

17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents

### GCSE Options Information Evening

In December 2017, current 3<sup>rd</sup> Form students will start two-year courses, which will lead to GCSE qualifications. It is very likely that you have already been discussing this with your daughter.

Parents are warmly invited to attend an Options Information Evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. The evening will start with a presentation about 'Choosing Options' from Mr Craig McCormick, at 5.00pm in the Hall. This will be followed by short talks from Mr Burke and Dr Wall. Afterwards, parents will be able to meet with individual subject teachers to discuss the GCSE courses available. A booklet has been designed to give guidance to both pupils and parents about the choices that will need to be made and includes details about all compulsory courses as well as further information about optional courses.

Details of the option blocks for September 2017 will be available at the event. They are as balanced as possible and were finalised after consultation with the Heads of Faculty and discussion between the Senior Leadership Team. These blocks provide a 95% success rate in matching the 3<sup>rd</sup> Form students' subject preferences. Although this represents the result of our discussions, you may feel that you would like to make a further comment. If so, please email me by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at [wallm@saint-marthas.org.uk](mailto:wallm@saint-marthas.org.uk). However, please remember that we are never going to satisfy every choice.

Yours sincerely



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