



# St Mary's Catholic College



## Prospectus Supplement 2021 - 22



*Supplementary information for prospective parents and students*

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### KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7 – 9)

The following subjects are taught at Key Stage 3:

- Art
- ICT/Computing
- Drama
- Dance
- DT
- Food
- English
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- MFL
- Music
- PE
- RE
- Science

### KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10 – 11)

All students follow courses leading to GCSE qualifications in these subjects:

- Religious Education
- Mathematics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Science

Students also have a further choice of subjects, leading to GCSE or equivalent.

#### Qualifications:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Childcare
- Dance
- DT Food
- Engineering
- French
- Geography
- Health & Social Care
- History
- ICT
- Maths
- Music
- PE
- Performing Arts
- Product Design

### ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

All children, regardless of ability, are fully integrated at St Mary's Catholic College. We take careful consideration of their needs and, where appropriate, Student Centred Profiles are drawn up for them. These plans are regularly monitored by subject teachers, Form Tutors and SEND, with provision reviewed throughout the year.

The College prides itself on its links with Primary feeder schools to ensure a smooth transition for all children and especially those with additional educational needs.

The College also forges strong parental links and parents have regular opportunities to participate in ensuring that each child can achieve his or her full potential. For children with physical difficulties, links are formed with many branches of the Local Health Authority together with the service for visually and hearing-impaired students.

### Physical Education

The PE Department delivers a broad and balanced physical education programme. There are a wide variety of clubs, practices and after-school fixtures whose popularity points to the enthusiasm staff and students have about competitive sport. In addition to traditional team games, students participate in athletics, badminton, tennis, basketball, girls' soccer, gymnastics and dance.

*\* In all year groups, students participate in Core PE as part of the College's commitment to the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Students may also choose to study this subject to BTEC level.*



## Our Curriculum

### KEY STAGE 5 (YEARS 12 – 13)

We consider our Sixth Formers at SMCC to be the most influential students at the College and all of them are given leadership responsibilities throughout their journey at SMCC. For example, some of our Sixth Formers take up additional responsibilities in peer mentoring and in the House System. Each year, we appoint a chair and vice chair of the Junior Leadership Team.

We understand that choosing post-16 education can be a daunting prospect and so we do our utmost to provide the mixture of courses that best meets the needs of the individual. Students can take a mixture of A Level and BTEC qualifications in order to maximise their opportunities for progression.

We expect most students to study the time equivalent of 3 A Levels. Students hoping to follow advanced courses need to have achieved 5 or more GCSE passes at grades 4 - 9. Our Parent Handbook is available on our College website.

[www.stmaryswallasey.com](http://www.stmaryswallasey.com)

All students follow the following courses:

- General Religious Education
- Sports, community activities and other enrichment activities

A Level (and equivalent) courses are available in the following subjects:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Childcare
- Dance
- English Combined
- English Literature
- Forensic Science
- Geography
- German
- Health & Social Care
- History
- ICT
- Maths
- Media
- Music
- PE
- Performing Arts
- Physics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- RE
- Sociology

### Curriculum Footnotes:

The notes above describe the curriculum planned for the Academic Year 2021 -22.

Please note that the curriculum on offer changes periodically and may differ in some respects in future years.

# Policy Statements

## ADMISSION POLICY SEPTEMBER 2022

St Mary's Catholic College. A Voluntary Aided Academy, is an 11-18 Co-educational Catholic Secondary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. As a Catholic Voluntary Aided Academy the Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions.

All decisions relating to admissions applications to this school will be taken by the Governing Body of this school. The Catholic Faith and the Teachings of the Catholic Church have an essential role in school life and influence every aspect of the Curriculum. We expect all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the school community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the Faith of this school to apply for and be considered for a place here.

The co-ordination of admissions is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the school year commencing September 2019 the Governing Body has set its admissions number for Year 7 at **210**.

Admissions to the school in Year 7 will be determined by the Governing Body, in accordance with its published criteria. If the school is oversubscribed, places will be allocated according to the following criteria given in priority order.

