## **Year 9 Parents' Information Booklet**









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## 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. Self Regulated Learning Worshop will take place in the Drama Studio with Mr Carr.

Subject	Staff Member		
English	Miss Fones		
Maths	Mr Hawkes		
Science	Mr Ward		
RE	Mr White		
History	Mr Preston		
Geography	Mr Khushalbhai		
Languages	Mrs Renault		
DT	Mr Allsop/Mrs Harris		
Textiles	Mr Allsop/Mrs Harris		
Food	Mr Allsop/Mrs Harris		
Computer Science	Mr Wileman		

Subject	Staff Member
PE	Mr Nicholson
Art	Ms Chatterson
Dance	Mrs Pemberton
Drama	Miss Sole
Music	Mr Leonard
Self-Regulated Learning (Drama Studio)	Mr Carr/Mr Manger





## 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.









#### **A Level Results**

- 25% of students achieved A\*–A grades up 9% from 2024
- 55% achieved A\*-B grades also up 9% from 2024
- 84% achieved A\*–C grades an improvement of 4% from 2024

For the tenth consecutive year, 80%+ of our students have achieved A\*-C grades/

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







#### **Notable destinations include:**

- Oxford University Medicine
- Loughborough University- Chemical Engineering
- Queens University Belfast- Biomedical Science
- University of Bath- Pharmacy
- Liverpool John Moore's- Bio Chemistry
- University of St Andrews- Mathematics
- University of Leicester- Medicine

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- University of Birmingham- Pharmacy
- University of Warwick- History & Politics
- De Montfort Psychology
- Birmingham University- Marketing
- Aston University- Law
- University of Leicester- Software Engineering.

## **Examination Results**



#### **GCSE** Results

**75**% of students achieved **five or more 4+ grades** (Including English & Maths.

57% of students achieved 5+ (Strong Pass) in English & Maths 76% of students achieved 4+ (Pass) in English & Maths

We have been delighted to welcome over 115 Year 11 students into our Sixth Form (along with applicants from other schools) as they embark on the next stage of their education.









#### Head of Year 9 – Dr Joshi

#### Form Tutors

- 9 Alban Mr Handley
- 9 Campion Miss Fleury
- 9 Clitheroe Miss Kent/ Miss Lewis
- 9 Fisher Mrs Aujla
- 9 Line Miss Jones
- 9 More Mrs Nelson
- 9 Sherwin- Mrs Frackowiak
- 9 Ward- Mr Allsop

Mrs Webster – Director of Inclusion Mr James Noakes – School Chaplain Pastoral Support Team





# Pastoral Support Team



The overall Pastoral Team includes SLT, HOY, Form Tutors & Pastoral Support Team.

Our **Pastoral Support Team** is there to support everybody, their job role covers a wide range of activities from mentoring, making wellbeing calls to assisting in First Aid and generally being a friendly face for students to speak to if they need it.



Mrs B. Collins
Mental Health



Mr S. Hagan
Pastoral Support
Assistant



Mr E. James

Mentor /
Pastoral Support



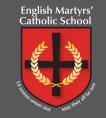
Mr J. Johnson
Pastoral Support
Assistant



Mr J. Noakes Chaplain



Mr C. Rhodes
Pastoral Support
Assistant



# Safeguarding

- <u>School website</u> Our School Safeguarding Safeguarding
- You can also download online safety tips for your child.
- We will always communicate with parents.
- Email <u>DSL@englishmartyrs.org</u>



# Safeguarding





Mrs Singh

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mr Boonham



Mrs Collins



Mr Hawkes



Mrs Lewis



Mrs Webster

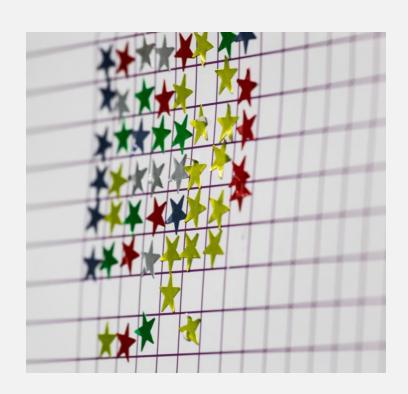
Tuesday - Friday





#### 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





## Personal Development Programme

#### Personal Development Plan 2025-26

	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 (5)	DEAR	Careers	PSHE	Careers	PSHE/Exams
Pentecost 1 (6)	PSHE	DEAR	Careers	PSHE	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.

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



# Reporting Through Arbor Parent Portal

You will receive an email inviting you to set up the Arbor Parent Portal. Some of you may already have this if your child attended a primary school which used Arbor.

Through the Arbor Parent Portal, you can see information throughout the year about your child's attendance, punctuality, behaviour and achievements.

Please set up the Arbor Parent Portal as soon as you receive the email.





## 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%	66666666666666666666666666666666666666
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 (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:**

- Self-Regulated Learning
- 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
- School Shop



# Year 9 Key Dates

Friday 26th September

**Thursday 2nd October** 

**Thursday 20th November** 

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning / Afternoon

Year 6 Open Evening

St Cecilia Concert

Christmas Dinner

Carol Service



# Year 9 Key Dates



**Thursday 6th February** 

Week beginning 9th March

Week beginning 16th March

Week Beginning 7th April

Ist June - I6th June

15th-19th June

**Thursday 25th June** 

Wednesday 1st July

Parents' Meeting

Services of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Personal Finance workshops

Pentecost Liturgies

Year 9 French Trip

Subject awards evening

Whole Year Trip

