

## Super-Curricular Enrichment and Extension 2017-2018

St Mary's Gifted and Talented Policy seeks to embrace Growth Mindset and to open as many as possible of our super- and extra- curricular opportunities to all students. We also monitor student participation rates and seek to ensure that all of our more able students are fully engaged in the opportunities on offer beyond the classroom.

The weekly Student Bulletin details opportunities on offer and the list below is far from exhaustive. Nor does it include the many non-academic enrichments provided such as Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards, retreats for all year groups, Careers Advice and Guidance, practice interviews for all year 11 or Oxbridge preparation sessions for years 11 and 12.

The St Mary's Award which was trialled in 2016-17 with years 7 and 9 will be rolled out across the school and will combine encouragement and recognition of wider participation and progress over time with the Catholic values of the JP2 Award scheme which we will be using in PSHEE this year. Please see separate document for more information on the St Mary's Award.

2017 will also see a further broadening of our Inter-House competitions to include academic challenges such as Times Tables, Spellings, General Knowledge and Chess as well as fun things like Christmas cake decorating.

### Year 7:

Junior Maths Challenge, Athletics and other maths competitions

Student Newspaper, Scrabble /Chess Club, Poetry Memorisation,

Science Week activities and competitions; Bronze Crest Award, STEM Events such as Race for the Line

MFL competitions, Library activities, Geography contests,

Opportunities for musical and dramatic performance.

### Year 8:

Junior Individual and Team Maths Challenge competitions and other maths activities and competitions

Student Newspapers, Scrabble/Chess Club, Poetry memorisation,

Science Week activities and competitions, Bronze Crest Award, STEM events

Rotary Technology Challenge, Library activities, MFL competitions, Geographical Association Quiz, Spanish Club

Opportunities for musical and dramatic performance

### Year 9

Intermediate individual and Team Maths Challenges, athletics and other mathematical competitions and enrichment opportunities.

Carnegie Book Award club and other Library Events

Royal Astronomical Society talk and other Science Week and STEM events and competitions

## Rotary Technology Challenge

Opportunity to take an additional language GCSE; Italian and Spanish Clubs

Opportunities throughout the year for musical and dramatic performance

Subject based trips

### Year 10

GCSE option –related trips and field-work

Regular opportunities for musical and dramatic performance

Opportunities for selected students to take the Higher Project Qualification or a Free Standing Additional Maths qualification.

Many maths events such as Maths Feast, Mathletics Challenge, Intermediate individual and Team maths Challenges and the National Cipher Challenge and Maths Bombe Competitions.

Many Scientific opportunities through the Biology and Chemistry Challenges, Science Week and other STEM events.

Geographical Association World Wide Quiz and Rotary Interschool Quiz

Library and Carnegie Medal Reading Challenges, Student newspaper and Poetry memorisation.

Work Experience Week.

### Year 11

All the above opportunities exist for year 11s who may also take additional qualifications, attend Oxbridge preparation events, careers fairs, apply for an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship or audition for National Youth Theatre or the Diocesan Music Award.

### 6th Form

Our most able 6<sup>th</sup> formers take the Extended project Qualification and are involved in a wide range of enrichment and leadership roles within the school.

They run Model United Nations as well as leading liturgies and assemblies, entering pre-university essay competitions and entering the Biology, Chemistry and Physics Olympiads as well as the Senior Maths Challenge at individual and team level. They have trips to visit Oxbridge Colleges and in Year 12 undertake a further week of Work Experience as well as a full week of University and Careers Enrichment activities after their summer examinations. They represent the school in the Rotary Interschool Quiz