

Year 6/7 Welcome Evening

Wednesday 5th March 2025



Respect



Courage



Pride



Determination



Compassion



Holy Family
Catholic Trust
Multi Academy



Headteacher's Welcome

- Welcome to the St Mary's family
- Structure of the evening
- Congratulations
- FAQs
- Acceptance of place



Pastoral Care

- Specialised transition team
- Student Support
- Support Team



Transition Process

March 2025	Parental welcome phone calls by the transition & SEND team
April/May 2025	Primary school meetings with St Mary's/primary colleagues Pastoral/SEND/safeguarding and teaching teams
April - June 2025	Enhanced transition visits
June 2025	St Mary's staff visits to primary schools
July 2025	Induction Day/Evening - Wednesday 2nd July
July/August 2025	Summer School
September 2025 onwards	Continued transition process



SEND Support

- An enhanced transition pathway for SEND students
- SEND and medical information is shared with all staff before your child joins us in September
- A dedicated SEND team
- Designated SEND support areas in school
- Open door communication with parents and carers of SEND students & half termly coffee events
- A range of interventions that support all key areas of SEND



Frequently Asked Questions...

FAQ



Where can I purchase the College Uniform?

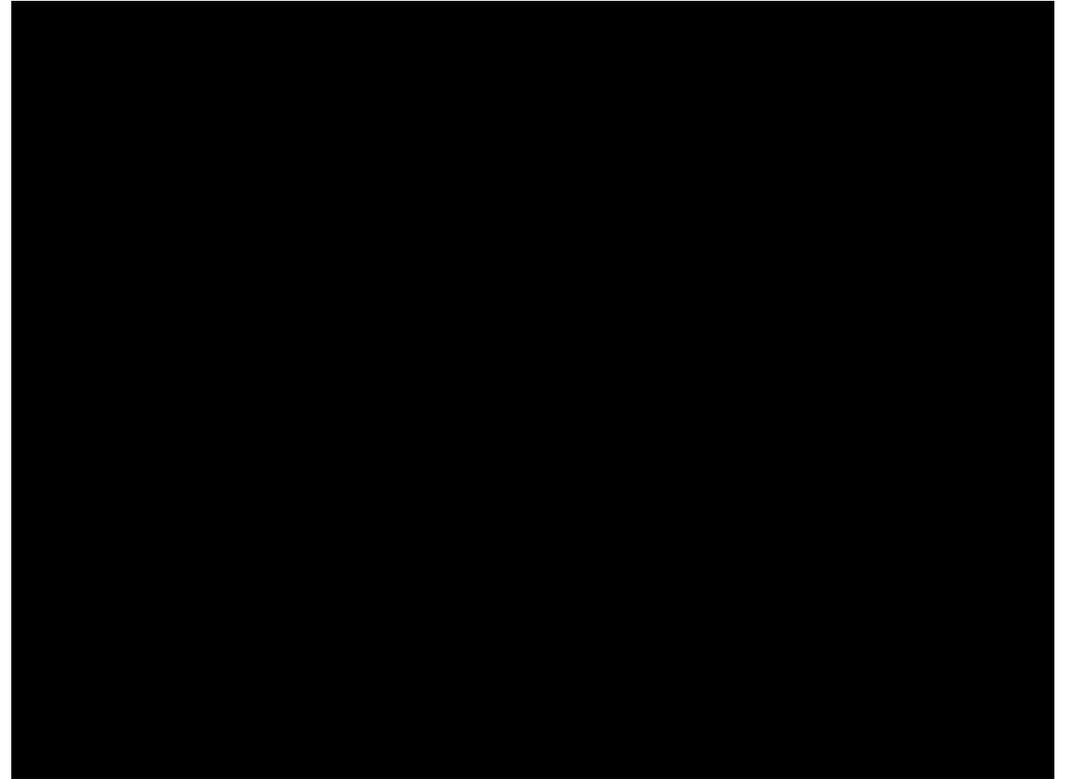
You will be able to pre-order the uniform online.

Our main suppliers are:

- Wirral Uniform Centre, Birkenhead
- Design Stitch Schoolwear, Moreton

All badges on all blazers are now royal blue across the year groups

Uniform will be available to order on Induction Evening



What support is there to help Year 7 settle into College life?

- Delivery of sessions related to timetables, organisation, homework and routines during Inspire Time
- Year 7 have an extended lunchtime
- There are designated toilets solely for use by Year 7 students
- Year 7 have their own playground
- Summer School programme



How does the school decide which form group my child is in?

We collect information from your primary schools and ask them to recommend learning partners. These are peers that work well together to bring out the best in each other.

Where possible, we try to ensure that students have at least one child from their primary school in their form. We find that students develop new friendships very quickly and our specialist transition team ensure that children are supported in doing this.

We provide additional support for students who are the only child coming from their primary school.



How will my child find their way around the building?

