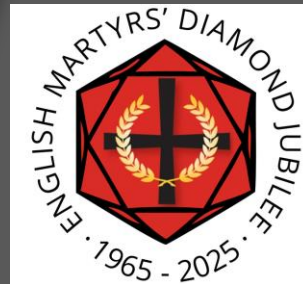




# Welcome to Year 8 Parents' Information Meeting



- Mr Calen: Welcome & prayer
- Mr McCaughey: Examination Results
- Miss Ukah Pastoral & Expectations
- Mrs Cajkler: Safeguarding
- Mrs Cajkler: English Martyrs Way
- Mrs Cajkler: Accelerate
- Mr McCaughey: Assessment & KS4 Options
- Mr McCaughey: Satchel One



# Our Mission at EMS



English Martyrs', as a **community**  
centred in Christ strives to **develop**  
the **talents** of **each** person

‘May they all be one’



# Act of Dedication

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In gathering here tonight we show our willingness to support our young people as they move forward on their journey through life. Let us renew our commitment to this sacred task and ask for God's blessing on all we do.

Are we committed to celebrating the joys our young people bring us; to encouraging them in their endeavours and to showing patience and love in the face of difficulties and challenges?

**ALL: WE ARE,  
WITH THE HELP OF GOD**

Are we ready to accompany our young people as they grow in faith and invite them to share in the life of this family of God, using their gifts to build up our community?

**ALL: WE ARE,  
WITH THE HELP OF GOD**

Are we ready to work together as a family and share with one another the spirit of Christian friendship and compassion so that we may be a sign of hope to others?

**ALL: WE ARE,  
WITH THE HELP OF GOD**



# The School Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ  
Make me a better person  
Considerate towards others  
Honest with myself  
Faithful to you  
Help me to find my true vocation in life  
And so to find happiness myself  
And bring happiness to others

Amen.



# Examination Results

## A Level Results

**57% A\*-B grades**

**86% A\*-C grades**

**99% pass rate**

- Majority of students have gained places at their first-choice universities, including many at coveted Russell Group universities
- A significant number of students also achieved **straight A\*/A grades**.



# Examination Results

## GCSE Results

**71.4% of students achieved five or more 4+ grades**

**The number of students securing good passes in both English and Maths has increased compared to 2019.**

We have been delighted to welcome over 130 Year 11 students into our Sixth Form (along with applicants from other schools) as they embark on the next stage of their education.



# Pastoral

Head of Year – Miss Ukah

## Form Tutors

8 Champion - Mr Carr

8 Clitheroe - Dr Nyawako

8 Fisher - Mr Franks

8 More - Mrs Raja and Mr Lines

8 Sherwin - Mr Sadler

8 Ward - Mrs Harris



Mrs Webster – Director of Inclusion

Mr James Noakes – School Chaplain

Mrs Collins, Mr Johnson – Pastoral support



# Spiritual Life

Morning Prayer

Mass

Assembly

Retreats

Charities & fundraising



# Expectations

Uniform & Equipment

Mobile Phones

Behaviour

Attendance

Application to study

Involvement in the  
wider school  
community



# School Planner

The purpose of the school planner:

1. Important for communication
2. Important to develop independent skills
3. Important to take responsibility for their learning
4. Home School agreement and ICT and internet protocol

# Safeguarding



Manisha Singh  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Dean Boonham



Bev Collins



Joanne Hill

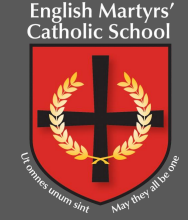


Rebecca Lewis  
Monday - Wednesday



Lauren Webster  
Tuesday - Friday

# Safeguarding



- **School website** – Our School → Safeguarding → Safeguarding/child protection policy.
- You can also download online safety tips for your child.
- We will always communicate with parents.
- Email [wellbeing@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:wellbeing@englishmartyrs.org)



# Co-curricular Activities

## Enrichment

Art Club  
Aspire Clubs  
Biology, Chemistry and Physics  
Olympiads  
Brilliant Club  
Chess Club  
Creative Writing Club  
Debating Society  
Design Club  
Henrietta Lacks Society  
High Flyer Programme  
Magic, Mentalism & Memory Club  
Maths Challenges  
Science Club  
Study Club

