



ST MARY'S SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



WORLD CLASS THINKING : WORLD CLASS ACHIEVING



Meet The Team:

(from left to right) Rebecca Lenham - Senior Learning Mentor / Leigh Haworth - Director of Sixth Form
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SM6 is a thriving Sixth Form with rapidly increasing student numbers. We offer a wide range of academic and vocational courses at Level 3, a bespoke Level 2 Work Skills programme, as well as GCSE re-sit opportunities in both Mathematics and English.

We achieved a 100% pass rate in 2019 with nearly half of all grades at A* or A and three quarters of all grades at A* - B. In 2019, approximately 85% of students were offered a place into their first choice University and thanks to our unique Medical Health and Social Care Academy, a unique partnership between ourselves, the NHS and Hull University, a remarkable seven students were offered places at Medical School. Our world class facilities ensure we have a vibrant learning environment with access to state-of-the-art classrooms, science labs, social areas, IT provision, sports and performing arts venues.

100%
pass rate
at KS5

The most recently published performance data indicates our students consistently make excellent progress, putting us in the top 10% of colleges nationally. We have been rated as an outstanding provider of post-16 education by ALPS over the past 6 years and have consistently been the region's top provider in a range of attainment and performance measures. Most notably, our most recent value-added score was comfortably above all post-16 providers with a statistically significant cohort, not just in Hull, but in the East Riding too. This means that regardless of your starting point, on balance, current data indicates that you will do better at St Mary's than you will do at any other post-16 provider in the area.

SM6 is part of a Catholic school which believes that building character and spirit is an essential part of the development of learners. We have an excellent reputation, offering many exciting opportunities (trips and visits, charity work, sports, drama, music, mentoring, youth leadership and chaplaincy to name but a few) for students to develop as young adults. We offer a caring, supportive environment with a strong emphasis on pastoral care and preparing students for life after college. This is perhaps no better illustrated than with our appointment of Grad Interns who are a team of high-achieving recent graduates who provide individual support and guidance both academically and pastorally. I hope you find this information helpful and informative and if you have any other enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me at SM6.

Mr Leigh Haworth,
Director of Sixth Form

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Executive Headteacher's Welcome



I am delighted to offer you a warm welcome to St Mary's College Sixth Form and hope that this prospectus helps you discover something of who we are, what we do and what we stand for.

St Mary's College is one of the most successful schools in the country and is rightly proud of its reputation and track record in delivering the highest of standards for all students but particularly at Key Stage 4 and for our Sixth Form. The hard work and dedication of our staff and students never stops. We look forward to developing the school and improving standards even further.

St Mary's College is soon to be the biggest Catholic school in the country serving over 2400 students from Hull and the East Riding. In the coming year we will be adding significantly to our state-of-the-art campus, theatre and sports facilities and exceptional Sixth Form centre. The size of the school is not an end in itself. However, it does allow us to offer a huge range of academic and extra-curricular programmes to cater for the many talents and interests of our community.

As a Catholic school we believe that all people, young and old, have an amazing capacity to do great things. The pursuit of excellence is not an option, it is our mission, our vocation, our very purpose. Underpinning our ambitions is our commitment to the personal pastoral care of every person. We have invested heavily in the leadership and staffing of a sophisticated pastoral care system which provides appropriate and timely support for individuals in order that learning, development and successful outcomes happen.

Our multi-national community celebrates the diversity of cultural and language traditions contributed by students and staff. As an International School we offer exceptional opportunities to experience the life, language and culture of other countries, to develop global awareness and a respect for justice, peace, the climate and our environment.

We are delighted to have been accredited as a World Class School in 2017 and that we have been asked to be one of two lead schools for the World Class Schools network in the UK. It is a wonderful endorsement of the commitment of staff and students and of the very special nature of life at St Mary's College. Aiming to be one of the very best schools possible, St Mary's College Sixth Form is a demanding and challenging place to learn and to work. It is also a hugely rewarding and enjoyable place to be.

75%+
of grades in
all subjects
A*-B

**More than
half of
all grades
A*-A**



Joseph Harros

Joseph has been at St Mary's College since 2013 when he joined as a Year 7 student. He has witnessed the college grow in both size and success over the years.

