



ST MARGARET WARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy Open Evening 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Despite the relaxation of Covid measures over recent weeks we are also acutely aware of the rising infection rates in Stoke-On-Trent therefore we feel that a cautious approach to our Open Evening is appropriate this year.

Whilst we would like to be in a position to show off our school, celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students and provide the opportunity for you to meet and talk to our teachers, we feel that hosting the usual 'Open Evening' event this year could risk the transmission of the virus unnecessarily. We don't want to do anything that causes people to fall ill or leads to even more staff or student absence if it can be avoided.

Therefore, we will not be holding a formal Open Evening event in school for large numbers this year.

Everything that would normally be part of our Open Evening can be viewed via our website [St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy](http://www.stmargaretward.co.uk). The usual talks have been filmed, you can watch our information video. Enjoy our virtual open evening from the comfort of your own home! This will be updated by **6.00pm Tuesday 21st September**.

We will also run a Saturday morning taster session for Year 6 students and their parents/carers on **25th September 10.00am-12.30pm**. Please see our website which will explain how to book for this and note this will be on a first come, first-served basis.

There may be a few families who would like to take the opportunity to have a live tour of the school during the day. These will allow you to see the school in action although, for obvious reasons, safety protocols will need to be followed. Once again dates and bookings will be available on our website.

On the evening of **Thursday 30th September**, we will host a ticket-only face to face tour for restricted numbers. If, having viewed the online event, you would still like to come in and see the building, meet members of the senior leadership team and visit some of the subject areas for yourself please sign up for an evening tour. Again, this will be on a first come, first served basis. Bookings available on our website.

You may still have some questions regarding the school or the admissions process. If so, please register your interest on our website by **Friday 8th October** and we will arrange for you to be invited to a zoom meeting on **Thursday 14th October 7.00pm-8.00pm**.

Finally, we would encourage you to look at our prospectus which is also on the website and our Summer newsletter, both of which will allow you to see the breadth of opportunities offered to our students.

Thank you for your interest in SMWCA and we look forward to seeing or hearing from you over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mr D McKenna
Principal

Mrs H Farrer
Assistant Principal

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.

