

Dress to impress

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There are expectations for uniform in St Mary's College. We aim to create a professional working environment where our students are easy to recognise. Because of the individuality of our uniforms, we often get members of the public phoning the school to comment on the exemplary behaviour of our students. Each day, it is expected that students come in the correct uniform which consists of grey smart trousers (not the skinny type or too baggy) or a new St Mary's skirt, only just launched this year. All skirts should be worn at a length just above or just below the knee and if tights are worn then they should be black or grey. In addition to this, there is the pale blue school polo followed by the school jumper or cardigan. Shoes must be plain black school shoes and boots are not allowed. There is no jewellery allowed or earrings. However, a small and discreet cross is allowed on a necklace.



St Mary's tutors are always here to help you.

Meet the Year 7 tutors

Matas and Vince

Tutors are important to students throughout St Mary's College as they're the first person you will see at the start of each new day. Therefore, it is important for tutors to start the day positively. To ensure this takes place, it is a tutor's responsibility to make sure students are prepared for the rest of the day for things such as equipment, which should be brought in each day by students, as well as fixing or talking about any issues/problems you may have.

Mr Cunningham, a new tutor for Year 7s for this coming academic year, believes that "the best thing about being a tutor is that it allows me to see many different students from different cities and cultures all over the place." Despite him being a tutor before in previous

roles, this is the first time he has started being a tutor for Year 7, "I like having a responsibility, so if any of the new students need help or support in anything, they can come to a member of staff they can trust for help."

Some tips which were mentioned to give to new students coming into St Mary's College are to give respect to your tutor and class, make as many new friends as possible and to trust your tutors and peers as they will assist you in any way they can. Remember, your tutors are your first point of contact for the whole year and one of them will be your own personal tutor. Therefore, you've always got a friendly face you can rely on.

Teachers advice



Miss Cable - History:
 "Always be open and honest and to prepare for new things"



Miss Gibbins - History:
 "To join new clubs and to try and buddy up with people in forms"



Mrs Wilson - Art:
 "Don't worry about school over the summer, enjoy and relax"



Develop yourself

Let's look at the importance of PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic)

PSHE for you and me

Jia Jing and Matas

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) is part of the curriculum for pupils to learn the knowledge, skills and attributes to help manage their own lives now and in the future. This gives students a great understanding of a range of topics that are applied in the real world to their own lives, along with developing a range of 'skills for life' such as communication, independence and decision-making. Students also learn all about the world around them and their own place within it.

Miss Shinkwin, the lead for PSHE, organises the curriculum and learning journey for Years 7-11 and plans all the sessions that will be delivered to students throughout the whole academic year. She believes that "there is no job more important than supporting students in St Mary's

College with their personal development, emotional wellbeing and wider understanding of the world around them." In addition to Miss Shinkwin, Mr Turner (Vice Principal responsible for Safeguarding), Form Tutors (who deliver the lessons) and the new PSHE ambassadors (new team which is established for the next academic year in September) are also important figures in the PSHE domain.

PSHE lessons are a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your whole tutor group and form tutors, discussing and learning about a whole range of subjects that are relevant and interesting to you. Come to lessons with a sense of excitement and curiosity; be ready to listen respectfully to the views of others and do not be afraid to contribute and ask questions!

'Book' yourself a place in the LRC

The LRC (Learning Resource Centre) is a large, calm and quiet space where students can complete homework or just sit and read. It is a very unique resource and can be attended by anyone at St Mary's College. Even when it is closed for a brief time for exams, we offer a 'pop-up LRC' service within classrooms, so you never miss out.

You can also borrow books from here, just ask Mr Barratt at the front desk! Books are borrowed for 2 weeks before they must be returned. If you want to read it for longer you can always renew it. If the book you wanted isn't in the library at all, recommend it to Mr Barratt and it might be ordered! The LRC doesn't only do books – you can buy spare equipment.