## Performing Arts

Brass Ensemble  
Dance Club  
Drama Club  
Guitar Ensemble  
Jazz Band  
Junior Choir  
Orchestra  
Schola Cantorum  
School Musical Rehearsal  
Senior Choir  
Steel Pans Group  
Woodwind Ensemble

## Sport & Outdoor Activities

Athletics (mixed)  
Badminton (mixed)  
Basketball (mixed)  
Cricket (mixed)  
Duke of Edinburgh Award:  
Bronze, Silver & Gold  
Football (boys' and girls')  
Indoor Cricket (mixed)  
Netball (mixed)  
Rounders (mixed)  
Running Club (mixed)  
Short Tennis (mixed)  
Table Tennis (mixed)  
Trampolining (mixed)  
Volleyball (mixed)

The curriculum is enhanced by a vibrant, wide-ranging co-curricular programme which provides a broad curriculum offer and supports student wellbeing.

- Each student should sign up to at least one activity.

# Praise & Rewards- The English Martyrs Way

- **Excellence:** We aspire to be better every day. Success is a journey and failure is part of the learning journey.
- **Hardworking:** (of a person) tending to work with energy, commitment and diligence
- **Resilience:** be determined to never give up, regardless of setbacks. To look for solutions when facing a problem.
- **Welcoming:** We recognise and celebrate diversity while being friendly considerate and welcoming to all.
- **Respect:** have due regard for (someone's feelings, wishes, or rights)

# Praise Points (+1)

Teachers will award students with an English Martyrs Way Achievement point when they demonstrate any of the English Martyrs Way values below

- Excellence in Lessons (+1 Praise Point)
- Excellence around the school (+1 Praise Point)
- Respect (+1 Praise Point)
- Hardworking (+1 Praise Point)
- Resilience (+1 Praise Point)
- Welcoming (+1 Praise Point)
- Spiritual Life (+1 Praise Point)



# Special Recognition Praise Points

- Outstanding Contribution in Lessons (+2).

**This is a special recognition, given to one or two students only per lesson.**

**This could be for outstanding answers to questions, producing an exceptional piece of work (or both).**

- Outstanding contribution to school community (+2)

**This could be for participation in events, singing, playing music, doing a reading at mass, reading a poem or being successful in your respective sports team.. E.g scoring a goal or saving a penalty.**

**75 Points – Achievement Award-  
Letter of Achievement from your  
Head of Year**



**150 Points – Bronze certificate  
and a Bronze Badge**



**250 Points – Silver Certificate  
and a Silver badge**



**350 Points – Gold Certificate and  
Gold badge**



**500 Points – Platinum badge and  
Letter of Achievement from the  
Principal**

**During the year students will  
receive the following achievement  
awards when they reach a certain  
number of English Martyrs  
Praise points.**

# ParentPay



We are cashless school. Payments to school, e.g. for food, school visits, music lessons etc. should be made using the online payment system, ParentPay which is accessed via the school website, [www.englishmartyrs.org](http://www.englishmartyrs.org).

Payments may be made via debit or credit cards or American Express and Paypoint.

If you have any queries, please contact **the school office:**

[office@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:office@englishmartyrs.org)



# Accelerate

- **A**rithmetical skills,
- **C**areers & Workplace learning,
- **C**haracter
- **E**xtra curricular programme,
- **L**iteracy skills,
- **E**nterprise education,
- **R**etrieval practice,
- **A**rt & Music,
- **T**echnology,
- **E**nrichment.

The Accelerate programme is designed to ensure that all our students benefit from a tailored curriculum to support the development of Literacy through reading & Numeracy.

Alongside this we are committed to offering a Careers and PSHE programme tailored to each year group so that each student is given a unique opportunity to explore the world of work, develop their unique gifts and skills which will enable them to build resilience and engage in teamwork.

This will guarantee that our students fully embrace “The English Martyrs Way.”