Children who are in the care of the Local Authority (Children Looked After) and previously Children Looked After. Baptised Catholic Children from our partner Catholic Primary schools: Ladymount, Our Lady of Pity, Sacred Heart, St Alban's, St Joseph's, SS Peter & Paul, Holy Cross, St Joseph's (Upton) and St Paul's; and our partner school Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Primary. Baptised Catholic children from other Primary Schools. Children from our partner Catholic Primary schools: Ladymount, Our Lady of Pity, Sacred Heart, St Alban's, St Joseph's, SS Peter & Paul, Holy Cross, St Joseph's (Upton) and St Paul's; and our partner school Holy Spirit Catholic and Church of England Primary.

Children from other Primary Schools whose parents seek a Catholic education.

Within each priority the Governors will always give preference to Roman Catholic children.

## NOTES

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

(i) The attendance of a sibling at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.

(ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above.

## Tie Break

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distance will be measured using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route, from the seed point of the child's home address to the nearest pedestrian gate of the College, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the College receiving the higher priority. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

If the school is named in a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan the Governing Body will admit the child to the College.

For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round, and if places are available, then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available, but more applicants than places, then the published over-subscription criteria will be applied. 'In Year' and late applications will be treated as per the admissions arrangements published by the Local Authority.

If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the College within 20 College days of refusal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing, and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governing Body.

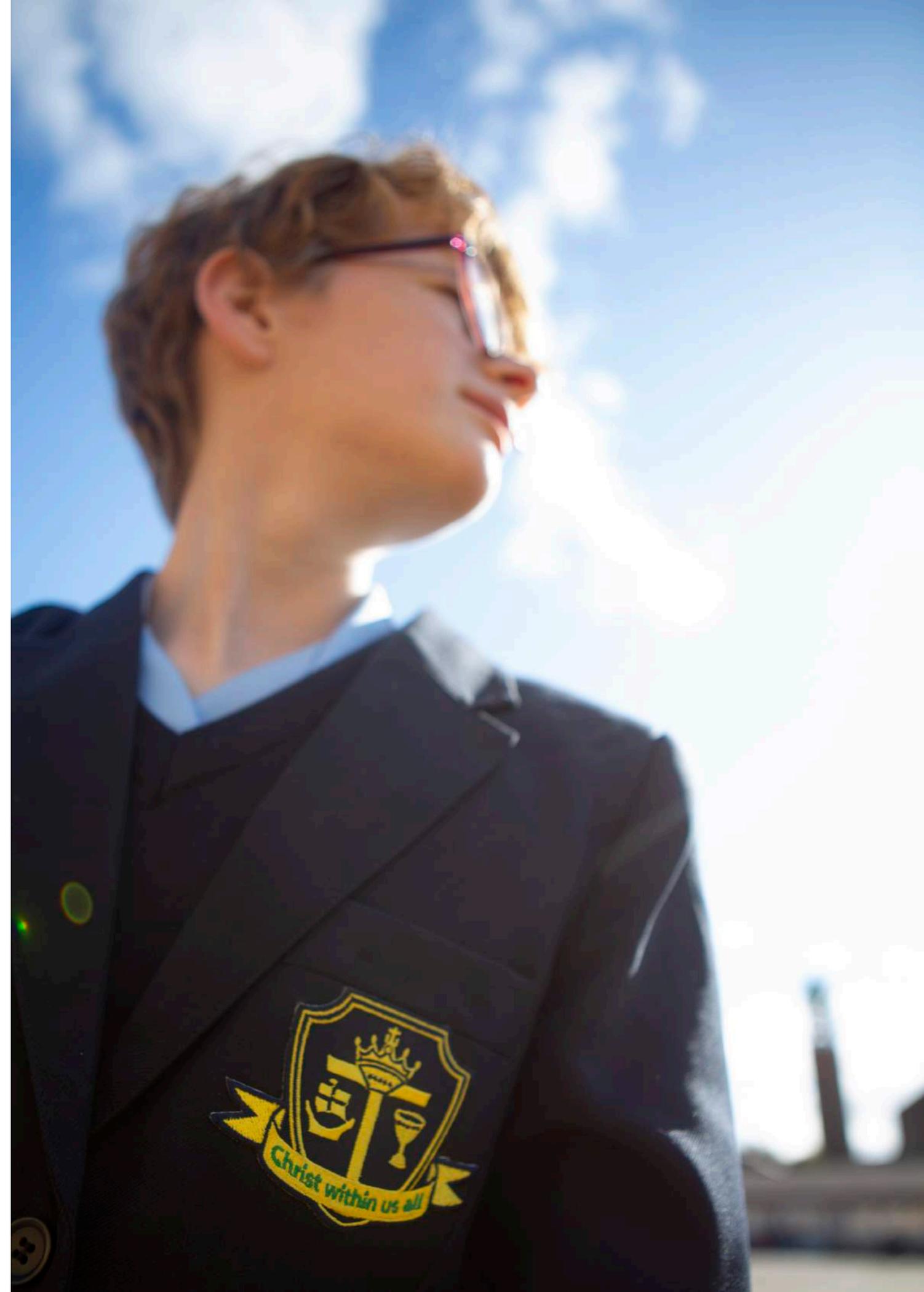
## Sixth Form Admission Policy 2022/2023