Currently studying A levels in Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science, Joseph intends to apply to Warwick and Leeds universities to further his studies. He found the range of subjects on offer at SM6 really met his future needs.

Joseph was most encouraged to stay on at SM6 because of its teaching staff: "I can just approach the teachers whenever I need some extra support and am invited to come and talk, no matter whether it's the lunch break or after school, to work through any issues I am having. Equally the Grad Interns and the SM6 management team have had a similar open-door policy where advice and support is concerned and always seem ready to stop what they are doing to focus on you.

At SM6 I've been involved in opportunities outside the classroom: Computer Science competitions and study groups where we have made Maths study videos to submit to the exam boards. I'm also in a few of the Music department's choirs and have taken part in many of the Performing Arts productions over the years."



"I would advise anyone joining SM6 as a new student to come in and get talking to people, if you can find someone you get along with to spend time with in your free study periods, it makes settling in and getting on with the work much easier."



Kate Jolly

Kate is a former student of St Mary's College where she joined in Year 10. She is currently studying A levels in English Literature & History and a double BTEC award in Art.

She hopes to study English Literature at university and is applying to continue her studies at Cambridge, Durham and York universities.

"I chose St Mary's College for my A level studies as I had been part of the school before Sixth Form I just saw that it was one of the best colleges with so many opportunities, I couldn't find any reason to leave.

At SM6 I've been part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's 'Backstage' project, benefitting from a week's work experience in Stratford. I've been to Nepal to do voluntary work, I've been involved with the Arts and the theatre too."

"I'd tell anyone thinking of coming to SM6 to get fully involved, it's not just a Sixth Form, it can be so much more. You just need to dive into everything."

Sarah Castledine

**Sarah joined SM6 from Beverley High School after her GCSEs.
She has chosen to study Psychology, Film Studies and English Literature.**



The next step of her journey will be applications to Leeds, London Metropolitan and Lancaster universities to study Journalism.

"Before I came to St Mary's, I had heard from a friend in the year above about how amazing SM6 was. My passions are film and photography, so I was drawn to SM6 as one of the only local providers offering Film Studies at A level.

I came on the open evening and was so blown away by the facilities and how nice the environment was, besides from already knowing that it would be a really good college to come to.

Since coming here, I have been on the New York trip which was a really huge deal and an incredible experience; I've loved getting involved with clubs and societies. Apart from this I was also impressed at the flexibility of study options at SM6. Previously I didn't know that you could study a BTEC alongside traditional A level and that this would be an equivalent option. Coming to a new place for Sixth Form study wasn't easy at first, not because of the welcome here but because settling in with a new group of people is a challenge, but the college really help with this making sure you mix with lots of different students and get to know everyone."

"My advice to anyone in Year 11 is to be open minded, pick what you really want to do and don't worry if it isn't the course for you, there is always the flexibility and support to help you make different choices."