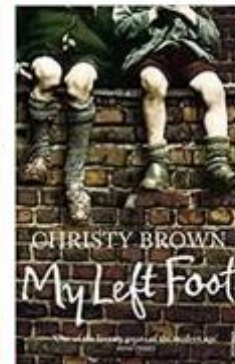
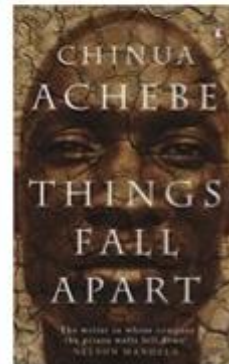
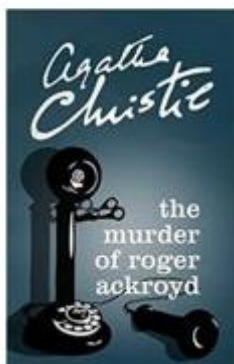
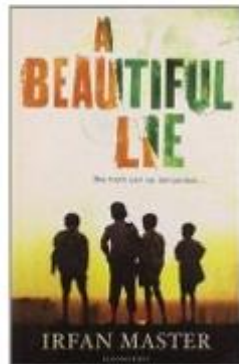
# Accelerate Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Year 7</b>	Pastoral	<b>Careers</b>	Self Regulated Learning	<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Drop Everything &amp; Read</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Self Regulated Learning</b>	Pastoral	<b>Careers</b>	<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Drop Everything &amp; Read</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Careers</b>	<b>PSHE</b>	Pastoral	<b>Retrieval Practice</b>	<b>Drop Everything &amp; Read</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Retrieval Practice</b>	<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Careers</b>	Pastoral	<b>Drop Everything &amp; Read</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Drop Everything &amp; Read</b>	<b>Retrieval Practice</b>	<b>Careers</b>	<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Pastoral</b>
<b>Year 12</b>	Post 18 Preparation	Well Being	Academic Mentoring	A Level Mindset	Super- Curricular Programme
<b>Year 13</b>	Post-18 Preparation	Well-Being	Academic Mentoring	A Level Mindset	Super Curricular Programme

# Drop Everything & Read

- Students in Years 7 – 10 will read **3 books** together throughout the year – **one book per term.**
- Students in **Year 11** will read **2 books.**
- The stories are to be a shared experience, with the tutor.

Here are some of the books we'll be enjoying:



# Assessment

- Students will receive progress updates or assessment grades each term (3 times per year).
- The assessment grade is in essence a prediction.
- If a student continues this quality of work and this level of effort, this is the grade they are likely to achieve.



# Year 7 Assessment C

	<b>Expected Grade</b>	<b>Assessment C</b>
English	5.7	5.4
Mathematics	5.7	5.2
Religious Education	5.7	5.3
Science	5.7	5.1





<b>Expected Grade</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Assessment Grade</b>	<b>Progress</b>
5	Mathematics	6	<b>Outstanding Progress</b>
5	English	5	<b>Good Progress</b>
5	Science	7	<b>Outstanding Progress</b>
5	Religious Education	6	<b>Outstanding Progress</b>
5	Geography	6	<b>Outstanding Progress</b>
5	History	5	<b>Good Progress</b>
5	French	5	<b>Good Progress</b>
5	IT	4	<b>Insufficient Progress</b>
5	Drama	5	<b>Good Progress</b>



# GCSE Qualifications

- Content is more difficult with more extended writing
- More exams
- No controlled assessment in core subjects

Grading system:

GCSE Grades	Previous GCSE Grades
9	A**
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C (Strong Pass)
4	C (Standard Pass)
3	D
2	E
1	F



# Attendance = Achievement

Attendance	Grade Profile
>95%	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 (10x6)
90-95%	6 6 6 6 5 5 5 5 5 5 (4x6 + 6x5)
86-90%	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 (10x5)
<86%	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 (10x4)



# Homework & Retrieval Practice

- Research-driven regular retrieval in and out of lessons
- Weekly spelling tests
- Use of a computer and internet access at home
- Use of online programmes such as Sparx Maths, Educake and ActiveLearn



**Educake Science**  
Online Homework and Revision

**Sparx Maths**



satchel:  
one

Week A & B timetable is  
available from Satchel One.



# Homework Schedule

Subject	Time	Day Set	Day Collected
English	45 minutes		
Mathematics	45 minutes		
Science	45 minutes		
French	45 minutes		
Homework Project	3 hours		
Review	2 hours		

	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

	AM	PM
Saturday		
Sunday		

# Term Time Revision Planner

Week Starting:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:	Time:
Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:
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# Available on School Website:

- Assessment Profiles
- KS3 Curriculum Roadmaps
- Test topics to be learnt
- Revision guidance



# Key Stage 4 Options

All Year 8 students will start the foundations of their KS4 qualifications in Year 9.