In addition to places available for students already in the College, the Governing Body will make available a further 30 places for external students. For both, entry to the Sixth Form is subject to the Entry Qualification for individual courses of study, as published annually in the Sixth Form Prospectus. If more applications are received from external candidates than the number specified then the criteria applied at Year 7 will be used to determine admissions.

## NOTES

All applicants will be considered at the same time, and after the closing date for admissions.

The Governing Body reserves the right to check on evidence of baptism into the Roman Catholic Church. (Roman) Catholic children: This means children who are baptised Roman Catholics; Children who are under instruction (having provided satisfactory confirmation of this). Sibling is defined as: A brother or sister by the same parents; A half or step-brother or sister living in the same household; Children under the guardianship of either parent, and living in the same household; An adopted brother or sister.



# College Polices & Other Documentation

## Behaviour Policy

Our Code of Conduct is published annually on our website. Parents are requested to read it carefully and to remind children to value their rights and responsibilities.

## Charging Policy

Students should not be required to pay for any material, books, instruments or other equipment for use in connection with lessons provided during College hours, but the College may charge for, or require the supply of, ingredients or materials for practical subjects where parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

Charges are made to cover the costs of board and lodging on residential trips.

No charge shall be made for entry fees for prescribed public examinations for which registered students have been prepared at College providing the Headteacher recommends entry. Students are entered for a variety of external examinations and tests, according to their abilities, including qualifications in GCSE, BTEC and A Level. Provided that coursework is completed where required, work is up to date and intermediate tests or examinations are satisfactorily completed, these entries are made without cost to students.

## Security

We make all reasonable attempts to ensure the security of all members of the College community and members of the public on the premises. All visitors sign in at our Reception and are required to wear a visitor's badge from this point on. The College campus is monitored by CCTV throughout the building.

Full copies of College policies, Units of Work, and our Ofsted Report are available upon request or can be viewed on our College website [www.stmaryswallasey.com](http://www.stmaryswallasey.com)

Policies covering the following areas maybe of interest:

- Attendance Guidance
- Behaviour
- Pastoral Care and Safeguarding
- Health, Safety, Security and the Environment
- Education in Personal Relationships
- RHSE
- SEND Education Needs
- Equal Opportunities and Racial Equality
- Collective Worship
- Privacy Notice and Data Protection
- Child Protection Guidance

## RHSE

Relationship, Sex and Health Education is delivered parallel to our PSHE Programme (Personal, Social and Health Education). All aspects of the programme are informed by the teachings of the Catholic Church. Our aim is to ensure that students have the knowledge "that will enable them to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships." (DFE Statutory Guidance). Parents/carers who do not wish their children to receive particular strands of the RSHE programme are invited to write to the Headteacher.

