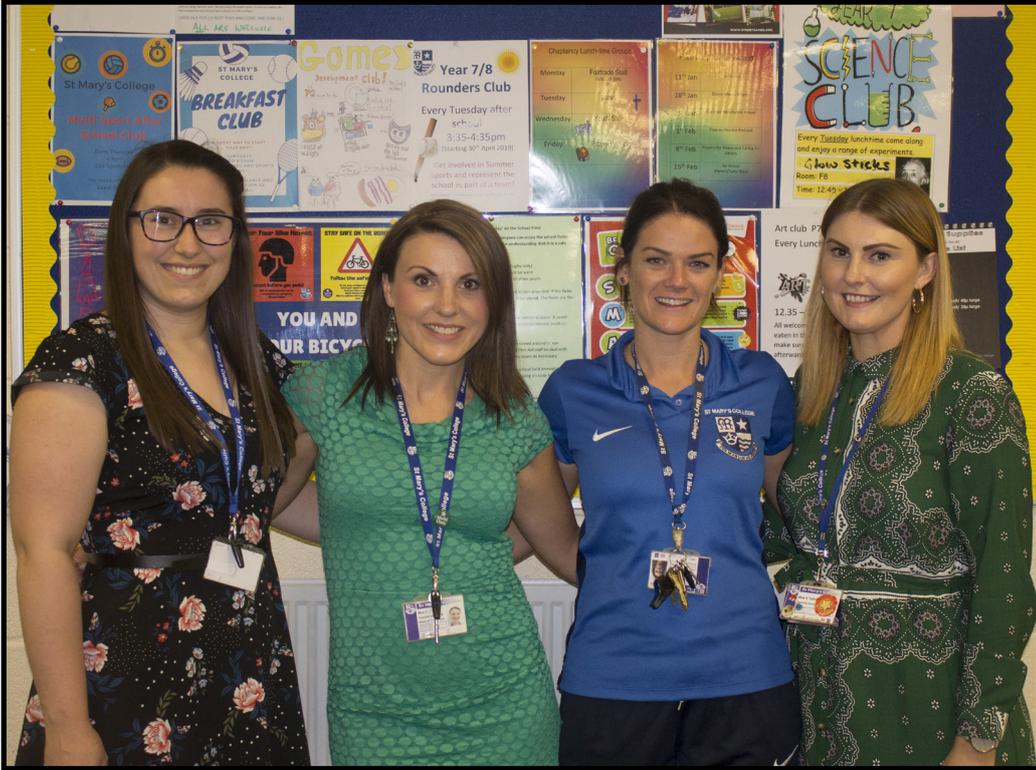
The newspaper for St Mary's transition week

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Finders Keepers



St Mary's may seem like a labyrinth but this guide can tell you where everything is. The SM6 building holds the Design and Tech area and the Art area (C) on the ground floor. The second floor is the Science floor (F) and the top floors holds the Geography, History and RE classrooms (M). The Storey building beside the canteen holds the French and Spanish classrooms (S). Near the bike sheds are also extra Science classrooms labelled F. PE lessons are by the academy and by the Storey building are extra English classrooms, labelled (P). The building beside the Reception holds the English corridor at the bottom (P) and the next floor is Maths (R). The Music block is in the centre of the school as well as the Drama block. However, don't worry too much as for your first few weeks there will always be extra staff to guide you and show you around.



Meet the Year 7 team

The year 7 team are here to lend a hand to help you settle in to life at St Mary's.

Eve and Kaycee

The people who you will have the most contact with upon your return to St Mary's in September will be your year team. The whole team are here to guide and support you throughout your journey in the school. They will encourage you to become the very best version of yourself. This year, we have a record number of students and, as a result, have had to add another form to the year group! This means that the year team could be very busy at times. However, they will always have time for each and every one of you. The year 7 team are located in the office in the year 7 social area. This year, the head of year 7 is Mrs Curtis. She is a PE teacher and returned to school not long ago, after having a baby. If you ever need help or advice, do not be afraid to ask her (or anyone else in the office) for guidance. She will be joined in the office by: Miss Tuthill, Miss Wilbor, and

Miss Jacques.

