



World Class initiatives at St Mary's College

At St Mary's College we are immensely proud of the young people we serve, all that they bring to our community and all that they achieve. It is our experience that given the right environment and opportunity, ordinary people can, and do, achieve extraordinary things.

Alongside a fundamental commitment to pastoral care and a relentless focus on basic expectations and standards, St Mary's has a proud history of providing our students with innovative and unique enrichment experiences which has included developing key partnerships with a range of leading organisations.

A few of the school's recent successful and pioneering initiatives include:

Academies of Sport



Officially designated as a Specialist Sports College in 2001 St Mary's College has an outstanding reputation for Physical Education, school sport, health and well-being in the city of Hull. In spite of the withdrawal of the specialist Sports College funding in 2010, SMC unlike most other schools, made a strategic decision to continue to invest heavily in sport and has in fact increased its commitment to PE and school sporting initiatives. The college now has an established, highly successful partnership with Hull City Football Club's *Tigers Trust* and a full time Tigers Trust officer on site. SMC has been designated as one of the Trust's first Community Hub Schools. Additionally, the college has a partnership with rugby club Hull FC and has a

Director of Rugby on site for three days per week who develops rugby within the curricular and extra-curricular programme for both boys and girls.



Royal Shakespeare Company

St Mary's College prides itself on being one of the first Royal Shakespeare Company's Lead Associate Schools. Having been invited to pilot the scheme for the RSC, St Mary's is now building partnerships with other secondary, primary and special schools across the region. The partnership includes

our regional venue Hull Truck Theatre enabling our students to take part in an annual festival either at Hull Truck or at St Mary's College. As well as innovative teaching of Shakespeare, our students have opportunities to visit Stratford upon Avon to see productions and take part in a residential work experience programme at this world class organisation. The Royal Shakespeare Company regularly brings productions to St Mary's College which this month sees 'The Comedy of Errors' coming to the school.



Academy of Music & Performing Arts



Following the huge success of the programme with the RSC, the college has now established a regional centre for excellence in music and the performing arts. This Academy has enabled SMC to have a refreshed vision and commitment to music and arts education.

Alongside many partner primary and secondary schools in the city SMC has recruited a dedicated pool of outstanding music teachers who bring fresh, relevant and affordable music provision for children and young people aged 3-19 in the city.



The Academy has also recently been awarded as a recognised school with the CDMT (Council for Dance, Drama, Music and Musical Theatre). This acknowledges that the teaching, learning, experience of staff at SMC and the safety of the students meets the highest industry standards. The college is one of the only secondary schools in the UK to be awarded this status.

MHSC

Launched just over 3 years ago our Medical, Health & Social Care Academy (MHSC) was the first of its kind in the country working in a formal partnership with the NHS and the university in Hull. This highly innovative and exciting venture offers our 6th form students unique and highly prized advantages. If they want to pursue a career in medicine, health care, social work or physiotherapy they have access to extended and highly sought-after work placements and mentoring from professionals in their chosen field. In 2017 the MHSC was awarded with a 'Widening Participation' award from NHS Health Education England and now also mentors and supports new and emerging Medical Academies across the country



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