## Religious Education

Religious Education is taught throughout the College. Parents who do not wish their children to receive Religious Education are invited to write to the Headteacher.

## Examinations

All students in Years 11-13 attempt public examinations (including GCSE and BTEC). A range of other accreditation is also available to students.

Students in the Sixth Form have the opportunity to follow A Level, BTEC and other courses.

Students may also gain additional qualifications at GCSE level. Courses are available at Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced Level covering a wide range of curriculum areas. Please see our Parent Handbook for further details. Most students have the opportunity to study the subjects which contribute to the 'English Baccalaureate'.

## Homework

Students will receive homework regularly day. This homework will be made known to parents via the Student Planner and Units of Work which outline the homework set.

## Arrangements for students with disabilities

All necessary considerations are taken to prevent students with disabilities being treated less favourably during Admissions procedures.

Ramps are provided to allow access to ground floor areas and toilet facilities are available for students with physical disabilities. There remain areas of the College which present difficulties for wheelchair users to access. Lifts are installed in the main block. The College complies with the Disability Discrimination Act.

## Complaints Procedure

All complaints, whether by a staff member, a parent or guardian, or generally by a member of the public, must always be addressed in writing in the first instance to the Headteacher in accordance with the Governors' Policy.

## Smoking Policy

The College Campus is a no smoking area. Vaping is also prohibited.

## Attendance Policy

The College's attendance rates are very high. Parents should note that we take all possible measures to encourage full attendance, as students who are absent are inevitably being held back in their work.

Following absence, a student must bring in a note of explanation in the Student Planner. The law states that College alone may authorise an absence.

## Notes on Attendance

Students may not be absent from College without permission and no one may leave College early on any day without prior authorisation. It is important that parents seeking permission for Leave of Absence should write rather than telephone and that their letter should arrive at least three days before the day concerned. Visits to the doctor or dentist should be made outside school hours, except in an emergency.

## Drinks Policy

We encourage children to lead healthy life-styles. We strongly recommend that students drink water throughout the day.

Fizzy drinks and energy drinks such as Lucozade, Powerade etc are not allowed. High-caffeine drinks including Red Bull, Monster etc are not permitted. If they are brought into school they will be confiscated and disposed of.



## Parental Letters

A note must be brought by every student:

- returning after illness
- requiring leave of absence (see below)
- requesting to be excused PE for medical reasons
- unable to follow the regulations for uniform
- arriving late either in the morning or afternoon
- failing to complete homework.

A student who has received permission to leave College during school hours must sign out at Reception.

Equally, students arriving at College after the start of the school day (08:35) must sign in at Reception.

## Education Social Welfare

The Education Social Welfare

Officer for the College can be contacted via [www.wirral.gov.uk](http://www.wirral.gov.uk).

This service is concerned with school attendance and may be able to assist with other matters which affect the welfare of students.

## Examination Results

A full list of exam results are available on our college website. [www.stmaryswallasey.com](http://www.stmaryswallasey.com)

**Holidays should not be taken during term time, as these absences impede students' progress. Following amendments to national regulations, Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please see our Attendance Policy for further details.**

## Number of students, applications and places offered

### Key Stage 4 Footnotes

On roll in May 2019, having reached the age of 15 in the 12 months preceding the start of the 2020 -21 academic year.

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On roll in May 2019, having reached 16, 17 or 18 in the 12 months preceding the start of the 2020 - 21 academic year.