All students will take GCSEs in:

English Language  
English Literature  
Mathematics  
Religious Education  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
And 3 options

**10 subjects in total.**

# Year 9-11 Timetable

Subject	Lessons per fortnight
Mathematics	7
English	7
Science	12 (4 lessons per subject)
Religious Education	5
Physical Education	4
Option 1	5
Option 2	5
Option 3	5



# Core Subjects

Subject	Tiers of Entry	Controlled Assessment %	Exam %	Number of Exams
Mathematics	2	0	100	3
English Language	1	0	100	2
English Literature	1	0	100	2
Religious Education	1	0	100	2
Biology	2	0	100	2
Chemistry	2	0	100	2
Physics	2	0	100	2



# Key Subjects

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Tiers of Entry</b>	<b>Controlled Assessment %</b>	<b>Exam %</b>	<b>Number of Exams</b>
Geography	1	0	100	3
History	1	0	100	3
French	2	0	100	4



# Year 8 Option subjects

Subjects	
French GCSE	Drama GCSE
Geography GCSE	Music GCSE
History GCSE	PE GCSE
Computer Science GCSE	Textiles GCSE
Dance BTEC Level 1 & 2 Award	Creative Media BTEC 1st Award
Employability (by invitation)	
Food Preparation & Nutrition GCSE	
Design Practice BTEC Level 1 & 2 Award	
I.C.T. BTEC Level 2	
Art GCSE	



# Options Process

- Week beginning 22nd January: Options assemblies and options booklet distributed, Options Fair with Yr II students
- Thursday 8th February: Parents' Options Exhibition
- Thursday 7th March: Parents' Meeting



# Choosing Option Subjects

- Most students will study 3 option subjects (and a small number 2 options)
- All students must choose at least one subject from: French, Geography and History
- It is recommended that all students considering going to University should choose French AND one from Geography and History

Factors to consider:

- Current assessment level
- Method of assessment
- Enjoyment
- Future prospects





# Eligibility for Free School Meals:

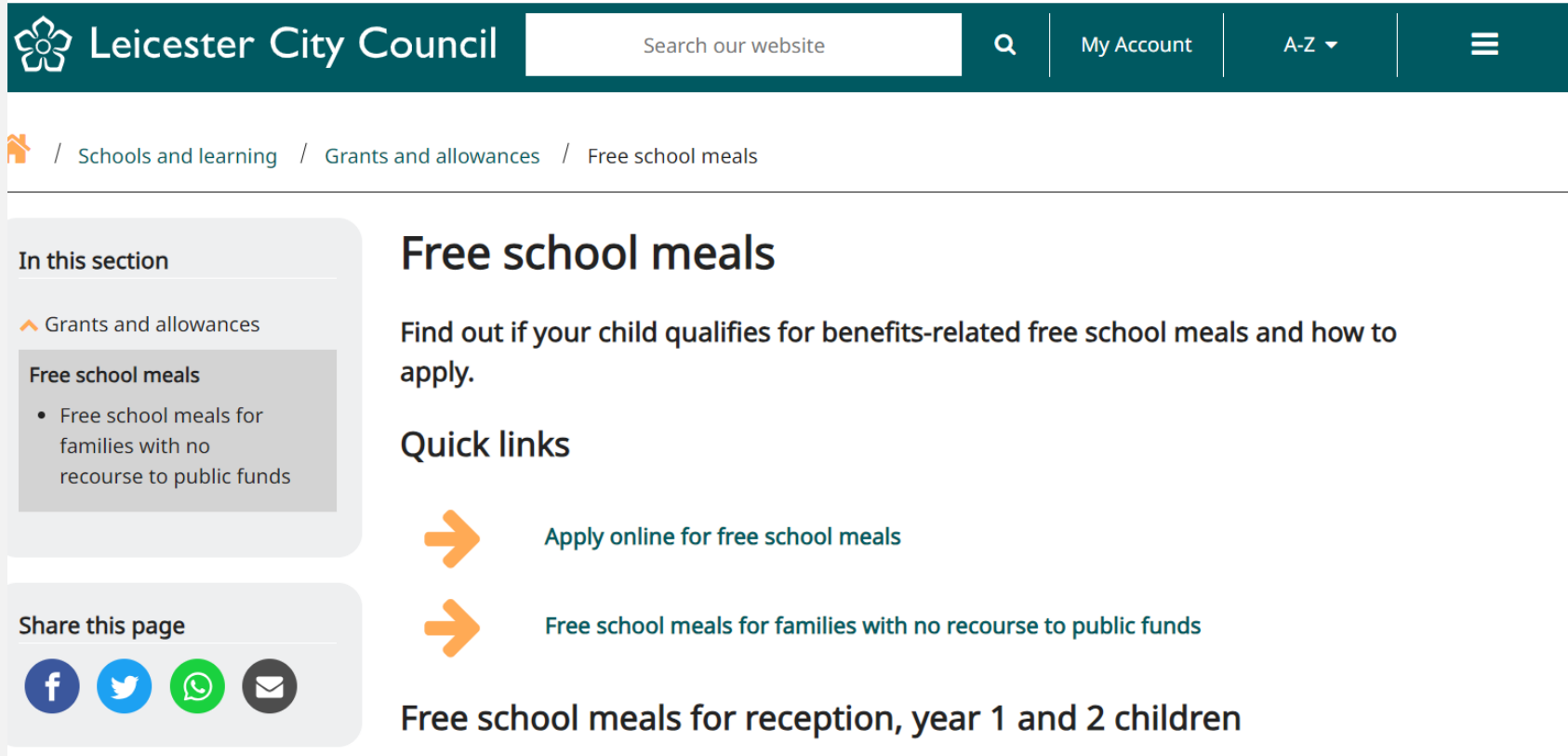
Parents – Pupil Premium (FSM) - Click here.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation structure. At the top right, there are three buttons: "CONTACT US", "QUICKLINKS", and "TRAIN TO TEACH". Below these is a main navigation bar with links for "Home", "Catholic Life", "Our School", "Parents", "Admissions", "Students", "Sixth Form", and "News". A dropdown menu is open under "Parents", listing "Pupil Premium (FSM)", "Code of Conduct", and "Curriculum". The "Pupil Premium (FSM)" item is selected, leading to a page titled "Pupil Premium Statement". On this page, there is a question "How do I register for Free School Meals (FSM)?" followed by a link "To find out if you are eligible for Free School Meals [Click here](#)". A black arrow points to the "Click here" link.





