



St Mary's College

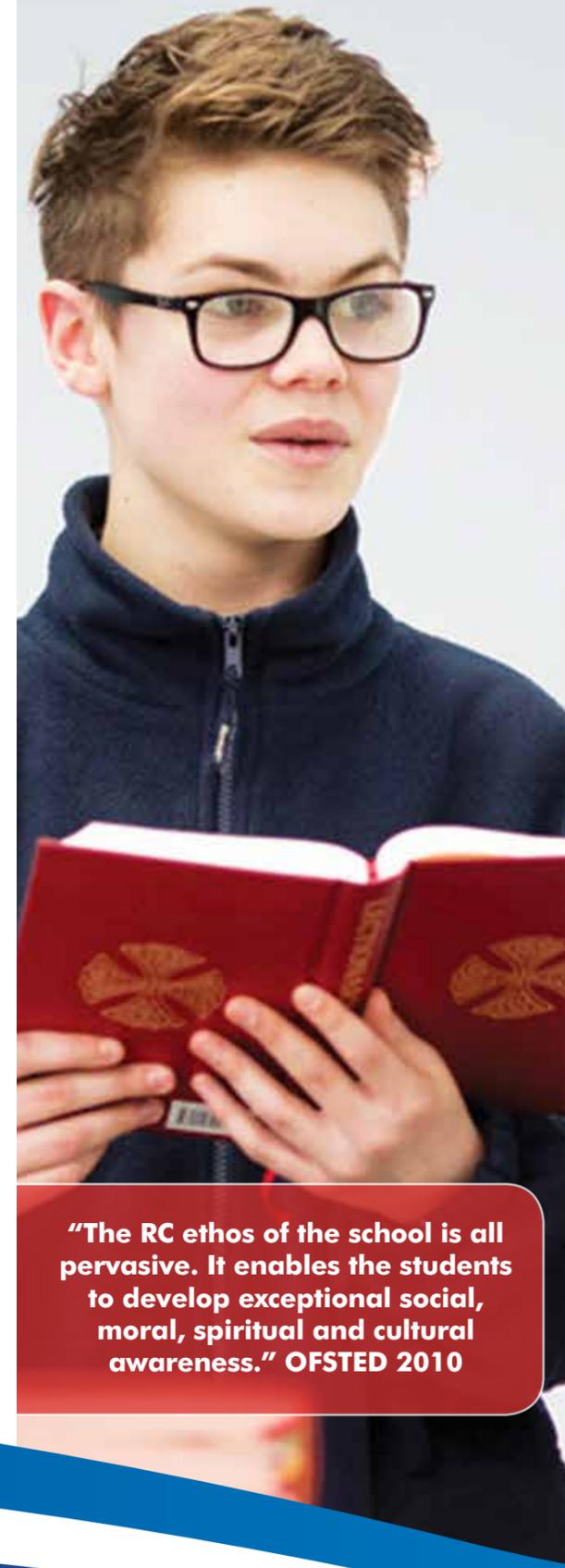
RC INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COLLEGE



WORLD CLASS THINKING – WORLD CLASS ACHIEVING



"As good as it gets." OFSTED 2014



"The RC ethos of the school is all pervasive. It enables the students to develop exceptional social, moral, spiritual and cultural awareness." OFSTED 2010

Ethos and Values

Mission Statement

"Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as you love yourself" (Mk 12:30-31)

St Mary's RC Sports College exists to help parents and carers educate young people spiritually, morally, physically and academically as well as possible.

We aim to be a truly Christian community, where our relationships are built on encouragement, concern, respect, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Our religious life is rooted in the faith, practice and moral teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

Each person in our community is specially valued and has an important part to play in making sure that we live out our mission.

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural

St Mary's is privileged to have the opportunity to sow the seeds of faith and to nurture their growth.

We provide opportunities to prepare and participate in a variety of liturgies –

- All students, in year groups, have the opportunity to reflect upon their spiritual development;
- Year 8 students have the opportunity to take part in a week long residential retreat to The Briars in Derbyshire;
- Some students join the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage; They are also involved in service to the wider community;
- Every lesson starts with the sign of the cross; every day starts with prayer;
- Staff daily "briefings" commence with a prayer;
- The College Chapel is open to everyone, everyday.
- The Chaplaincy Team of laity and clergy is a constant source of support, help and encouragement to staff and students.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is at the heart of a St Mary's education. Each student has a Personal Tutor. The focus of the Tutor Team in each Year Group is:

- to gather a secure knowledge and understanding of each child.
- to encourage each child to recognise and fulfil their potential.
- to monitor and promote good attendance, effort and attainment.
- to set high expectations for each child.
- to support in difficult circumstances

Welcome from the Headteacher

I offer you a very warm welcome to St Mary's College, situated at the heart of the 2017 City of Culture, Kingston upon Hull.

St Mary's College continues to go from strength to strength, offering our students and the community we serve, top quality educational provision, outstanding facilities and a commitment to the highest of standards. We work tirelessly in pursuit of further improvement so that we are the best that we can be.

Judged to be "outstanding" by OFSTED in July 2010, we are consistently the top performing state school

in our area and also a recognised national leader in education. World-class thinking and world-class achieving; we aim to become a truly world-class college for our young people.

St Mary's College is a very special place, proud of its achievements, its heritage and values as a Catholic school. We hope that our prospectus gives you an insight into our work and life.

