

# St Mary's Catholic High School, Leyland

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Dear Parents and Careers,

## **Christmas Closure**

A reminder that school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday, 16 December.

Unfortunately, many pavements are still covered in ice and the weather forecasts don't look any better for the rest of the week. Therefore, due to safety measures, we have had to cancel our traditional walk to St Mary's church for our end of term mass. Instead, Father Joe will preside over mass in school. All Year 7 pupils will be in attendance, whilst those pupils from other year groups who wish to attend will be more than welcome. Pupils will be dismissed from school at 12:30pm.

## **Preparations for the New School Year**

Staff return to work for an INSET on Tuesday, 3 January, whilst all pupils return on Wednesday, 4 January at 8:40am. This is a normal school day so the regular timetable will be followed.

I would like to alert parents of pupils in Year's 11 & 10 to some very important dates in January. Year 11 have recently sat their mocks. They should be commended for the way in which they approached these exams and how they conducted themselves in the exam hall. This bodes well for the final exams in the summer. On Wednesday, 18 January, we will be holding our Year 11 Progress Evening (3:30-6:30pm). Please do all you can to attend this night and gain valuable updates on your child's current performance.

In Year 10, post-16 Mock Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 31 January. This is an important event for the pupils and reminds them that they will be school leavers in 18 months! Every pupil in Year 10 must have completed a Personal Statement by Friday, 6 January, and returned these to their form tutor. These statements will be sent off to the prospective interviewer in good time before the event, so please encourage your child to have this statement ready upon their return.

## **Changes to Holiday Pattern**

Please be advised that the government has authorised an additional Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III. This will be on Monday, 8 May 2023 and is therefore a change from our previously published holiday pattern for this year.

Both the amended holiday pattern for this year and for 2023/24 are attached to this letter.

## **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Once again, the government have provided funding for schools to be able to provide Free School Meal vouchers for eligible families over the Christmas holidays. If you feel that you are eligible for these vouchers, but have not received them, please do contact school through the usual means.

## **Uniform**

We take great pride in the appearance of St Mary's pupils, so to make sure this continues, a reminder that jumpers remain a compulsory element of school uniform up until the Easter holidays. Please can you also ensure that your child wears black shoes, not trainers.

## **Thank You**

As we draw to the close of this term, I would like to thank you for your continued support for the school and all its dedicated staff. As ever, it is very much appreciated. May I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P Thompson'.

Mr P Thompson

Headteacher



**St Mary's Catholic High School, Leyland**  
**HOLIDAY LIST**  
**2022/2023**

**Autumn Term 2022**

Staff Inset Day	:	Thursday 1 September 2022
Staff Inset Day	:	Friday 2 September 2022
Re-open on	:	Monday 5 September 2022
Staff Inset Day	:	Friday 21 October 2022
Mid Term Closure	:	Monday 24 – Friday 28 October 2022 (incl)
Closure after school on	:	Friday 16 December 2022

No. of Openings: 69 + 3 INSET days

**Spring Term 2023**

Staff Inset Day	:	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Re-open on	:	Wednesday 4 January 2023
Mid Term Closure	:	Monday 13 – Friday 17 Feb 2023 (incl)
Closure after school on	:	Thursday 6 April 2023
Staff Inset Day	:	Friday 21 April 2023 (as twilights)

No. of Openings: 62 + 2 INSET days

**Summer Term 2023**

Re-open on	:	Monday 24 April 2023
May Day Closure	:	Monday 1 May 2023
<b>Additional Bank Holiday</b>	:	<b>Monday 8 May 2023</b>
Mid Term Closure	:	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2023 (incl)
Closure after school on	:	Friday 21 July 2023

No. of Openings: 59

Total No. of Openings: 189 + 5 INSET days



**St Mary's Catholic High School, Leyland**  
**HOLIDAY LIST**  
**2023/2024**

**Autumn Term 2023**

Staff Inset Day	:	Friday 1 September 2023
Staff Inset Day	:	Monday 4 September 2023
Re-open on	:	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Mid Term Closure	:	Monday 23 – Friday 27 October 2023 (incl)
Staff Inset Day	:	Friday 24 November 2023 (as twilights)
Closure after school on	:	Friday 22 December 2023

No. of Openings: 73 + 3 INSET days

**Spring Term 2024**

Re-open on	:	Monday 8 January 2024
Mid Term Closure	:	Monday 12 – Friday 16 Feb 2024 (incl)
Closure after school on	:	Wednesday 27 March 2024
Staff Inset Day	:	Thursday 28 March 2024

No. of Openings: 53 + 1 INSET day

**Summer Term 2024**

Re-open on	:	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day Closure	:	Monday 6 May 2024
Mid Term Closure	:	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024 (incl)
Closure after school on	:	Friday 19 July 2024
Staff Inset Day	:	Monday 22 July 2024 (as twilights)

No. of Openings: 64 + 1 INSET day

Total No. of Openings: 190 + 5 INSET days