

Transition



2020



Your guide to
starting
St Mary's College



YOUR JOURNEY TO WORLD CLASS SUCCESS STARTS HERE



A warm welcome to St Mary's College

Transition 2020



Head of School

Mr Perry

I am very excited to formally welcome you all in to our St Mary's community in September. Enjoy the summer and get prepared. Prepare to take opportunities and make new friends. Prepare to be challenged to be the very best you can be and supported by us every step of the way. Prepare to be world class! Until we see you next, stay safe and God Bless.



Head of Transition

Miss Ramsden

Welcome to St Mary's College! Your Primary school teachers have told me lots of wonderful things about you all so I can't wait to meet you in September! Remember, be brave, take every opportunity and always do your best - there is so much waiting for you to enjoy and achieve at SMC!



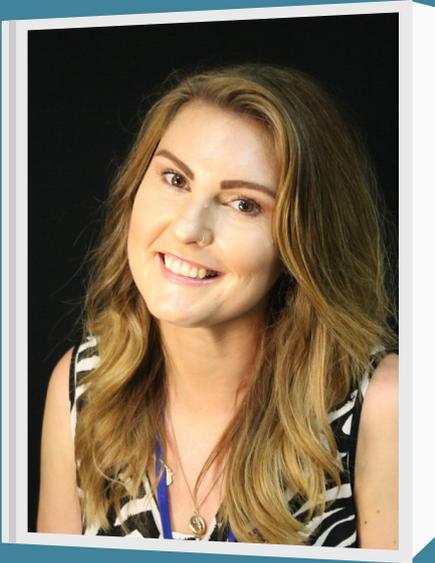
Head of Year 7

Mr Dale

Hello Year 7, I am really excited to welcome you all to SMC in September. There are so many amazing things for you to look forward to and enjoy. We are all here to help you on your journey through SMC and help you achieve as much as you possibly can. Have a lovely summer and I will see you very soon 😊