Ethan White

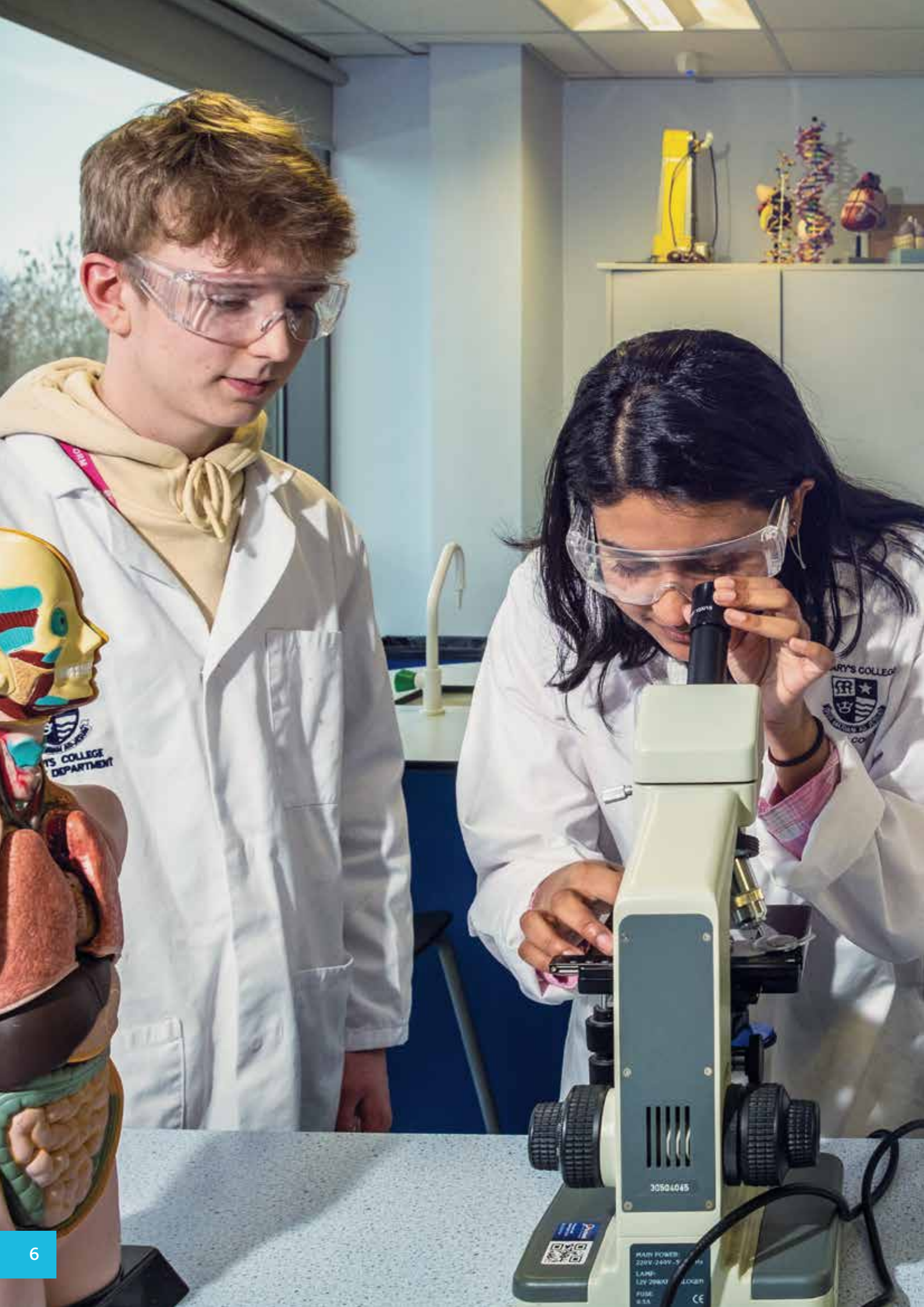
Ethan began his further education studies at SM6 after leaving The Marvell College in Year 11, he is currently studying English Literature, Psychology and Business Studies and looking to a future either at university or through an apprenticeship route to focus on Business Management.

He chose to come to SM6 after visiting a number of colleges and realising our Sixth Form was going to offer the best level of support for his needs during a time when you are making yet another important educational transition and it wasn't too daunting in size and impersonal like some of the other bigger colleges. He also looked at the results achieved by previous cohorts of students and was impressed at the very high pass rates.

He has found his experience so far at SM6 very reassuring, the work set in class has been very clear and manageable and easy to know what is needed of you as a student; the staff have been equally supportive in helping him. The trips and extra-curricular opportunities offered by the Business Studies team have given him a fascinating insight in to the world of entrepreneurship.

The transition from Year 11 to Year 12 was hard at first but being determined, setting your mind to the new routine and asking for support from the teaching team has helped Ethan settled and realise his potential. Coming from an external institution allowed Ethan to make a fresh start. He found the welcome here just right and the existing students provided a lot of additional support and advice which was very welcome as someone new to the college.

"Anyone thinking of coming to SM6 should just go for it – come and see what the college has to offer!"



SM6 Medical, Health & Social Care Academy

MHSC

The MHSC Academy was established in July 2015 between St Mary's College Sixth Form (SM6) and the NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group in order to support local students onto NHS and Social Care career pathways. The MHSC programme is designed to run alongside normal Sixth Form studies.

