



Let us remember we are in the presence of God "

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy

Year 6 Transition June 2020

A very warm welcome to all of our Year 6 families who are about to make the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 in September 2020; we are really looking forward to seeing you as soon as this is possible. The change from Primary to Secondary is an exciting process, but it is normal to feel uncertain and nervous about the changes ahead. We expect all of our Year 6 students to feel uncertain. Distance learning is not our normal way of working and so our transition activities are a little different this year.

Each department has created informative and exciting activities for you to try at home. We would be delighted to see you getting involved in the online St Margaret Ward Transition Programme; please send any photos of your work to rmunden@smwca.org.uk. Don't forget to include your name and school as we will be publishing a transition newsletter.

Transition activities, a video tour and lots more can be found at
www.stmargaretward.co.uk/year6transition

Please do not feel that it is necessary to complete all of the work. There is a huge amount and we just want to give you a taste of the different subjects that we deliver here at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy. In this welcome booklet you will be introduced to key staff and we ask you to complete the section All About Me so that we get to know a little bit about you.

Welcome to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy

My name is Mr McKenna and I am the Principal at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy.

I joined this school in January 2018 and in the two and a half years since then I have seen lots of changes happen in the school. It really is an exciting time as we work hard to make the school a place where you have lots of opportunities to learn, to make new friends, to join clubs, go on trips, pray and worship and grow in a safe place when you can develop your skills and strengths to be happy and successful.

In addition to you having lots of opportunities and being supported to work hard it is also very important to us that we help you become the very best people that you can be and that you are well prepared for your life after school.

We have some great students and wonderful staff who will look after you to make sure you settle quickly and are able to work well and enjoy your subjects. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you into our school community and I look forward very much to meeting you in person when this is possible.

Mr D McKenna, Principal



Key Staff – The Senior Leadership Team

Mr P Johnson, Deputy Principal

Hello and I'd like to wish you a very warm welcome to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy. My name is Mr Johnson and I am the Deputy Principal of the academy. You will often see me on the corridors and walking around the school and please take the time to stop and say 'hello' and have a chat. I am relatively new to the school too, only having been at St Margaret Ward for one year, and I know how a change in school can be a worrying and daunting time. The most important thing from my point of view is that you feel safe and secure in coming to school on a daily basis and if you have any worries, then please ask and speak with your form tutor. I look forward to helping you on your journey as you enter to learn with the view to leaving to serve.



Mrs H Farrer, Assistant Principal

Welcome to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy!

Whichever school you come from we look forward to you becoming part of our school community.

This is a huge milestone in your life and I want to reassure you that we will do everything we can to make the transition as smooth as possible.

My name is Mrs Farrer and I am the Assistant Principal who oversees admissions and the Pastoral care of students from Year7-9.



Originally a PE and Humanities teacher, I soon realised my passion for working with both students and their families to develop relationships that create a positive learning environment, where everyone feels valued and safe as well as happy, motivated and resilient to become the best they can be.

I have been at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy since January 2015 and was made to feel very welcome immediately and you will also find everyone to be friendly and supportive and you will quickly feel very much part of the Academy family.

Moving to a new school is always going to feel a little bit daunting but at the same time, exciting!

We are extremely ambitious for every student at SMWCA and are committed to ensuring you reach your full potential.

We are excited to have you join us here at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy and please keep looking at our website to find out more about our school before you join us.

Mrs S Bennion, Assistant Principal

Dear Y6 (soon to be Year 7).

My name is Mrs Bennion and I am one of the Assistant Principals in school. I have been a teacher at St Margaret Ward since 1997 so if you have older brothers and sisters, I may have taught them too. One of my roles in school is to make sure the curriculum is broad and balanced to give you the chance to study many different subjects, some of which you will not have experienced before. I also organise everyone's timetable so that you know which lessons you have on which days. Another part of my role is to work closely with all of the primary schools to make sure you have many opportunities to visit St Margaret Ward before you start here in Year 7; I often meet with your teachers and Principals to discuss your transition to St Margaret Ward. My main teaching subject is History although I have taught Geography, Religious Education and English. I look forward to meeting you all, helping you to settle in and maybe teaching you for some of your lessons.



