

26th September 2023

Dear SM6 Student, Parent(s) and/or Carer(s),

Re: Travel and parking at SM6

As you will no doubt be aware, the parking situation at St Mary's College continues to be under pressure, as increasing numbers of staff and students travel independently in to school and sixth form. The success of SMC and its reputation in the local area means that we are the education provider of choice for students, and we are very proud of this, but our inevitable growth brings with it challenges for our community of colleagues and students, particularly in terms of access to parking.

We are fully committed to supporting our young people as they work towards obtaining a driving licence; indeed, one of the SM6 enrichment options this year is geared towards helping any aspiring drivers to pass the driving theory test. We recognise how important it is for young adults to take a step towards the independence that being able to drive brings.

As such, we are very keen to engage with our community to better understand the pressures around our car parking access. We are seeking solutions to this challenge which represent fair and practical resolutions for everyone concerned, including our neighbours. As part of this, we would like to invite SM6 students to complete a short survey of their travel habits to and from college, which will also help us to be more aware of the scale of demand for our car parking facilities.

The QR code to the survey can be found below or by following this link (https://forms.office.com/e/TTRxtsiwLi), and we would respectfully request that this is completed by Monday, 2nd October 2023.

With all best wishes,

M. Stead



Travel Habits Survey QR link

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