# Eligibility for Free School Meals:



The screenshot shows the Leicester City Council website interface. At the top is a dark teal navigation bar with the council logo, a search bar, and links for 'My Account', 'A-Z', and a menu icon. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home / Schools and learning / Grants and allowances / Free school meals. The main content area features a sidebar on the left with 'In this section' containing 'Grants and allowances' and 'Free school meals' (with a sub-link for families with no recourse to public funds). The main heading is 'Free school meals', followed by a sub-heading 'Find out if your child qualifies for benefits-related free school meals and how to apply.' Below this are 'Quick links' with two orange arrows pointing to 'Apply online for free school meals' and 'Free school meals for families with no recourse to public funds'. At the bottom of the main content area is the text 'Free school meals for reception, year 1 and 2 children'. A 'Share this page' section with social media icons is also visible on the left sidebar.

# Year 8 Key Dates

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**26th Sept– 11th October**

**Friday 29th September**

**Thursday 5th October**

**Week beginning 13th November**

**Thursday 23rd November**

**Tuesday 19th December**

**Thursday 21st December**

**Friday 2nd January**

Form Group Day retreats to Mount St Bernard Abbey

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning / Afternoon

Year 6 Open Evening

Assessment A Progress Updates

St Cecilia Concert

Christmas Dinner

Carol Service

Assessment B Updates



# Year 8 Key Dates

<b>Week beginning 15th January</b>	Assessment week
<b>Week beginning 22nd January</b>	KS4 Options Process begins
<b>Week beginning 29th January</b>	Candlemas Masses
<b>Thursday 8th February</b>	Parents' Options Exhibition
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	Parents' Meeting
<b>Week beginning 11th March</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Thursday 16th May</b>	Spring Concert
<b>Week beginning 1st July</b>	Whole year trip to Alton Castle

# Plans for celebrating our 60th Anniversary

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- Summer 2023 – A photo exhibition looking back at the school over the years took place.
- 2023/24 School year - Each year group to organise fundraising events.
- 60th Jubilee School Logo launched
- A book of pictures to be sold.
- Summer 2025 – Whole School events.

