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Choosing the right school for your children is a very important decision. You will want to be sure that they are given every opportunity to develop their talents to the full, but also that they are growing up in a happy and fulfilling environment where they are valued and encouraged as individuals.

Mount St Mary's College has a long history of educating young people along Jesuit principles. Our traditional values ensure that we combine striving for academic excellence and success with the knowledge that each child is unique, with their own God-given talents.

I hope that this prospectus will give you some insight into the opportunities that Mount St Mary's College can provide for your children.

Mr Laurence McKell MA, M.Ed.

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ETHOS

Fashions change, values are permanent. Jesuit schools enjoy a centuries-old reputation for providing an outstanding education, and we are proud of our heritage. The founder of the Society of Jesus, St Ignatius (1491- 1556) wanted to provide an education that allowed pupils to develop their talents – academically, socially, physically and spiritually – and we still aim to provide that for our pupils today through the pursuit of academic excellence and a strong emphasis on extra-curricular activities.



Pupils are encouraged to be aware of their place in the wider world, and our responsibility for each other. Because we are a small school, pupils of all ages have the chance to mix freely, and older pupils are given opportunities to help younger pupils become part of the community. We also have a strong commitment to charity and voluntary work. This sense of caring for each other, of being “men and women for others”, makes Mount St Mary’s a happy place to grow up.





LEARNING

The curriculum at Mount St Mary's is broad and balanced, helping pupils to develop a lifelong love of learning. Pupils of all ability levels are encouraged to be high achievers, with the emphasis always on personal success. Small class sizes and setting in main academic subjects, together with an excellent staff to pupil ratio, ensure that each pupil can learn at the best pace.

Learning is exciting at Mount St Mary's: information technology, practical work, trips and talks, combined with inspiring teaching, all

help to enrich pupils' understanding and ensure personal achievement. Our innovative Enhanced Studies programme helps our pupils to become independent learners.

Academic success is taken seriously. As an independent school we are able to be proactive in our approach to giving our pupils the best possible education, selecting examinations at GCSE that are meaningful and academically respected.





CREATIVE ARTS

As well as being able to study art, drama and music as academic subjects, our pupils have the opportunity to explore their talents in many different creative fields.

Our music department has a splendid reputation. Thanks to a dedicated team of music staff and a well-resourced School of Music, pupils can play in a wide range of ensembles and choirs, and there are numerous performing opportunities throughout the year. Examples of recent events include a full performance of Handel's "Messiah" in the Memorial Chapel, a large-

scale production of the musical "Oliver!", and successful entries in a range of local and national choral festivals. The college Jazz Band has an excellent reputation in the local area and performs regularly at local events in and around Sheffield. Our music scholarships attract a high calibre of talented pupils who are encouraged to develop their gifts still further, but all pupils are encouraged to participate in the wide number of musical activities and clubs.

The Junior and Senior Drama Societies perform a range of productions – large and small- each year, allowing pupils of all ages to experience the life of the theatre, recent productions including Reza's sophisticated comedy "Art" and Godber's anarchic "Teechers". The Stage Control Centre allows pupils to contribute to the backstage work with stage of the art technology. Art covers a range of possibilities – textiles, photography, design technology and fine art all flourish and allow pupils to explore their imaginations and express themselves creatively.



Mount St Mary's enjoys a fine reputation for the quality of its sport. All pupils are given opportunities to try a wide range of winter and summer sports, and many have the chance to play competitively in school teams at weekends. Mount St Mary's is known for a unique quality, "Mount Spirit", a willingness to participate, to contribute and to give one's best effort to all aspects of life at the Mount. Our teams show this in every fixture!

Excellence is nurtured through specialist coaching and impressive facilities including a grade 1 international athletics track, acres of playing fields, AstroTurf, an indoor swimming pool and fitness suite. Scholarships are available for pupils with a particular talent, and we have an impressive list of pupils who have gone on to represent their county, region and country in a variety of sports.

