



OUR REF :

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DATE: Friday, 1st March 2024

NOTICE TO STUDENTS OF YEAR EIGHT GOING TO YEAR NINE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

NAME OF STUDENT _____ YEAR _____

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School. It is that time of the year when we would ask you to reflect with your children on their subject choices for the next academic year. Orientations will be soon scheduled for students regarding the subject options. Choices will have to be made regarding a number of subject options and we invite you to read on below.

SUBJECTS FOR YEAR NINE**YOUR CHOICE**

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| 1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE | COMPULSORY |
| 2. MATHEMATICS | COMPULSORY |
| 3. RELIGIOUS STUDIES | COMPULSORY for students who take Bible and Islamic Studies |
| 4. PSYCHOLOGY | COMPULSORY for students who don't take Bible or Islamic Studies |
| 5. ARABIC | COMPULSORY |
| 6. GEOGRAPHY | COMPULSORY |
| 7. ICT <u>OR</u> COMPUTER SCIENCE* | COMPULSORY _____ |
| 8. BIOLOGY <u>OR</u> ACCOUNTS | _____ |
| 9. CHEMISTRY <u>OR</u> ECONOMICS | _____ |
| 10. PHYSICS <u>OR</u> BUSINESS STUDIES | _____ |
| 11. ART, ENGLISH LITERATURE, HISTORY, <u>OR</u> PSYCHOLOGY- (only 1) | _____ |

EVERY STUDENT MUST COMPULSORILY CHOOSE ONE SCIENCE SUBJECT IN THEIR OVERALL SELECTION.

Students are asked to consider carefully the options before making their choice.

***** Please note that ICT and one Science have been made compulsory to further closely align with the British Curriculum, as pointed out in our KHDA inspection process over the last few years with a view to furthering students access to technology, thus arming them with the requisite 21st Century skills.**

***** Please note that students who do not take Bible or Islamic studies will have Psychology instead of the Religious studies component and therefore these students must choose another subject other than Psychology in OPTION 10.**

Islamic Studies and Bible are compulsory for students who take these subjects.

Once the choice has been made a subject CANNOT be changed.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: Kindly note that places for Computer Science will be restricted to those students who currently display a secure understanding and application of computational thinking and problem solving skills. Programming skills are a core component of this course and students will be required to have a knowledge of Python and be competent at designing, writing and debugging programmes. In case the places are oversubscribed, the school will allot seats strictly on the basis of current academic competence in ICT.

Parents may consult with your child's current subject teachers via email if you have any doubts about your child's competence in a particular subject.

Subject specialists will be available in school on Friday, 22nd March from 7:30 – 10:30 am should you wish to consult them. They will be in the school library.

Optional Aptitude Testing will be made available. A circular will be sent next week.

Parents are asked to complete this by **Monday, 15th April 2024**. Kindly fill this in and scan it and email the same to your child's class teacher. **This will be the final deadline for accepting subject choice forms.**

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



Parent's Name _____

Parent's Mobile Number: _____

Parent's Email ID: _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____