W E L C O M E

The Year 7 Team



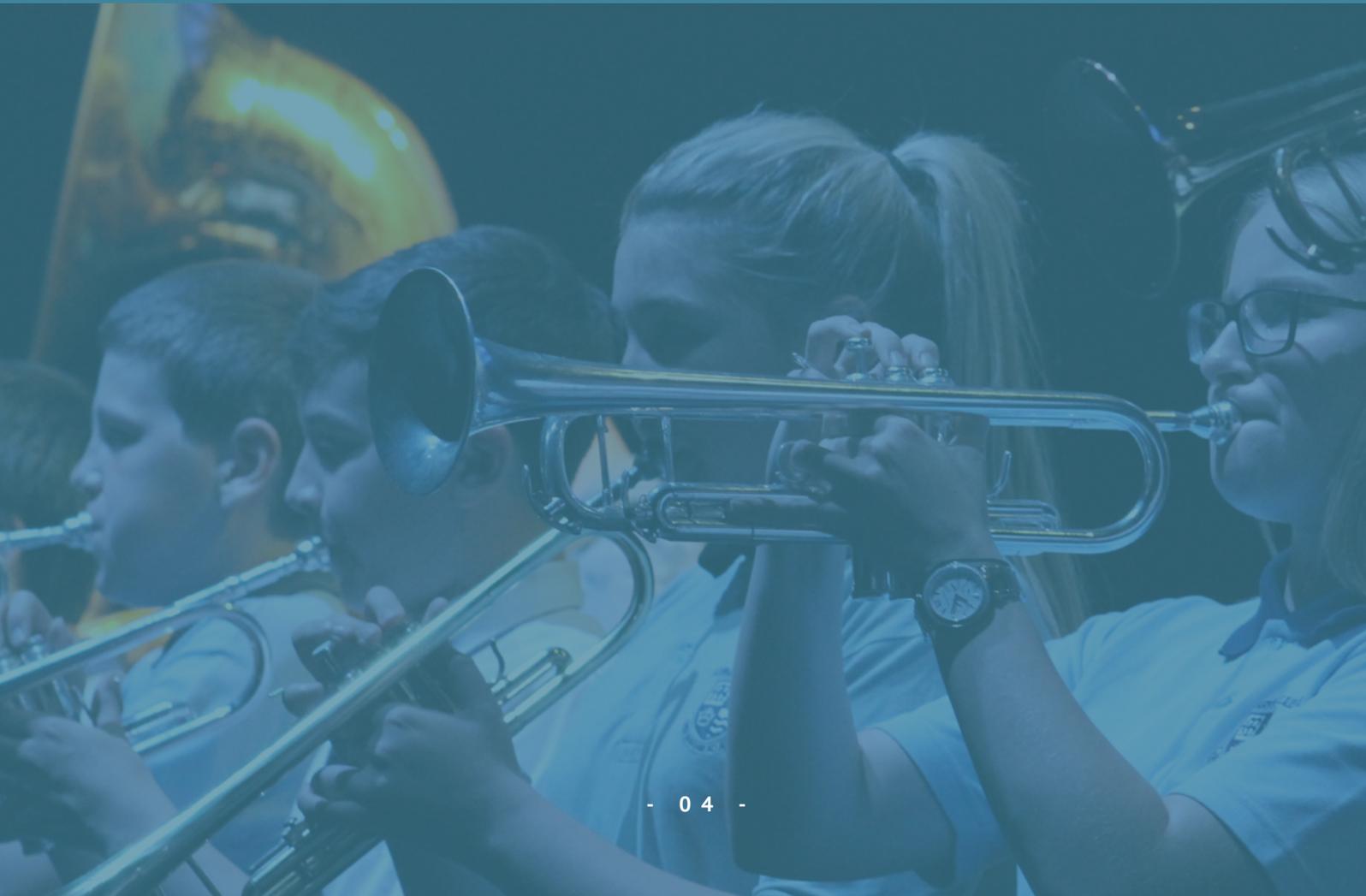
Miss Tuthill

Transition Pastoral Mentor



Mr Turner

Vice Principal - Senior Link to Y7



“Getting the basics right

Equipment

You must have the following essential equipment every day from the start of Year 7:

- Packs of tissues for personal use.
- Alcohol based hand gel
- At least two black pens
- A red pen
- At least two pencils
- Rubber
- A clear, non-flexible plastic ruler with cm measurements on
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil case
- Reading book – your own choice

The following equipment is recommended but not compulsory:

- Set of coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- A small English dictionary

Uniform

- Uniform must be correct for September – plain black shoes – NO trainers NO boots, school coats only.
- No make-up, nail varnish or jewellery including earrings. A watch can be worn but ‘smart’ watches are not permitted.
- No extreme hairstyles.

Please refer to guidance in the uniform booklet and please see most recent uniform letter on our website sent home as guidance for current SMC students.

Behaviour

Follow the Code of Conduct:

1. Act with respect and consideration to others at all times.
2. Take pride in your work and if you have a problem ask for help.
3. Follow the Classroom Code. Leave the classroom and school as you wish to find them.
4. Move quickly and quietly on the left around the school.
5. Be punctual to school and lessons.
6. Follow instructions carefully and immediately.
7. You are members of the school and should be immediately recognisable by your uniform and should conduct yourself as an exemplary representative of the college.
8. Certain things cannot be tolerated, such as bullying, spitting, rudeness to members of staff, racist, homophobic, transphobic, biphobic language, sexist remarks and defiant behaviour.



“ Chaplaincy

There are lots of exciting things you can get involved in with the Chaplaincy Team at SMC. We celebrate Mass in the Chapel every Tuesday lunchtime, it is a lovely way to spend your lunchbreak taking some time out of your busy day to be still in the presence of God.

We have lunch together afterwards and it would be wonderful to see some new faces joining us, you would be very welcome.

Every Wednesday lunchtime we have our Youth SVP meetings to plan our charitable works. The group is based on the good works of St Vincent De Paul for any student who would like to be involved in helping other people. We arrange visits to meet the elderly in our Hull parishes including visiting the housebound day at St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre and Holy Name Care Home. We also visit HRI to sing Carols at Christmas. We've also been involved in fundraising to build a house for a family in India, sending over 500 scarves to refugee children in France and making Easter cards for the elderly community.