SPORT



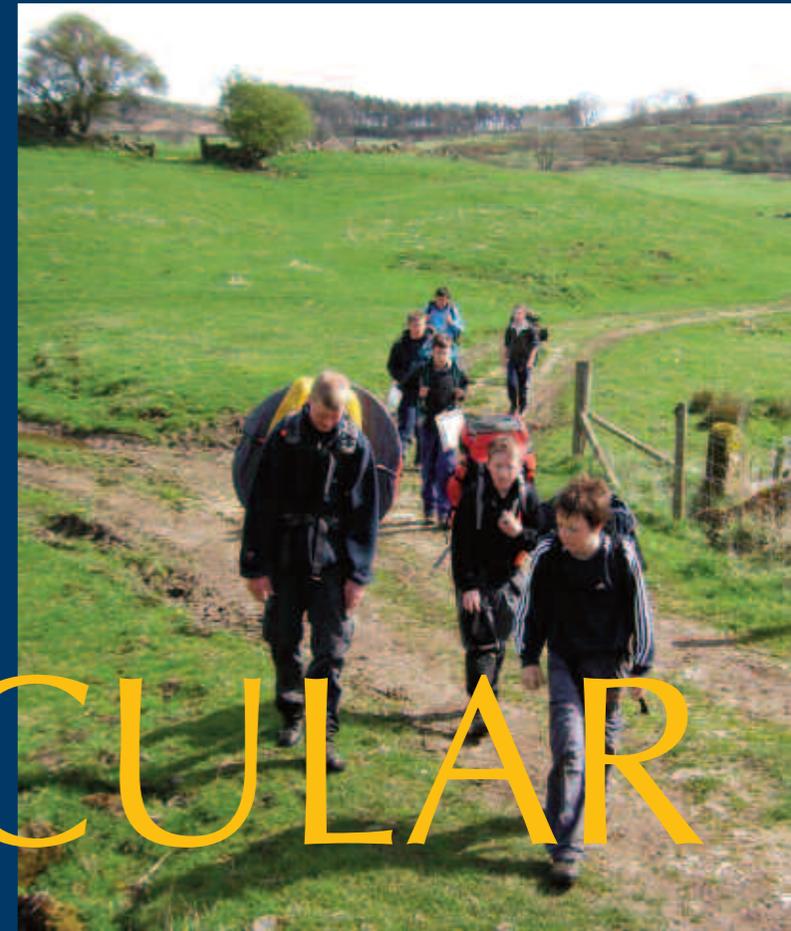
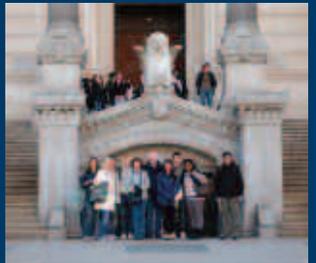


We place a strong emphasis on offering opportunities and challenges for our pupils beyond the classroom. A wide range of activities after school and on Saturday mornings gives our pupils scope to discover more about themselves, each other and the wider world – and to develop their talents in many different areas of life.

The CCF (Combined Cadet Force) lets pupils participate in adventurous activities in a disciplined environment, with the option to join either the RAF or the Army

section. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is also very popular and gives pupils the chance to learn many new skills.

The range of activities varies from year to year to reflect the interests of staff and students but includes many opportunities varying from debating, chess and the school magazine, to fitness training, drama and fencing.



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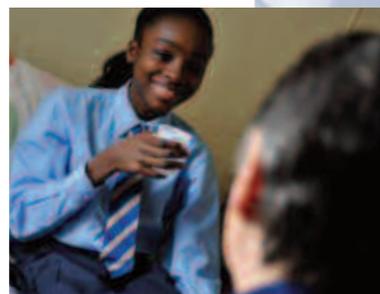
PASTORAL CARE

Mount St Mary's has an excellent reputation for the quality of its pastoral care. Pupils are each assigned a form tutor who has oversight of the academic and pastoral wellbeing of each pupil in the form. Heads of Year work with the form tutors to ensure that each pupil is settled, happy and achieving their full potential.

The emphasis is on promoting positive values, and our system of merits ensures that pupils are rewarded for excellence in academic work, cultural and sporting activities, behaviour and community spirit.

The College's personal, social and health education programme is delivered through weekly sessions in which pupils can explore in a sympathetic and supportive context the range of issues appropriate to their age group.

