



## ST MARY'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re: Rewards**

I am writing to you regarding the rewards system at St Mary's College and the launch of some changes to recognise student achievement in lessons, through extra-curricular activities and around the school site.

The rewards system aims to capture the positive attitude and achievements of students in lessons and staff will award points every lesson for a number of students in the class. Staff can also nominate students across the week with a Good News Friday which can be for exceptional achievements in lessons or across the school.

Students will also be recognised by their form tutor for excellent attendance, organisation and for contributions in form time sessions including PSHE, Collective Worship and reading. A 'student of the week' will be nominated per form group too in order to recognise something extra special.

Outside of lessons, students will receive reward points from being recognised around the college site for behaviours they display such as being kind, respectful, showing tolerance and for exceptional conduct. Extra-curricular sessions will also award points for participation and performance.

This year we have launched St Mary's College student characteristics; these are the unique characteristics that we recognise in our students and the characteristics we want to foster for all. These include being culturally accepting, compassionate, conscientious and confident. Staff will also explicitly look to recognise these qualities in students.

Students can use their reward points in the reward shop which will be brought to their form group at regular times throughout the year. Students can cash in their reward points for prizes at fixed threshold levels.

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The highest achievement will be for students to be recognised as an Exceptional Ambassador - they will be awarded an Exceptional Ambassador hoodie and will attend a reward event in school. For those students who already achieved this last year, they will be given the extra privilege of having an Exceptional Ambassador trip.

Staff will continue to encourage students to spend their reward points regularly because each year the reward count will start again. This is the same as all key student data including attendance and behaviour. Please be assured that the record of how many reward points students have received each year still remains on the school system so their history of reward points is not 'lost' but students can only spend their points in the same academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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