

St. Mary's College

Criteria For Admission To Year 13 – August 2020

We welcome the return of ALL St. Mary's year 12 students into our Sixth Form, with pathways specifically developed to suit all individual needs.

The Criteria For Each Pathway are set out below.

1.(a) Level 3 pathway. (A'Level GCE's)

- Must have a grade B in the preferred A Level subject or equivalent subject.
- Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade C or above.
- Have a grade C or above in **both** English **and** Maths. (Grade D in one of these subjects **may** be considered on recommendation from the subject teacher.)
- *Have met the St. Mary's attendance target and have a record of good behaviour, application to study and punctuality.*

1.(b) Level 3 pathway. (Applied GCE's)

- Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade C or above.
- Have a grade C or above in **both** English **and** Maths. (Grade D in one of these subjects **may** be considered on recommendation from the subject teacher.)
- *Have met the St. Mary's attendance target and have a record of good behaviour, application to study and punctuality.*

1.(c) Level 3 pathway. (BTEC)

- A minimum of 5 GCSE's or equivalent to follow a BTEC First National Level 3 course/ Vocational Level 3 Course.
- Have a grade C or above in English **or** Maths. (Grade D in one of these subjects **may** be considered on recommendation from the subject teacher.)
- *Have met the St. Mary's attendance target and have a record of good behaviour, application to study and punctuality.*

1.(d) New Horizons Programme.

The New Horizons Programme at St. Mary's College is an educational programme offered in mainstream schooling. The programme's main aim is delivering support to statemented pupils with specific educational needs.

The course will be flexible and varied. It will include an offsite learning programme and "hands on" practice in a work environment and a focus on building up key skills, knowledge and experience using:

- The Prince's Trust
- The Pope John Paul II Award
- Certificate in Essential Skills (in Literacy & Numeracy)
- Digital Literacy
- Developed School/Employer Connections
- Transport Safety Programme New Horizons
- Driving Theory
- Levels One and Two programmes in Personal development / Childcare 2018.

The course, aimed at Level 2, will also include developing "real life" skills that will be beneficial to the pupils in their future career choices as well as a stepping stone into work and training placements. Work experience will range across different employment sectors and will include services, such as health and beauty, to retail.

2. Pupils must satisfy the individual subject recommendations in order to study that subject at A' Level / Applied A' Level.

3. If there are more pupils eligible than there are places available, places will be allocated in the following order:

Applicants with the highest GCSE score – an applicant's GCSE score being calculated on the basis of GCSE results as follows:

GCSE's / Applied GCSE's	Vocational Courses
A* = 58 Points	Distinction = 40 Points
A = 52 Points	Merit = 34 Points
B = 46 Points	Pass = 28 points
C* = 43 Points	
C = 40 Points	
D = 34 points	
E = 28 Points	
F = 22 points	
G = 16 Points	
U = 0 Points	

In the event of a tie, priority shall be established by random selection.

***** Each applicant along with Parents/Guardians must sign and adhere to the Sixth Form Learning Agreement.**

Addendum.

St. Mary's College Criteria For Any Extra Places Made Available By The Department of Education For Admission Into Year 13 (Sixth Form)

The Department of Education may, in response to a request from a school, increase the number of pupils that the school can admit to its year 13. Places that become available in this way shall be allocated only to pupils who meet the basic eligibility criteria for sixth form study and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order set down.

- a. Pupils who have most recently completed year 12 in St. Mary's College.
- b. Pupils who have most recently completed year 12 at an 11 – 16 school.
- c. Pupils from another school where admission to an extra place at St. Mary's College has been agreed by the Department Of Education.

*Parents should note how the Department of Education will, in response to St. Mary's College request increase the school's enrolment number in order to allow extra post – 16 pupils to enrol. DE will only increase the school's enrolment number if it is content that each external pupil for whom a place is requested would not be able to pursue their post -16 -course choices at a suitable school without undertaking an unreasonable journey (i.e. a journey that by public transport would be over an hour from where the young person lives). If DE finds that no other suitable school may provide all of the post-16-courses that the pupil wishes to pursue- then DE will agree a school's request for an extra place.

What is a school of a type that is suitable for a pupil? To determine this, DE first considers all schools to be one of 4 types: (i) denominational (ii) non-denominational (iii) Integrated; and Irish-medium. A school requesting an extra place for a post-16 pupil will belong to one of these 4 types and DE will consider any other school from this same type as suitable for the pupil. DE will also consider as suitable for the pupil any school of the same type as that attended by the child in year 12.

Specific Level 3 (A Level) Subject Requirements

Subject	Preferred Entry Requirements
Art and Design (A-Level)	Minimum grade C or higher in English Language and a grade B in GCSE Art and Design.
Biology (A Level)	Double A in GCSE science CCEA
Business Studies – Professional Service For Business (A-Level Applied)	English and Mathematics GCSE Grade C or above. GCSE Business Studies Grade B and above.
Chemistry (A Level)	Double A in GCSE Science CCEA
Dance (A Level)	5 GCSE's
Drama (A Level)	5 GCSE's including a Grade B or above in either GCSE Drama or External Grade.
English Literature (A-Level)	A minimum of a Grade B in both GCSE English Language and English Literature.
French (A level)	Grade B or above in GCSE French
Geography (A-Level)	Grade B at GCSE Geography Higher Tier. Grade C in Maths.
Health and Social Care (A-Level Applied)	English Grade C.
History (A-Level)	Grade B in GCSE History Higher Tier.
ICT (A Level Applied)	GCSE Grade C or above in both Maths and English
Irish (A Level)	Grade B or above in GCSE Irish.
Journalism	Grade C or above in GCSE English
Life and Health Sciences (A-Level)	Double C or above in GCSE Science (CCEA). Level 2 BTEC Science students will be considered on recommendation from their science teacher.
Mathematics (A level)	Grade A at GCSE Mathematics.
Moving Image Arts (A-Level Applied)	Grade C in English Language.
Politics (A Level)	Grade B or above in GCSE History
Religious Studies (A-Level)	Grade B or above at GCSE RE and / or English.

Spanish (A Level)	Grade B or above in GCSE Spanish
Technology and Design (A-Level Applied)	Grade B in GCSE Technology & Design.
Software Systems Development (A-Level Applied)	Grade A in GCSE Mathematics and Grade B in GCSE English.
Children's Care, Learning and Development (BTEC)	5 GCSE's Desirable – C Grade in either GCSE Maths or English.
Engineering (BTEC)	GCSE Grade C or above in both Maths and English
Health and Social Care (BTEC)	5 GCSE's Desirable – C Grade in either GCSE Maths or English.
Hospitality (BTEC)	5 GCSE's Desirable – C Grade in either GCSE Maths or English.
ICT (BTEC)	5 GCSE's Desirable – C Grade in either GCSE Maths or English.
Music (BTEC)	5 GCSE's Desirable – C Grade in either GCSE Maths or English. Strong practical skills in music and is interested in developing their music performance.
Physics A Level	Grade AB in DA science with Agrades in both Physics modules. Grade A in GCSE Maths
Sport (BTEC)	5 GCSE's Desirable – C Grade in either GCSE Maths or English.
Science (BTEC)	Must have achieved a pass (CC) at Level 2 BTEC Science. Pupils who have achieved a single Pass at Level 2 BTEC will be considered on recommendation from their science teacher(s).
Travel & Tourism (BTEC)	5 GCSE's Desirable – Study of GCSE Geography.