The school nurse looks after the medical needs of pupils, day and boarding. Pupils enjoy healthy meals in our refectory every lunchtime and have common rooms where there is the opportunity to relax and socialise with pupils of the same age group.



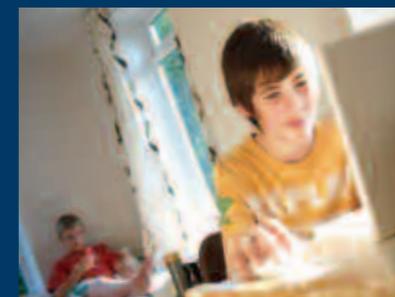


BOARDING

Our boarders enjoy a special place at the heart of the College. Whether joining us as full, weekly or flexi boarders, our resident pupils quickly become part of a welcoming and friendly community. Boys and girls live in separate houses but are otherwise together for all lessons and social time.

Under the care of our resident house staff, boarders have en-suite accommodation and common rooms to make their lives as comfortable as possible. When other pupils have gone home, boarders can make the

most of our superb facilities and spacious grounds, concentrate on supervised studies, and enjoy free time socialising. There are frequent organised activities and outings to ensure that our boarders are happy and engaged.



SIXTH FORM



The Sixth Form gives pupils the chance to achieve their true potential. Whether joining our school in Year 12 (Poetry) or continuing on from the lower years, all sixth formers have the opportunity to explore their talents, develop increased independence and focus on preparing for university and beyond.

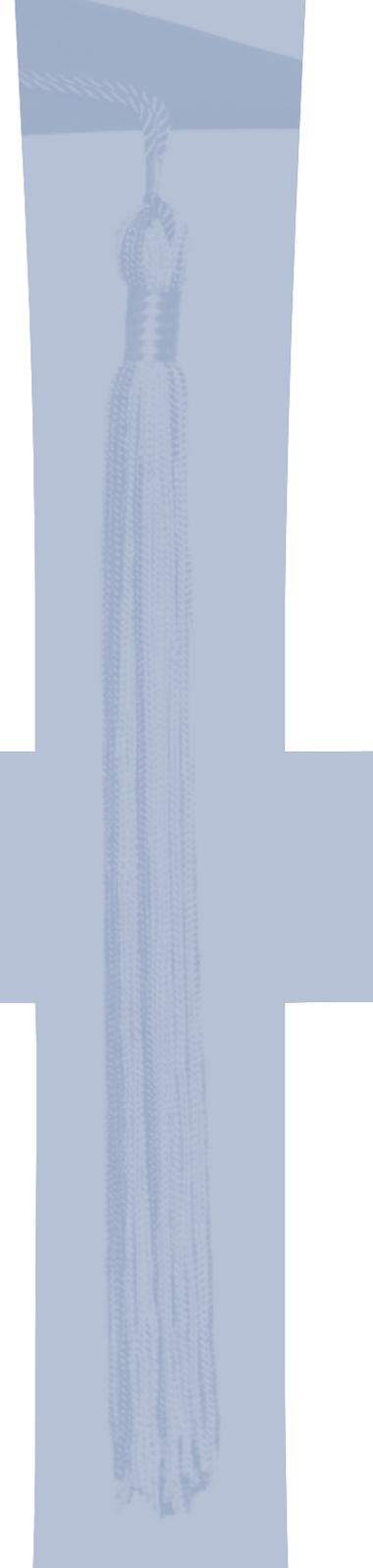
Pupils choose from a wide range of subjects and we aim to accommodate subject choices wherever possible. Tutors, the Heads of Sixth Form and our careers advisor all help pupils to make important decisions about



university applications. Sixth Formers are taught in smaller groups, allowing them to develop a closer rapport with teachers. Teaching strategies include field trips and outings, and study periods encourage maturer and more independent approaches to learning.

The Sixth Form also gives pupils the chance to acquire greater levels of responsibility, as captains of teams, leaders of clubs and school captains (prefects), part of our commitment to helping pupils become fully-rounded adults. They enjoy privileges too, including their own common room and social area.

Sixth formers are also encouraged to be involved in voluntary work: through the Arrupe Programme they help in local schools and they organise fundraising for our holiday week for disabled children. Sixth formers also act as mentors to our youngest pupils, helping to pass on the values that are important to all members of the community at Mount St Mary's.