### Students on Roll 2021 - 22

Year 7	187
Year 8	203
Year 9	153
Year 10	179
Year 11	174
Year 12	91
Year 13	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>1069</b>

### Applications and places offered

Number of places offered for Year 7, September 2021 - **210**

Number of 1st preference applications received for Year 7, September 2021. **131**

# General Information

## Timing of the College Day

8.35am	9.30am	Period 1
9.30am	10.25am	Period 2
10.25am	10.45am	Break
10.45am	11.40am	Period 3
11.40am	1.00pm	Lunch & P&A Time
1.00pm	1.55pm	Period 4
1.55pm	2.50pm	Period 5

## College Dates 2021 - 22

### Autumn Term:

College re-opens on  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

### Autumn Half Term:

Close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021  
Open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

### Christmas Holiday:

Close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Spring Term:

College re-opens on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Spring Half Term:

Close on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Spring Break:

Close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Summer Term:

College re-opens on  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Summer Half Term:

Close Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Open Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Summer Holiday:

Close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Open Days & Evenings

Please see the back cover for opportunities for prospective parents and students to visit the College.

### Uniform & Equipment

The College has its own uniform and PE kit which has been selected so that students will feel part of the College community. Items of clothing have been chosen carefully so that they are not unduly expensive, but are smart.

It is the policy of College that uniform should be worn by all students and students in our Sixth Form.

This is because personal presentation is important in the world of work and we want to make sure that our students develop a sense of pride in their appearance. We would advise that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

### Compulsory Main Uniform

- **Blazer** – Navy blazer with SMCC badge (Please note that the colour of the lettering on the badge is different for each year group).
- **Jumper** – Navy, with SMCC badge (a sleeveless version is also available); please note that a College jumper is compulsory from the beginning of September onwards.
- **Shirt** – Light blue (short or long-sleeved)
- **Blouse** – Light blue open neck 'revere collar' blouse
- **Tie** – SMCC clip on tie
- **Skirt Checked skirt** SMCC checked knee length skirt or the option to wear black school trousers. Skirt must be worn to knee length and not rolled up at the waist.
- **Trousers** – black
- **Socks** - black
- **Tights & Socks** – Navy or black plain tights (not patterned). Knee-length or mid-length plain navy socks. (Navy ankle socks may be worn as part of the summer uniform.)
- **Shoes** – plain black – without logos or accessories (Please note that black training shoes, or shoes designed to look like training shoes including 'hybrids', pumps, fabric shoes are **NOT** acceptable. Please also note bows, flowers or tags are not acceptable).
- **College Bag** – SMCC bag is compulsory for Year 7-11 students. Pupils should have a school bag personalised with their initials (not full name). During cold or inclement weather students are advised to wear a suitable coat for school.

Tracksuit tops or hooded sweatshirt tops are not allowed to be worn whilst students travel to or from the College.

### Optional Main Uniform

Embroidered student initials in white on PE items/bag

### Compulsory PE Kit List (new 2021)

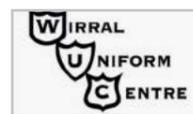
- Aptus Essentials 1/4 Zip Training Top
- Aptus Essentials Polo Shirt
- Aptus Essentials Training Shorts
- Contrast sports socks and plain white ankle socks
- Predominantly white or black sports trainers
- Football boots for football and rugby lessons
- Shin pads for football lessons

### Optional PE Kit List

- Aptus Essentials SMCC leggings
- Aptus Essentials SMCC training pants
- Separate bag for PE kit (SMCC College Bag)
- Gum shield

**When PE kit is brought into school, it must be carried in a school bag.**

All items of uniform are available from:



Wirral Uniform Centre, Birkenhead  
Town Centre

[www.wirraluniforms.com](http://www.wirraluniforms.com)



The Other Uniform Store, Brimstange  
[www.schoolstuff.direct](http://www.schoolstuff.direct)



Wallasey Schoolwear  
[schooluniformshopwallasey.com](http://schooluniformshopwallasey.com)

### Hair and Make-up

Students are expected to wear hair in a neat and acceptable style. Hair must be of one colour, natural in appearance. Hair styles (including shaved heads) judged to be extreme by the Headteacher are not permitted. Hair should be worn off the face. Make-up, including coloured nail varnish, lip gloss and fake tan, is not to be worn. False nails or other such beauty accessories are not acceptable.

