

The newspaper for St Mary's Transition Week

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Mind your Language

Alex



St Mary's College take pride in its variety of modern languages. The languages which are available to you this year are French and German. You may wonder why we learn another language at St Mary's College. The reason for this is because it allows you other options and opportunities. Miss Ashworth told us that it gives you knowledge and a better understanding of different countries. If you haven't had a modern language lesson before, don't worry because the advice that we would give you is to listen carefully in your lesson and to link the word to the English as it will help you through your modern language journey. Also, if you need extra help it would be wise to practice your vocabulary at home and to experience the language you are learning outside if the classroom. St Mary's is an explosion of vocabulary! Très bien !



Photo by Ava, Ellie and James

It's a new term, it's a new day and we're feeling good!

Welcome back Year 7

Ellie, James and Ava

Welcome back Year 7s. As a school community, we are excited for your return. It is as if you have never been away! After speaking to your Year Team, we have collected a range of advice to help you settle back in perfectly. They stressed the importance of organisation and punctuality amongst students, so you can fully immerse yourself into learning. Part of this is ensuring you are on time to school and to your lessons whilst also being organised with your equipment and uniform. It is important to look presentable, as whilst you are in your uniform you are representing the school community and are expected to always uphold its standards.

In Transition Week, you attended an enrichment fair where you had the chance to look at all of the different clubs St

Mary's has to offer. During your first term here, and the rest of your academic year, it is recommended that you join clubs as it is a time for you to make the most of the opportunities available to you outside of lessons.

When coming into Year 7, transport can be a worry for both students and parents. It is advised that due to its challenging nature, students memorise their bus number and arrival time. Also, remember your tutor group as it is where each morning begins. However, if you are lost just ask, as any member of staff will be willing to help you. Your Year Office will always be available. Here at St Mary's, there is always a smiling face to help. We feel that you can help make this the best year ever for year seven and look forward to working with you.

TEACHERS' ADVICE



Miss Lewis - Geography:

"In Geography we'll be travelling around the world and this half term - we are looking forward to taking you on the journey with us."



Mr Macrae - Science:

"Welcome! All the good quotes Argon! Welcome back to Year 7, looking forward to seeing you in Science!"



Ms Cameron - History/RE:

"Hope you had a blast during summer! Looking forward to seeing you in RE and History"



Be dramatic!

Performing Arts at St Mary's is integral to both curriculum and enrichment.

Treading the boards

Ellie, Ava and James

At St Mary's, we are incredibly proud of our Performing Arts department and the opportunities they offer both inside and outside of the curriculum. In Year 7, you will have one hour of drama a week supported by a brilliant team led by Mr Lancaster. We asked drama teacher Mr Wood some questions about what exciting things to look forward to in the upcoming year. Here's what he had to say. During your hour a week of drama, your learning journey will start with building basic vocal and movement skills. Outside of lessons, you will have the opportunity to join drama clubs, Shakespeare ambassador clubs and a whole range of different performing activities. This includes the whole school musical which will be announced in September. When asked what the importance is of Performing Arts, Mr Wood said it allows for you to develop the

artistic, creative side of your brain. Also, working in a group with other students teaches you communication skills, allowing you to make friends for life and help in future careers. St Mary's works closely with the Royal Shakespeare Company, something which is an amazing opportunity, which as a school we are very proud of. It allows you to work closely with real actors and develop your skills through Shakespearean plays. Even if you are not passionate about being on stage, there is a chance for you to work behind the scenes. For example, working with lighting, props, scene changes and learning stage management. So, get involved, break a leg! This is the one time you CAN make a drama out of everything.

Bye to you from the newspaper crew

The newspaper has been brought to you by Ava, James, Ellie, Alex, Matas, Jia Jing and Vince, with the help of Miss Vitoria and Mr Hussey. We would like to thank both the students and teachers for their cooperation and patience during the past week whilst we have been interviewing and capturing the Year 6 Transition Week. We have thoroughly enjoyed documenting your

days during Transition Week and we hope that you've loved seeing them as much as we've loved making them. We send you this final edition, hoping that your first year here and the rest of your time at St Mary's College is everything you hope it can be. We're excited to have you all back and hope you're ready for a year of education, fun and enrichment. Welcome aboard!