Each Friday lunchtime a group of students meet in the Chapel to pray. We use different forms of prayer including, reflection, music, the Rosary, scripture doodle, Christian mindfulness and many others. All students are welcome.

You can also look forward our Chaplaincy residential retreats to the Briars Youth Retreat Centre in Derbyshire. This is always a highlight of our school year for Year 8s and gives us a chance to get to know your friends better and explore your faith. Another highlight of the school year is our pilgrimage to Lourdes during May half term. Lourdes is such a special place to so many people where we have the opportunity to help the sick people of our diocese, grow in our relationship with God and spend time getting to know others from our school community.

“ Form Groups

In each year group we have an X half and a Y half when is then divided up into different lettered forms, named after 6 different people. Here is some information so you can find out who yours is named after.

C

St Peter CHANEL was born in 1803 in France. He is important to our school because he was one of the very first Marist Priests who concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad.

F

St John FISHER was born in Beverley in 1469. He was such a brilliant student that he studied at Cambridge University when he was only 14. Today, we acknowledge his courage and commitment to his faith and his example to us all.

M

Catherine McAULEY was born in Dublin in 1778. She dedicated her life to caring for the poor, particularly women. Catherine opened the House of Mercy in 1827: to house and educate poor women. In 1831 Catherine made her Vows and created the Order of the Sisters of Mercy. St Mary's College was originally founded by the Sisters of Mercy in Hull.

P

Blessed Nicholas POSTGATE was born in 1596 in Yorkshire and lived at a time when being a Catholic priest was punishable by a horrible death. He shared his food and clothes and offered both spiritual and practical help, wanting to understand the needs of the poor.

R

Sister Mary RUTH -born in 1942 & grew up in Great Yarmouth. She became an RE teacher before entering the Catherine McAuley Central Novitiate in order to become a Sister of Mercy. In 1986 she was appointed Head of RE at St Mary's College. She was a great community person with a tremendous sense of fun & always full of jokes

T

St THERESA of Calcutta grew up in the Catholic Church & decided to devote her life to God at an early age. When she turned 18, she joined the Sisters of Loreto to become a missionary to India and at 36 St Teresa felt the call from God to help the poor of India. She received some basic medical training and then set out to help the sick and needy. This wasn't an easy task in India in 1948.



Music & Performing Arts

There will be plenty to keep you busy in the Performing Arts department! Get involved in productions as a singer, dancer or actor (or all three) at regular after school rehearsals or even join our Stage Management club and learn about what happens backstage. You could even become a Shakespeare ambassador and work with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

There are also lots of exciting things to look forward to next year within the Music Department. We have several concerts and performances coming up in the first term, as well as the annual Carol Service, which is always one of the highlights of the year. Make sure you come down to the Music Department and check out when rehearsals for all of our choirs, bands and orchestras start. All are welcome!



Meet the Tutors



7XC

Hello Year 7, my name is Miss Shinkwin and I am an English teacher at St Mary's College. Reading is my favourite thing to do, so in my spare time I can usually be found with a good book and a cup of tea! I also enjoy walking, writing, swimming, watching films and cooking- I love trying out new recipes! The best advice I can give you for September is to be organised: use your planner, pack your bag the night before and always make sure you have a good breakfast to set you up for the day! Looking forward to meeting you all.



7XF

Hi everyone
My name is Mr Mitchell and I am a Science teacher at SMC. In my spare time I enjoy playing football and I also have a daughter who likes to make sure I am always busy.
My advice to you right now would be not to worry about moving to secondary school. It won't take you long to settle in and you will get to meet lots of new friends when you arrive.
I look forward to meeting you all soon. Enjoy your summer holidays and stay safe.