**Kind regards,
Ged Fitzpatrick**



Outstanding Curriculum



The aim of the school is to foster the moral, spiritual, cultural, mental and physical development of all pupils, believing that each individual pupil has a right to the maximum access to a full and exciting curriculum. In its widest context the curriculum is everything related to school. This includes the normal school timetable, the school ethos, all extra-curricular activities and what happens at break and lunchtime. By constantly seeking ways to raise achievement, we aim to provide an environment which allows the needs of every individual to be addressed and to ensure everyone is able to flourish.



Years 7 & 8

Years 7 and 8 have the same school curricular provision, in line with the demands of the National Curriculum:

Art, D & T, Drama, English, Geography, History, ICT, Mathematics, Music, Modern Languages, PE, Religious Education, Science

In addition, there is a Personal and Social Education programme that is delivered through half-day tutorial sessions and forms an integral part of most other lessons.

Students have the opportunity to study ICT as a discrete subject at KS4 & KS5.



Years 9, 10 & 11

Years 9, 10 and 11 have a core of English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Physical Education, Religious Studies and Science.

Most students will continue to study a Modern Foreign language

All students will select 4 other options from a wide-ranging and comprehensive subject list.

Citizenship is delivered through half-day tutorial sessions and is an integral part of most schemes of work.

It is expected that all students undertake a period of Work Experience in Year 10. Some students do extended work placements.



SM6

SM6 delivers outstanding post-16 provision at St Mary's College. We offer a wide range of Key Stage 5 courses, including Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, AS and A Level qualifications. SM6 enjoys a high number of returning students and external recruits who want to access our top quality 6th Form offer and state of the art facilities. SM6 has developed two distinct academies within the 6th Form: the Academy of Sport enables students to benefit from high quality coaching programmes in a variety of sports alongside their academic studies, whilst the pioneering Medical, Health &

Social Care Academy (MHSC) works collaboratively with local industry leaders in the fields of social care and health to provide real world experiences alongside academic qualifications in the field. It is the only established academy of its kind in the UK presently.

Results in all areas demonstrate that SM6 is extremely successful. We welcome applications from students of all religious denominations from Hull, the East Riding and beyond.

For further information please email us on 6admin@smchull.org or check out the website: www.smchull.org



Careers

Careers Information, Advice, Support & Guidance (CIASG) at St Mary's College complements our ethos of assisting students to prepare for the opportunities and challenges of the world. Guidance in the main is delivered through experienced form tutors and learning mentors, backed up by specialist staff who are available for more personal and 'one to one' consultations. CIASG events (e.g. Parents Information Evenings on Work Experience and Progressions) are planned throughout the year with outside speakers and specialists making regular contributions to the Guidance programme.

There are comprehensive Careers Information, Advice, Support and Guidance resources in the Learning Resource Centre incorporating a wide range of books and leaflets. There is also up-to-date Careers Information, Advice, Support and Guidance software and web links on the school intranet.

Individual Specialist Guidance Interview

We have a specialist Guidance adviser, who can help young people to make informed decisions at crucial times in their lives. Students can make appointments through their Year team. Students can also 'drop in' for a quick chat in privacy, at break, lunchtime or after school.

**"Students are supported to make exceptional progress."
OFSTED 2010**

Outstanding Enrichment



Sport

All students at St Mary's College have the opportunity to participate in two hours per week of high quality curriculum physical education. They experience a variety of activities and have the opportunity at Key Stage 4 and 5 to study a wide range of academic and vocational qualifications. This was recognised by OFSTED who judged the department as "outstanding" in June 2011. This was reinforced by a further Ofsted "outstanding" judgement in 2014 on the quality of school sport competition available at St Mary's College and two Gold School Games Marks in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

An extensive range of extra-curricular sporting activities is offered. Students have opportunities to develop a healthy and active lifestyle and participate in a structured pathway of competitive sport from inter-house competitions through to school representative sport after school in over 20 different activities. Many students gain individual and team honours at district, county, regional and national competitions. We have active partnerships with all 3 professional sports clubs in the city, Hull City, Hull FC and Hull KR and close links with many of the leading amateur clubs in the area, many of whom choose to deliver from our stunning sports facilities.



Performing Arts

This is a very exciting time for the Performing Arts Faculty. We boast a rich tradition of high class music, plays and productions. Our designated 'Theatre of Dreams' is recognised by our partners at the Royal Shakespeare Company as the best school theatre in the country.

Annual productions include: full-scale musicals, Level 3 BTEC Improvisation Evening, Dance shows, Rock Challenge, KS3 productions & an Autumn Concert to name a few. Our year rounds up with our SMArts Festival which sees professional artistes from across the Performing Arts delivering world class performances and workshops. We are very proud of our reputation as a Performing Arts Centre of Excellence.

Oliver Tompsett (leading West End performer) states:
"The team you have here are brilliant. The students are in very safe hands. They are fantastic."



International School

As the world becomes increasingly interlinked and local communities become more diverse, St Mary's is in a fantastic position to prepare our students to become true global citizens, who can contribute positively wherever they may live and work.

St Mary's College is extremely proud of our status as an International School, and the many benefits that this brings to the school community.

Since re-designation of the International School Award in 2017, St Mary's College staff and students have been involved in many exciting and diverse projects that have deepened our understanding of different countries and cultures around the world.



World Class Thinking -
World Class Achieving



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