Mrs E Robinson, Assistant Principal

Hello and welcome to all of you coming to join us in year 7. I am an Assistant Principal and that means that I look after the teachers at St Margaret Ward and help to organise examinations. I also teach English, Drama and Health and Social Care. At lunch time you will find me on duty in the school hall looking after all those children who bring sandwiches to school. I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September.



Key Staff – SEND & Safeguarding

Mrs S Condliffe, SENCO

Hello, my name is Mrs Condliffe. My job is to make sure that you have all the help you need to learn and do well at St Margaret Ward. My team and I will be there to help you if you are struggling in lessons for any reason. We may help you in class, work with you outside of lessons or contact other people who can come in to offer you support. Our aim is that your time here is successful in every way. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Mrs J Bowers, Assistant SENCO

Hello, my name is Mrs Bowers. Sometimes you might find things difficult in school, whether its learning in the classroom or making friends and joining in with others. My job is to help you to do these things so that your time at St. Margaret Ward is a happy and successful one. I am part of a team of people that you will always be able to turn to whenever you face any struggles or worries. I look forward to seeing you all in September.



Mrs A Holdcroft, Safeguarding Manager

Dear Year 6,

My name is Mrs Holdcroft and I am the Safeguarding Manager here at St Margaret Ward. I have worked at the school for 12 years and my job is to make sure that you are safe both at home and at school. If you ever need somewhere safe to talk you will find me in my office which I share with Mrs Condliffe and Mrs Bowers.



Key Staff – Pastoral Team

Mrs R Munden, Transition Co-ordinator

Dear Year 6,

Welcome to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy.

I am the Transition Co-ordinator and have had the pleasure of meeting several of you during transition events over the past 12 months. I work alongside Mrs Farrer and Miss Eardley to ensure that your transition from Year 6 to Year 7 runs as smoothly as possible. I have been a Mathematics teacher for 8 years and joined St Margaret Ward in 2013, teaching a variety of year groups and even coming into teach in some of your Primary schools. I look forward to meeting you in September and creating more opportunities to help you to get to know each other and to explore some of the exciting opportunities that we offer here at St Margaret Ward.



Miss J Eardley, Head of Year 7

Hello year 6,

I am Miss Eardley and I will be your Head of Year when you join us in September. As your Head of Year, I will get to know you all very well over the next year as you start your journey with us at St Margaret Ward and I will work closely with you to help you to grow and develop.

Along with your form tutor, I will be able to answer your questions and help you to overcome any problems that you may have. I will monitor your academic progress and ensure that you meet our high standards of behaviour and uniform but will also be there to celebrate your successes and achievements with you.

I'll tell you a little about myself: I have been a science teacher for 8 years and have been a teacher at St Margaret Ward since January 2016. I love being part of the St Margaret Ward community, made up of committed team of staff who only accept the highest standards and students who work hard to reach their goals and achieve great things.

For me, teaching is the best job in the world because no two days as a teacher are ever the same; I get to work with you, the students, every day and help you develop into amazing young adults and I am privileged that I get to act as a role model for our students every day.

I am really looking forward to meeting you in September and getting to know you all.



Year 7 Pastoral Team

Miss J Eardley

Head of Year 7 & Teacher of Science



Miss A Lawton

Assistant Head of Year 7 & Teacher of RE



Mrs R Heath

Year 7 Form Tutor &
Teacher of English



Mr L Phipps

Year 7 Form Tutor &
Teacher of Mathematics



Mr K Wooldridge

Year 7 Form Tutor &
Teacher of English



Mr S Meir

Year 7 Form Tutor &
Teacher of Mathematics



Mr A Delves

Year 7 Form Tutor &
Assistant Head of Science



Miss N Leese

Year 7 Form Tutor &
Teacher of Art



Miss A Wilson

Year 7 Form Tutor &
Assistant Head of RE



