



OUR REF :

DATE: Friday, 10th May 2024

**To: Parents of Year Eleven Students Applying for
GCE A-Level Two Year Course (YEAR 12 and 13)**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School Dubai. We are writing to inform you that the A-LEVEL APPLICATION FORMS are available via the link attached. The last day to submit these forms online is the 16th of June 2024 **PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

We would like to point out very clearly that admission to A-Level is not automatic and is a completely new process.

The conditions for a student to be considered for a place in A-Levels are as follows.

- **SHOULD HAVE AN EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR RECORD**
- **4 SUBJECTS TO BE OPTED FOR** and a high-grade average in the same.
- **Admissions will be MERIT-BASED.**
- Hold a high-grade **average** in all subjects (Internal Exams) in Year Eleven.
- Should have not had any serious or repeated disciplinary issues over Years Nine through Eleven.
- Should not have engaged in activities, in or out of school, which tarnish the reputation of the school.
- **Hold a minimum attendance record of 95%.**
- **Be prepared for an entrance exam in the subject opted for that has not been taken at O-Level. The portion for the entrance exam is all content covered from Year 9 to Year 11.**

We would also like to bring to your attention that under the British system, a student completes high school with the completion of his/her O-Level. Hence the admission to A-Level is then a process of a 'NEW ADMISSION'.

Those students who take Arabic as a First language and Islamic Studies in A-Level will have to maintain a minimum aggregate attendance percentage of 95% for Arabic and / or Islamic Studies lessons, FAILING WHICH STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED A SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE/ATTESTED CERTIFICATES OR RECOMMENDATION LETTERS. Students who do not reflect this 95% aggregate attendance after the first month of enrollment might not be allowed to continue the A-Level programme.

Please note that St. Mary's Catholic High School offers the GCE Advanced Levels Linear Programme which means that we DO NOT OFFER **AS LEVEL CERTIFICATION** at the end of Year 12. This is a standalone qualification, and results are declared only at the end of Year 13.

The whole two-year Programme has to be completed for any equivalency certification.

Please consider all the criteria above while making your decision. Parents should also be aware that even if all criteria are met, **competition for places remains very stiff as seats are limited** and therefore, **we strongly recommend that all students should ensure that they have a back-up plan. This would include applying to other institutions besides St. Mary's.**

The final deadline for the return of the A-LEVEL application forms is 16th June 2024. Forms will not be accepted after this date, nor will any calls be accepted for the same. Please respect this final deadline.

The list of students selected for VIRTUAL interviews will be posted on the school website after results have been released by Pearson Edexcel in August 2024 and so we advise you to check the school website at that time.

PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW & SELECT YEAR 12.

<http://smchs.ethdigitalcampus.com/RegistrationPortal/?dbConnVar=SMCHS>

Thank you for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