The aim is to provide students from the local area, with a high-quality enrichment programme that helps progress their ambitions across the broad and diverse range of NHS careers such as medicine, nursing, allied health and social care and direct patient care. The MHSC Academy will help students to select the right educational qualifications and also provide essential work experience and industry enrichment, delivered by NHS Partners, to prepare them for the workplace or further studies.

Our Medical Academy was the first of its kind. We were the first provider in the country to have made such links with the NHS, providing our students with invaluable experiences and offering support with their applications to Universities and Medical Schools around the country.




Academies of Sport Programme

SM6 is proud to promote a sports offer that was described by OFSTED as “as good at it get”. Students can engage in sport across three levels, Competitive, Leadership and Volunteering, and/or Participation.

We offer elite level coaching in a wide range of male and female sports such as Rugby, Football, Netball, Basketball, Table Tennis and Badminton. All with nationally recognised coaching staff who have either played or coached their sport to the highest level.

Our Sports Academies boast course directors and coaches drawn from the three main professional sporting clubs in the city – Hull City Football Club, Hull KR and Hull FC offering world-class leaders in their field.





**St Mary's College
is a national
role model.**

– CEO of Sport England (2014)

SM6 Educational Visits

Nepal, Poland, Berlin, Paris, New York and Geneva



As the world becomes increasingly interlinked, we believe it's important to offer our students the opportunity to visit different countries and experience different cultures.

As well as those listed above we also have various different trips in the UK such as Media Exhibitions and Performing Arts visits in London, Field Trips in Filey and Psychology observations at Chester Zoo.

One of our most popular trips is the annual study visit to New York early in the Spring Term.

The New York trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Students tour the 'Big Apple' and see some of the most iconic sights in the world including Times Square, Fifth Avenue and Central Park.





Our students are left simply astounded at their experiences of NYC:

“One of the most incredible experiences of my life”

“A once in a life time opportunity!”

“Such a great trip with great people and so many great experiences!”

“This trip was the best experience of my life, thank you so much for making it possible”

“Thank you for the most unreal, perfect week!”





St Mary's College Sixth Form SM6 Scholars

We are very proud to offer our students outstanding care in all areas including in the academic sense. We have five Graduate Interns whose roles are to ensure that our high performing students are fully supported both academically and pastorally.

Our most academic students will automatically be assigned a Graduate Intern but all students can benefit from their expertise. Our students can refer themselves for help or our outstanding teaching staff will refer their students for help in areas such as academic writing, help with UCAS references to Russell Group universities, organisational skills and coping with workload.



Academy of Music & Performing Arts



SM6 has a forward thinking, rich cultured Academy of Music & Performing Arts and one that we wholeheartedly believe has the ability to enrich not only the artistic ability and creative vision of the students in our care, but also from a pastoral perspective in terms of progression routes to success. The Academy delivers Drama, Dance, Music, Musical Theatre as well as our Primary Music provision and our Peripatetic lessons across the St Cuthbert's trust.

The breadth of performances at SM6 really is world class. From whole school productions through to dance showcases, improvisation nights, Rock Challenge and choirs to name just a few.

Our 'SMArts Festival' sees West End performers and award-winning musicians visit the college to run workshops and perform alongside our students.

Our state-of-the-art facilities enable our highly skilled staff to deliver an industry standard creative arts experience.

Our stunning school theatre is acknowledged by our partners from The Royal Shakespeare Company as being the best school theatre in the country.



SM6 Facilities

In our newest building on campus we host some fantastic facilities for our SM6 students which include:

- Computers on every level for students to access during their study periods.
- Books and computers in our Learning Resource Centre to support their studies.
- The Café Pod, only available to Sixth Form students.
- A fully equipped state-of-the-art gym. Sixth Form students can have access to this gym for only £5 for two years (no monthly fee).
- A kitchenette area for only Sixth Form students where students can heat up their own food in the microwaves and toasters provided.
- The Theatre of Dreams in which SM6 assemblies and a variety of shows and productions are performed.
- A range of work and social spaces positioned throughout the building.
- Outdoor picnic area and garden, exclusive to SM6 students.
- Modern, open plan art and design area with industry standard equipment.





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