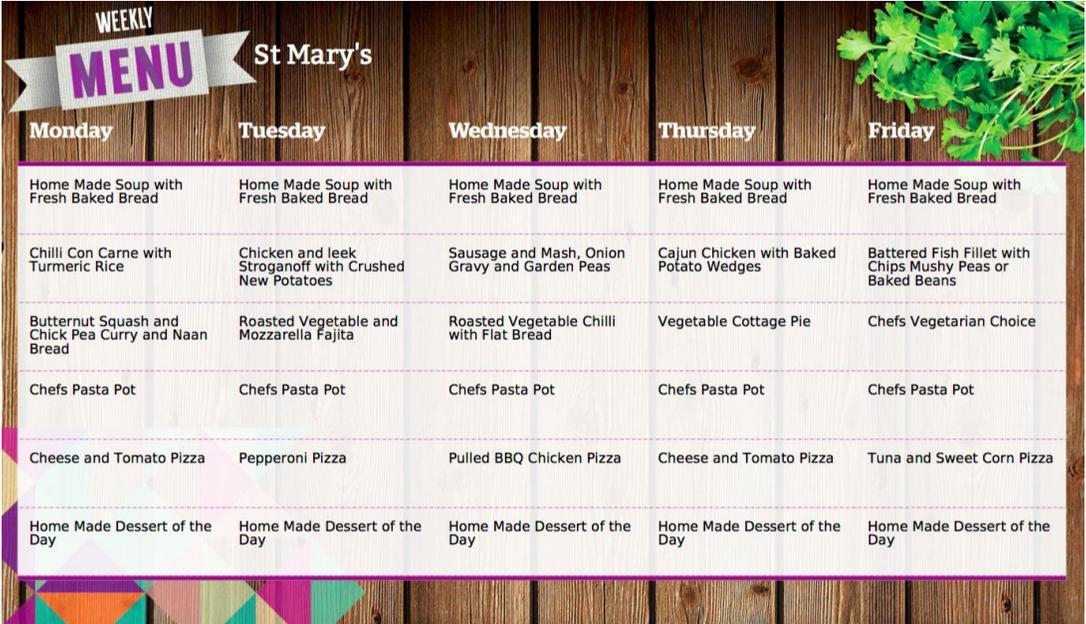
- Students will be escorted to lessons by members of staff for their first two weeks
- College Tours
- College Maps
- College policy - Consistent staff presence on corridors



What are the arrangements for lunchtimes?

We operate a cashless system which can be topped up via students bringing cash into school to top up their account or via parentpay.

If your child is entitled to FSM, this will automatically be carried over from primary school ready for your child's first day.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Home Made Soup with Fresh Baked Bread	Home Made Soup with Fresh Baked Bread	Home Made Soup with Fresh Baked Bread	Home Made Soup with Fresh Baked Bread	Home Made Soup with Fresh Baked Bread
Chilli Con Carne with Turmeric Rice	Chicken and leek Stroganoff with Crushed New Potatoes	Sausage and Mash, Onion Gravy and Garden Peas	Cajun Chicken with Baked Potato Wedges	Battered Fish Fillet with Chips Mushy Peas or Baked Beans
Butternut Squash and Chick Pea Curry and Naan Bread	Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Fajita	Roasted Vegetable Chilli with Flat Bread	Vegetable Cottage Pie	Chefs Vegetarian Choice
Chefs Pasta Pot	Chefs Pasta Pot	Chefs Pasta Pot	Chefs Pasta Pot	Chefs Pasta Pot
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pepperoni Pizza	Pulled BBQ Chicken Pizza	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Tuna and Sweet Corn Pizza
Home Made Dessert of the Day	Home Made Dessert of the Day	Home Made Dessert of the Day	Home Made Dessert of the Day	Home Made Dessert of the Day

In the event of a child forgetting their lunch money, they will need to inform the Progress and Aspiration Coach who will arrange a loan for the day.

Will my child get homework?

We use homework to consolidate and extend learning that has taken place in lessons.

As part of our induction process we support our pupils in learning how to use GoogleClassroom and how to record and track homework.

Support is available every night after school in our Year 7 homework club.



How will I know what kind of day my child has had?

Teachers use a system called arbor to log all positive behaviour and to detail any concerns.

The app will allow parents/carers to keep up to date with various aspects of their child's performance in school.

Login details will be issued to parents during the induction process.



How will my child travel to and from school?

We encourage children to walk or cycle to College if possible. There is a secure area inside College for students to lock up their bicycles.

The nearest train stations are Wallasey Village and Wallasey Grove Road, both stations are approximately a 5 -10 minute walk to College.

There are a number of school buses available to transport students to and from College. Further information is available on our website. There are also public bus stops in close proximity to the Village.

To ensure the safety of our students, we encourage parents and carers to avoid dropping off children either in the College Car park or outside the front of College.



What Extra-Curricular opportunities are available?

We will encourage your child to fully immerse themselves in our extra-curricular programme.

There are many activities on offer at lunchtime and after school including netball, football, basketball, trampolining, rugby, badminton, rounders, dodgeball, dance, choir, Ukulele, Harry Potter club and Dungeons and Dragons club to name a few.

If your child enjoys Drama they may also have the opportunity to perform in one of our College shows at the Floral Pavillion.

During your child's time at SMCC there are a number of opportunities for residential visits for your child to take part in. Recent trips include: Ski trip to Italy, Morocco and Savio House.



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How does communication work between home and College?

Communication between home and College is absolutely crucial to your child's success. Please contact us if you haven't received any communication from us yet to enable us to confirm contact details.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout your child's journey at St Mary's, please contact College in one of the following ways and your query will be directed to the appropriate member of staff:

Student Planner
Telephone: 0151 639 7531
Email: Transition@stmaryswallasey.com
SEND enquiries: sendco@stmaryswallasey.com



Further Information

There will be the opportunity for you to meet your child's Form Tutor on Induction Evening in July. You will also receive invitations for our transition afternoon teas taking place in June.

We will provide more information regarding the College day, the curriculum, equipment needed etc during this evening.

You will also be provided with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

