

I am delighted to welcome you to our Open Evening here at St Mary's Catholic High School. We are a school that continues to thrive and build on the successes of recent years. At St Mary's, we unashamedly set high standards and expect the very best of our pupils. In so doing, every child is given the opportunity to flourish and fulfil their God-given potential.

Our Open Evening will allow you to experience activities in every department. Please feel free to ask questions of both staff and pupils alike. We want you to leave tonight with as full a picture as possible of what life is like at St Mary's.

We have a calm and purposeful working environment, within modern and well-equipped buildings, and a rich extra-curricular provision. All of this combines to allow pupils the opportunity to excel. They are wonderfully supported by staff who are hard-working, caring and committed. In short, we are a community where all members are valued and respected.

The inspiration for all we do comes from our Catholic faith and is based on the Gospel values of love, honesty, respect and forgiveness. In so doing, we believe our Mission, which is to 'Let your Light Shine', comes alive, allowing pupils to feel safe and have the confidence to develop their talents.

Thank you for considering St Mary's Catholic High School for your child's education. I hope tonight gives you an insight into why we are so proud of our school and the work we do here. In addition to our Open Evening, any parents considering St Mary's are more than welcome to book an appointment and visit us during our Open Day sessions on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd of October, we would be delighted for you to see the school in action.

Phil Thompson Headteacher