Miss Wilbor is the head of transition, meaning that she is key to helping you settle in and transition to secondary school. As we all know, it is a big jump from primary school. This means that she will be available to talk to about any concerns and worries you have during your transition to your new adventure. She encourages you to seek herself or another member of the year team if you are worried about anything at all. The team are confident that they will be able to provide a safe, secure and amazing environment for all of the year 7 students. However, after a fantastic first day at St Mary's, we're sure you will have made some amazing friends and will be well on your way to knowing where all of your key lessons are held. If you don't, you know who to come to.

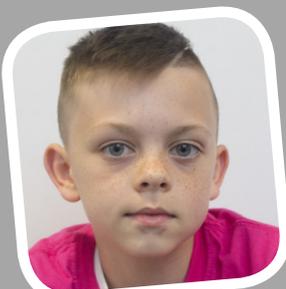
**it's
you!**



Tyler XF
"I'm looking forward to meeting new people."



Tallulah - XR
I'm looking forward to meeting new friends as well as P.E."



Harvey - XT
"I'm looking forward to sport and getting better at reading and Maths."



**A QUICK
AND
EASY WAY
TO PAY**

Cashless catering removes the problem of never having your dinner money.

Canteen explained - Swipe for Success

Kaycee and Zhaleh

Lunchtimes and breaks at St Mary's are very different to what you will be used to at your primary school. The first thing you will be given is a dinner card, and this is used to pay for your meals so you must remember to keep it topped up. Don't worry if you run out as the dinner ladies do allow loans, and they will remind you to add more money. If your card is broken or lost you must replace it as soon as possible which costs £2. You can go to your year office and order a dinner card there and they will have a replacement ready in one to two days – so you may have to rely on jam sandwiches and marmite in the meantime. Getting lunch couldn't be simpler. You need to line up with your year group

in a straight line.

Be careful though, as any messing about means you might not get let in (although this is very rare). However, once you get into the canteen you will need to swipe your card on the machine and order your food. There are two sides – a hot side and a cold side offering great food such as pasta, fish and chips, curries, melts and calzones. On the cold side, there are a selection of salads and sandwiches so there is enough food variety for all. We also have melts, pasta and pizza available in the academy. Even more, there are a wide selection of scrumptious deserts so you'll never go hungry. Our canteen staff are friendly, helpful and fun, so give them a visit and fuel your stomachs!

What's the point?

The points system runs between each form based on the cricket world cup. The points are in line with the values of cricket, these being respect, friendship, communication and teamwork. Points are collected as a tutor group with the aim of beating the other forms to come out at the top of the table. At the end of the transition week, the scores will be added and bronze, silver and gold medals will be awarded to the three tutor groups topping the leader board.

These points can be collected by doing simple tasks. Teamwork could be demonstrated by working together during class and helping each other out. You could also show respect to your fellow students and members of staff by using manners and being polite. Communication, talking to others and making everyone feel comfortable during lessons, break and lunch is also a great way to top up your tally.

Behaviour. It's as simple as 1-2-3

By Kaycee and Zhaleh

Here at St Mary's, we are extremely proud of the excellent behaviour portrayed by our students. However, mistakes are sometimes made. There is an excellent behaviour policy in place at St Mary's to make sure that students are able to learn from their errors and enjoy lessons. The behaviour system used is a 1,2,3 system: first warning, second warning, yellow card. When you are given a first warning, you are essentially told that you have made a wrong decision and that you need to change your behaviour, because if you don't you will receive a second warning which is logged and you will be moved within the classroom. If behaviour is still not changed, you will be sent outside with your planner and a yellow card. You will be picked up by a member of senior staff on learning walk who will then escort you to the pastoral centre where you will stay for the remainder of the lesson. You will also have to go to a yellow card detention the following day.