7XM

Hello! My name is Miss Young.
As well as seeing me at form time, you will also see me around the Creative Arts Department and may even have me as your teacher for Design & Technology.
I love to do anything craft based in my spare time and I also love to cook! If I'm relaxing, I will often have my nose in a good book – I love fantasy and fiction!
When you start at St Mary's College, remember that we are all here to help – we have all had first days too! You may find the size of the building and amount of subjects a little daunting – but you will get used to everything really quickly!
I look forward to welcoming you into your new form – I can't wait to meet all the new members of our team!

Meet the Tutors

7XP



Welcome to St Mary's College and an even bigger welcome to 7XP. I'm excited to be your tutor and to welcome you when we return. Prior to returning, I like you to get to know me; so here's a few things about me:

- I teach Art, as well as Design and Technology. I enjoy being creative and love to learn new things. I am currently improving my skills on 'Procreate' a digital drawing app.
- My family dog is called Sophie and she is an English Bulldog. I love all dogs, but particularly those with squishy faces!
- I love rugby league...on your first day ask me which club I support!

I hope to learn lots of things about you all in the future and I hope you enjoy being a part of 7XP. My parting message to you would be to be kind, arrive with a smile and try not to worry. Even teachers get nervous on the first day back! I'm excited to meet you all.

Miss Green

7XR

Hello!

My name is Mrs Hanson and I am an English teacher at St Mary's College. I really enjoy being a part of the St Mary's community and I'm sure you will too. Two other things I enjoy are reading and baking - I have been perfecting my cookie recipe during Lockdown so have probably eaten far too many! My top tip for starting at St Mary's College is to always pack your schoolbag the night before to avoid feeling stressed in the morning. I am really looking forward to meeting you in September!



7XT

Hello 7XT, my name is Miss Culver, I'm an English teacher here at St Mary's and I've been here for five years now. I love teaching here and miss all my classes terribly since I've been working from home.

To keep sane during the lockdown, I go jogging round the park, have taken upcycling (which I do rather badly, due to a dodgy knee) and have learnt to bake!! I wonder what new skills you've learnt during this time!

My advice to you on starting this new school is please enjoy the experience, because I think you will love it here, I do. It might seem big and daunting at first, compared to your previous school, but don't worry, we are all here to help. If you get lost, have any problems or concerns, just come and find a member of staff, we are always here to help!

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and I'm sure that you'll make some very happy memories here. Until then, take good care of yourselves and have a lovely summer.



Meet the Tutors

7YC

Hello!

I am Mrs Drewery and I teach French & Spanish.

In my spare time I like cooking and travelling to other countries to practice my languages, especially Spain.

My top tip for SMC is carry your planner around with you, rather than putting it away, so you can refer to the map and check your timetable after every lesson.



7YF

Hi everyone,

My name is Mr Berry, I am a PE Teacher at St Mary's College.

I enjoy playing many sports but especially golf in the sun.

My top tip for starting St Mary's College is to make the most of every opportunity that comes your way.



7YM

WELCOME!

My name is Ms Cameron

I teach History and Religious Education at St Mary's

I enjoy reading and going to the sea side with my family in my spare time

A top tip for starting at SMC would be to always ask for help if you are not sure of anything! We are here to help.



Meet the Tutors

7YP



I'm Mr Dodgson and I teach Maths and Economics.
In my spare time, I enjoy woodwork, climbing and travelling in my campervan.
My top-tip for anyone starting at St Mary's College is to be open-minded.
Be open to challenge, friendships and opportunities.
There are plenty of all to be had!

7YR



My name is Miss Burden and I will be your form tutor. As well as being your form tutor I also teach RE.
I hope you are looking forward to your new adventure at St Mary's.
My biggest piece of advice for when you join us in September is to enjoy everyday and to get involved with as much as you can. We have lots of activities and clubs you can join where you will meet lots of new people and make new friends!
I am really looking forward to meeting you all when we return to school.

7YT



Hello everybody!
My name is Miss Appleyard, I teach in the SEN department at St Mary's college.
In my spare time I love to read books, spend time with friends and travel!
I'm so looking forward to meeting you all in person so we can get to know each other! If I had one top tip for starting at St Mary's I'd say make sure you're kind to everyone you meet, a smile can make someone's day.

“Clubs galore !