Hair fashion accessories including 'Holiday Braids' are not permitted. 'Bobbles' not 'scrunchies' are to be used when tying hair back. Hair bands are permissible but should be navy blue or black in colour.

### Jewellery

Apart from watches, jewellery (including studs, rings, earrings or any other body/facial piercings) is not to be worn. This is because of the potential risk of accidental damage from the wearing of such items and they will be confiscated. The College does not take any responsibility for the loss of or damage to personal possessions brought on to site. Large amounts of money or items of value (including personal electronic equipment [such as iWatches, iPods, iPads or other similar devices etc], electronic games or jewellery) should not be brought into the College. Such items will be confiscated by staff (and can be obtained by parents from Reception).

### Mobile Phones

We advise that students do not bring mobile phones into the College. However, we do recognise that some parents may wish their child to have a mobile phone with them as they travel to and from SMCC. Any mobile phones brought in should be switched off as they enter the school premises and put away until they have left the premises. We do not take any responsibility for loss of or damage to mobile phones. Inappropriate use of phones in school will result in confiscation without notice (a receipt will be issued and phones may subsequently be collected by parents/carers from Reception).



Should you need to contact your child in an emergency, please use the main College number  
**0151 639 7531**

**The Headteacher reserves the right to make the final decision on what is or what is not appropriate.**

Do not seek to contact your child in school directly as your child's phone should be switched off as they enter the premises in the morning.

## Transport to and from the College

Free transport by bus is available to those students eligible under Local Authority Regulations. For other students, passes may be purchased on a weekly or monthly payment schedule or in a one-off payment for the whole year and can be brought from the operators, Mersey Travel. Routes are reviewed annually.

Those published here are for guidance only.

Routes to SMCC	Routes from SMCC
<b>Route 655</b>	<b>Route 655</b>
1 Gayton Barnston Road Brimstange Road <b>07.35</b>	1 St Mary's College <b>14.57</b>
2 Irby Village <b>07.53</b>	2 Upton Village Arrowe Park Road <b>15.22</b>
3 Greasby Well Lane <b>08.01</b>	3 Greasby Well Lane <b>15.29</b>
4 Upton Village Arrowe Park Road <b>08.09</b>	4 Irby Village Thingwall Road <b>15.37</b>
5 St Mary's College <b>8.25</b>	5 Gayton Barnston Road Brimstange Road <b>15.55</b>
<b>Route 656</b>	<b>Route 656</b>
1 Hoylake Kings Gap <b>07.52</b>	1 St Mary's College <b>14.57</b>
2 Moreton Cross <b>08.08</b>	2 Leasowe Station <b>15.06</b>
3 Leasowe Station <b>08.16</b>	3 Moreton Cross <b>15.14</b>
4 St Mary's College <b>08.25</b>	4 Hoylake Kings Gap <b>15.28</b>
<b>Route 658</b>	<b>Route 658</b>
1 Saughall Massie Kingfisher Way <b>07.42</b>	1 St Mary's College <b>14.57</b>
2 Beechwood First Avenue <b>07.51</b>	2 Birkenhead Park Merseyrail Station <b>15.07</b>
3 Hurrell Road <b>08.03</b>	3 Hurrell Road <b>15.13</b>
4 Birkenhead Park Merseyrail Station <b>08.11</b>	4 Beechwood First Avenue <b>15.21</b>
5 St Mary's College <b>08.25</b>	5 Saughall Massie Kingfisher Way <b>15.27</b>





## Open Evening

The College will host its annual Open Evening on **Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 6.00pm**

## College Address

St Mary's Catholic College, Wallasey Village, Wallasey, Wirral, CH45 3LN

**Telephone:** 0151 639 7531

**General Email:** [schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmaryswallasey.com)

**Website:** [www.stmaryswallasey.com](http://www.stmaryswallasey.com)

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Mr Peadar McLoughlin BSc (Hons)



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