We spoke to Mr Perry, deputy head, about the behaviour system and the pastoral centre. He said: 'the pastoral centre is extremely important to the school environment. The behaviour system here at St Mary's is a simple one and enables teachers to let you know when you have made wrong decisions and gives you, as learners, a chance to make mistakes and learn from them.'

Make the right decisions to succeed



If yellow cards are given too often, there will be consequences. For example, too many yellow cards or pastoral incidents can result in a ban from the end of year trip. Also, yellow cards can result in your form being let down and not receiving a pizza lunch at the end of term. Therefore, it is important that, if you are given a first or second warning that you use to opportunity you have been given to change your behaviour. Due to the excellent systems here, it is ensured that lessons will run smoothly because the problem will always be removed. The key to success is focus and commitment in lessons; always try **your best!**

Meet the staff



Miss Dixon is a P.E & H&SC teacher and also now a tutor for 7XR – a role that she “cannot wait” to get her teeth into.



Miss Barley “Make the most of every opportunity you are given.”



Mr Johnstone - “Take every opportunity and chances you are given to have a great time.”

HA! HA! HA!

Q. Why did the orange stop rolling down the hill?...
A. Because it ran out of juice
- Thanks Mr Barnes!



go for gold!



Anna tells us about her Irish dance passion

Anna is an Irish dancer. She started dancing when she was 7 and is now 12. During these 5 years, Anna has travelled all over the country, and further, competing in many different competitions. In addition to this, she has been very successful as she has qualified for the world championship as well as winning several other competitions. She also enjoys taking part in many other sports such as rounders and trampolining. She is also very active in PE lessons. When asked who inspired her, she said "My dance teacher Nadine Martin inspires me because she is driven and determined as well as hard working." Anna also said, "in the future, I hope to still be taking part in many different sports and become very successful in a few."

Kaycee and Zaleh

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Score a win with sport!

Eve

One of our most popular P.E teachers, Mr Berry says sport is for everybody and is always achievable no matter how sporty or not sporty you are. Like Mr Arridge, he feels the main thing is to give it a go! During lessons for both boys and girls you will be taught football, rugby, trampolining, gymnastics, shot put, discus, long jump and many more sports. For GCSE and BTEC students you will not only physically learn about the sports you will also learn theory, which is the writing and logical side of physical education. However, you will only be allowed to take P.E at GCSE or BTEC if you have shown outstanding effort throughout the previous two years before choosing your GCSEs. Further P.E lessons can lead to many different paths in the future.



There are plenty of machines and equipment in the exercise suite to provide for a whole class! Whilst having fun and enjoying a healthy activity, it can teach life skills you will never forget. The strangest sport that SMC offer is ultimate Frisbee and Tchoukball (Google it, it's great). Remember, P.E is for everyone here at St Mary's so go out and get involved.

Sport and Inclusion at St Mary's

Kaycee

Mr Arridge is the director of sport here at St Mary's College. He is passionate about everyone in the school feeling able to take part in any sport.

We asked him who he thinks can take part. He replied emphatically with "everybody." He believes that everyone should take any opportunity they are given to take part in sport during their time at St Mary's. Many of you may not have played for a team before so we asked him what you should do if you do not currently take part in any sport and so are unsure of what you would enjoy. Mr Arridge said "Do anything you want. There are sports available for every type of



person, for example, walking football and walking netball." Mr Arridge's mantra for sport is that taking part in sport means that you will become more physically active. This means that you will have a "healthier, happier lifestyle." He also expressed how important it is to try your best in lessons. It doesn't matter what you do as long as you know that you have put maximum effort into your PE lessons and extra-curricular activities. Overall, he hopes that you all enjoy sport here at St Mary's and feel confident to take part in any sport you want.