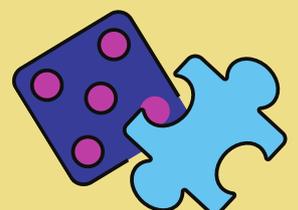
Why should you join a club?

There are many benefits to joining a lunchtime club or extra-curricular activity whilst at St Mary’s College:

- Helps you make new friends
- Keeps you fit and active – health benefits
- Develop new skills and techniques
- Develop skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, confidence building or public speaking
- It's fun
- Matches, performances, competitions, tournaments
- Various levels of ability so you can participate at a level that suits your needs
- Prizes and incentives

Some of the clubs we have at SMC include:

- *Construction Club*
- *Trampolining*
- *Performing Arts productions*
- *Boccia*
- *Arts & Crafts*
- *Boxfit*
- *Youth Speaks*
- *Science Club*
- *TeamFit*
- *Homework Club*
- *Backstage Club*
- *International Cinema Club*
- *OMPS*
- *School orchestra*





Keeping Safe

We all know that our students thrive better and are able to reach their full potential when we all work closely together. Everyone at St Mary's College is totally committed to this and we look forward to working together to stay safe and well.

Some ways the you can stay safe:

- **ATTENDANCE** - regular attendance at school is really important. We always check up when students are not in school and ask for medical evidence if you are off ill.
- **BULLYING** - we take all cases of bullying at SMC very seriously and will work together with pupils and families to resolve any serious problems. Please take time to read the Anti-Bullying policy on our school website. Try hard not to get into petty squabbles with others.
- **HEALTH & SAFETY** - we have a Health & Safety policy at SMC which works to keep everyone safe. Health & Safety is everyone's responsibility so students are expected to follow our rules and procedures carefully and sensibly. We have a medical team and trained first aiders on site to deal with accidents and illnesses.
- **ONLINE SAFETY** - The world of online safety can be confusing and overwhelming. There is so much information out there & some children are so much further ahead in their understanding than others. We promote e-safety in all aspects of ICT usage at SMC. Please see our advice for staying safe online on the pages that follow.



**Our Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Miss A Booth Vice Principal**



Staying Safe online

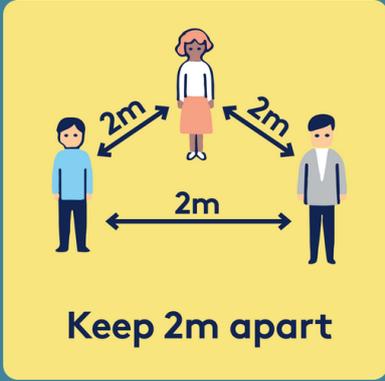
Here are some practical tips to help you stay safe online and get the most out of the digital world.

- Only talk to real life friends or family on social media sites, online gaming or chatrooms.
- Stick to the minimum age limits for apps and social media sites - you should not be on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter before the age of 13. We may report accounts if students are putting themselves and others at risk.
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games.
- Never share your email address or phone number with anyone online, always keep your privacy settings tight to keep your information private.
- Don't arrange to meet people in real life that you have only ever met online.
- Don't post anything online that you wouldn't want your family or your teachers to see- treat others online as you would wish to be treated yourself.
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses.
- Always come and talk to someone if you are upset by something you have seen online.
- Stick to the use of ICT expectations at SMC, laptops and computers are for school work only.





Staying Safe → Staying Apart



Medical support

If you aren't feeling well during the school day, don't worry, there is help and support in school for you.

Tell someone if you are unwell. The Year 7 office will then pass the information on to our School Healthcare Assistants based in the Medical room.

Our Healthcare Assistants have a wealth of experience and are very skilled in supporting students with medical issues in a sensitive way.

Well-being support

A message for Year 6 from Adele Antcliff, our well-being officer at St Mary's College.

"My role is to help you if you are experiencing challenges by developing your resilience to help you manage. I love working with our young people and seeing them use strategies to overcome barriers as they grow in confidence. I've already learned a lot about you all from your primary schools and am really looking forward to meeting & supporting you when you join SMC".

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