



# Year 9 Parents' Information Booklet



# GCSE Success Starts in Year 9

The following subject leaders will be available this evening to speak to you in the exhibition area. They will each provide you with information on how to be successful in their subject at GCSE.

Subject	Staff member
English	Miss Fones/ Mrs Bhakta
Maths	Mr Hawkes/ Mr Handley
Science	Mrs Cajkler/ Mr Ward/Mr. Sadler
RE	Mr White
History	Mr Preston
Geography	Mr Wall
French	Mrs Renault
DT	Mr Allsop/ Miss Harris
Textiles	Mr Allsop/ Miss Harris
Hospitality	Mr Allsop/ Miss Harris
Computer Science	Mr Wileman
PE	Mr Nicholson
Art	Mr Flanagan
Dance	Mrs Pemberton
Drama	Miss Sole
Music	Mr Leonard
Study Skills/ Self-Regulated Learning	Mr Carr/ Mr Manger
Careers/ Work Experience	LEBC

# 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



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?

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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?

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# 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

**48% A\*-B grades**

**80% A\*-C grades**

**99% pass rate**

83% of students have gained places at their first-choice universities, including many at coveted Russell Group universities.



# Examination Results

## GCSE Results

**74.9% of students achieved five or more 4+ grades**

**69.4% of students achieved 4+ in English & Maths**

**The number of students securing good passes in both English and Maths has increased from 61.4% in 2023.**

We have been delighted to welcome over 100 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 9 – Miss Ukah

## Form Tutors

9 Champion - Mr Carr/ Miss Harrison

9 Clitheroe - Dr Nyawako

9 Fisher - Mr Franks

9 More - Mrs Raja

9 Sherwin - Mr Sadler

9 Ward - Mrs Harris



Mrs Webster – Director of Inclusion

Mr James Noakes – School Chaplain

Mrs Collins, Mr James, Miss Williamson & Mr Johnson – Pastoral support

# 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 [DSL@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:DSL@englishmartyrs.org)

# Accelerate Programme

## Accelerate Plan

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Advent 1 (8)	DEAR	Careers	PSHE	PSHE	Careers
Advent 2 (8)	PSHE	DEAR	Careers	Careers	DEAR
Lent 1 (6)	Careers	PSHE	DEAR	DEAR	PSHE
Lent 2 (7)	DEAR	Careers	PSHE	PSHE	PSHE/Exams
Pentecost 1 (4)	PSHE	DEAR	Careers	Careers	Exams
Pentecost 2 (6)	Careers	PSHE	DEAR	DEAR	Exams

Each half term there will be a theme, which will either be Drop Everything and Read, Careers or PSHE. During Accelerate time.

Self-regulated learning will be delivered after the pastoral assembly, live to the whole year group.

# Record of Achievement Folders

- A portfolio of academic success
- A record of attendance certificates, letters of praise and contributions to wider school activities
- Required to present at the business interviews and for the interviews for English Martyrs' Sixth Form and other colleges
- Helpful when applying for University and work placements
- Helpful for references at the end of Key Stage 4



# Assessment

- Parents will be able to see students' marks in their different subjects at the end of each of the six half-terms.
- At the end of the first half-term all teachers will report whether your child has made a positive start or NOT made a positive start..
- In the Lent and Pentecost terms all teachers will report whether your child is making expected progress or NOT making expected progress.



# Attendance = Achievement

This table below shows the impact that attendance will have on student's grades at GCSE. In this example the student has an expected grade of 6. Please note the drop off in average grades across 10 subjects when attendance falls below 90%.

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

- All homework is published on Satchel One.
- 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



**Sparx Maths**



# Available on School Website:

- Assessment Profiles
- KS4 Curriculum Roadmaps
- Test topics to be learnt
- Knowledge Organisers
- Revision guidance
- Wellbeing & Exam Stress support
- Student Support
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Links to Online Homework platforms e.g. Sparx & Educake

# Year 9 Key Dates

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**Friday 27th September**

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning / Afternoon

**Thursday 3rd October**

Year 6 Open Evening

**Thursday 21st November**

St Cecilia Concert

**Wednesday 18th December**

Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 19th December**

Carol Service

# Year 9 Key Dates

**Thursday 6th February**

Parents' Meeting

**Week beginning 11th March**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Week beginning 24th March**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Week Beginning 7th April**

Personal Finance workshops

**Saturday 3rd May**

60th Anniversary Open Day

**16th-20th June**

Year 9 French Trip

**Thursday 26th June**

Subject awards evening

**Wednesday 2nd July**

Whole Year Trip

# Plans for celebrating our 60th Anniversary

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- 2024/25 School year - Each year group to organise fundraising events.
- Dec 2024-A book of pictures will go on sale.
- 3rd May 2025- Open Day
- Summer 2025 – Whole School events.

