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Dear Parent/Guardian

I welcome all our new Year 8 students and look forward to your support and co-operation as we work in partnership to ensure your son has a positive and successful experience during his time at St Mary's.

On Monday 24th August Parent(s)/Guardian(s) **<u>are not permitted</u>** to drive pupils onto the school site. Your son must be dropped off at the bottom of the lane, staff will be on hand to guide your son safely onto campus. We regard our new cohort of Year 8 pupils walking the lane independently on their first day as a rite of passage. If your son is unable to walk up the lane due to medical issues, please contact Mrs Barr, our Pastoral VP abarr524@c2kni.net to arrange a lane pass.

The following is the timetable for the registration of Year 8 students for the academic year 2026-27:

Monday 24th August 2026	<u>Pupil Induction</u> **09.00 – 11.00** (Assembly Hall)	**Year 8 Pupil Induction** – Principal, Head of School and Head of Year address **(09.00 – 09.30).** Form Teacher – Form rooms, timetables, stationary distribution and capture of Biometric Images for cashless payments **(09.30 – 11.00).** **Pupils wear full school uniform, pupils do not require break or a packed lunch with them.**	**Pupils finish at 11.00.** **Parents are not permitted to drive up the school lane to collect pupils after induction.**
Tuesday 25th August 2026	<u>Pupil Induction</u> **09.00 – 15.00** (Form Classes)	**Year 8 Pupil Induction** – Registration, tour and Induction Booklet with Form Teacher **(09.00 – 09.45)**.	**Pupils finish at 15.00.** **Parents are not permitted to drive up the school lane to drop off or collect pupils after induction.**

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		Edmund Rice Activity Camp **(09.45 – 15.00)** **Pupils should wear PE gear; pupils require break and packed lunch with them.**	
Wednesday 26th August 2026	<u>Pupil Induction</u> **09.00 – 15.00** (Form Classes)	**Year 8 Pupil Induction** – Registration with Form Teacher **(09.00 – 09.10)**. Year 8 Ethos Presentation in Edmund Rice Lecture Theatre **(09.10 – 09.40)**. Edmund Rice Activity Camp **(09.40 – 15.00).** **Pupils should wear PE gear; pupils require break and packed lunch with them.** **Year 8 Parental Induction** – Principal, Head of School and Head of Year address **(14.00 – 15.00).**	**Pupils finish at 15.00.** **Parents are permitted to drive up the school lane to park for the Year 8 Parent Induction. Parents may take their son home with them after parental induction.**
Thursday 27th August 2026	**<u>Staff INSET Day</u>**	**<u>Pupils do not attend school.</u>**	
Friday 28th August 2026	Classes begin for **YEAR 8 PUPILS ONLY** 09.00 – 15.15	Pupils wear full uniform, breaktime tuckshop and lunch canteen facilities are available (Please ensure your son has	**Pupils finish at 15.00.**

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		credit on his ParentMail account if he requires this – Details on how to download the Parent Mail App to be sent in August) **Year 8 PTE and PTM assessments taking place.**	**Parents are not permitted to drive up the school lane for drop off or collection..**
Monday 31st August 2026	**Bank Holiday**	**Pupils do not attend school.**	
Tuesday 1st September 2026	**Classes resume for all pupils (Except Year 13)** 09.00 – 15.15	**All pupils attend school (Except Year 13)**	

Year 8 Induction and ER Camp:

- All pupils must attend **all Induction days**.
- Full uniform must be worn Monday 24th and Friday 28th August. PE gear should be worn for the ER Camp sessions on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August.
- Please bring a break and a packed lunch (including a bottle of water) on both ER Camp days. Full break and lunch facilities will be available for Year 8 pupils from Friday 28th August (Pupils must have funds added to their Parent Mail account to avail of these facilities).
- Friday 28th August will be the first day that our new catering provider, Caterlink, will be serving in St. Mary's CBGS, we are hugely excited about this and can't wait for our new Year 8 pupils to be the first to sample our new menus. Look out on our social media outlets for updates.
- **Pupils should bring wired earphones for the PTE and PTM assessments** taking place on Friday 28th August.

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OTHER INFORMATION:

St. Mary's Voluntary Contribution of **£60** is requested at the beginning of the academic year. This will be paid via Parent Mail, parents will receive a request for payment once their Parent Mail account is activated.

Free School Meals/ School Uniform/ Physical Education Clothing Allowance 2026-27
Parents / guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2025-26 school year will **not** be sent a pre-populated form for the 2026-27 school year. All parents (including new applicants) are required to apply online via EA website https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants . If your son is entitled to Free School Meals, it is very important that you apply for these whether or not your son intends availing of the service.

Please note that our office phone lines are extremely busy and office staff are unable to pass on non-urgent messages to your son.

Please ensure that details regarding transport/after-school arrangements etc. are confirmed with your son before he comes to school.

We trust that the coming academic year will prove very successful and enjoyable for your son.

Yours faithfully

Brendan McComb

Mr Brendan McComb
Principal