VISIT

We hope this prospectus has given you an insight into life at Mount St Mary's College. It can only give you a snapshot, however, and we invite you to visit the school to find out more for yourself.

Visits are welcome on any day by appointment, when you can experience for yourself the happy and purposeful environment in which our pupils learn.

To arrange a visit, please contact the Admissions Office +44(0)1246 432872. Details about forthcoming open days can be found on the website.



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Choosing the right school for a child is one of the most difficult and important decisions parents make. Each school is different and has its own character and individuality.

Children at Barlborough Hall School are our best advertisement: happy, confident and successful. We offer an education at its most varied, a curriculum which is academically challenging but recognises the importance of all areas of a child's development, academic, emotional, social, physical and spiritual.

Arts, sport and music and a full extra-curricular programme enrich life at Barlborough Hall School, with children's individual needs and strengths our most important focus.

Mrs W Parkinson Headteacher

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ethos

Barlborough Hall School was founded by the Jesuits – a Roman Catholic religious order -in 1939, as the Preparatory school to Mount St Mary's College. In common with all the other Jesuit schools throughout the world, we place great emphasis on helping each pupil to develop as an individual. We encourage all our pupils to develop their talents – academically, socially, physically and spiritually - and to use their gifts for the benefit of others.

Our pupils are very proud of their links with Makumbi, a Jesuit school in Zimbabwe, which helps them to become aware of their place in the world and to develop a sense of responsibility.

We warmly welcome children of other faiths, whose families support our ethos, to become part of our school community.





learning

From nursery right through until Year 6 (Elements 1) we encourage our pupils to enjoy learning. Small class sizes ensure that all our pupils are known as individuals and achieve their true potential. In the upper school pupils are set for the main subjects, so that each child is a confident learner and yet is stretched appropriately.

Our superb facilities allow children to learn in inspiring environments: facilities include a science lab, ICT suite and Design Technology

department. Most pupils learn French and Latin, but there is the option for extra English and Maths for those who benefit from extra help.

Education does not just take place in the classroom though, and we organise many trips and outings, linked to the curriculum, to ensure that children at Barlborough develop a life-long love of learning.





creative arts

Whether through school assemblies, the teatime concerts or one of our regular productions, pupils are given many opportunities to explore their creative side. The standard of music at Barlborough is very high, and pupils have enjoyed considerable success in competitions. Pupils have class music lessons with our trained teacher from nursery upwards, and peripatetic teachers come in to offer a wide range of instruments. We also have a school orchestra, so that pupils can develop performance skills.

Our children develop confidence through their roles in major productions, including "The Wizard of Oz" and "Joseph" in recent years, and contributions to assemblies. The whole school takes part in our annual art competition, judged by parents, and you can see pupils' wonderful art work displayed all over the school.



sport

Our pupils enjoy participating in a wide variety of sports. As well as PE and games lessons, pupils can also participate in sports activities after school and on Saturday mornings. There is the chance to play for school teams too, with regular fixtures.

Whether using our heated indoor pool, the gym or our extensive playing fields, pupils learn to enjoy the benefits of taking exercise and develop a competitive spirit.





extra curricular



As part of our Jesuit ethos we place great importance on developing the whole person. We offer pupils a wide range of extra-curricular activities so that they can develop their talents in many different areas and have the opportunity to try things they may not otherwise manage.

We encourage our pupils to stay for after-school hobbies and come in on Saturday mornings to participate in

the many activities on offer. The programme varies from term to term according to staff and pupil interests, but includes baking, art, ballroom dancing and archery. There are also many sports practices and fixtures, the orchestra, choirs and various ensembles. No one need ever be bored!





pastoral

Barlborough Hall School is a friendly school, where we place great importance on helping our pupils to learn to respect and value each other. The children have weekly pastoral lessons with their form tutors where they discuss issues appropriate to their age.

In the upper school (years 3 to 6), the pupils belong to a House (Loyola, Campion or Xavier). They enjoy earning individual house points for good work and behaviour,

as well as for inter-house competitions. The winning house every term enjoys a "house treat".

The pupils are also encouraged to make decisions and take responsibility through the School Council, where class representatives pass on suggestions and organise fundraising events.



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