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20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**To: Parents of Students in Years 8 and 11**  
**PSYCHOMETRIC APTITUDE TESTING**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings to you from St. Mary's Catholic High School!**

Year 8 students are being asked to make choices regarding the subjects that they would like to pursue in Year 9 for their GCSE/IGCSE exams. This is one of the most important decisions that your child will be making in the course of their educational career. As a school, we understand how important it is that they are provided with all the support we can offer to help them make decisions that will ultimately bring out the best of their potential. Similarly, Year 11 students are planning their next course of study.

An understanding of their interests, strengths and personality type will go a long way in helping them make this choice. In this context, we are once again arranging for an aptitude/ psychometric testing to be done for our Year 8 and Year 11 students. These tests are in no way obligatory but completely optional.

St. Mary's Catholic High School in conjunction with Varsity Connections have been conducting psychometric assessments at the school for the past ten years. Please see below details of the test.

**VC MAP Psychometric Assessment Overview**

VC MAP is an in-depth and accurate psychometric tool which explores 3 key areas which are used in making career choices.

## 1. Motivation

- a) Highlights student's interest in 7 different areas
- b) Identifies the type of activity that appeals most to the student
- c) Guides student in stream Selection viz Arts & Humanities /Science/ Commerce

## 2. Aptitude

- a) Battery of tests in 9 different areas
- b) Identifies the skill sets of the student
- c) Maps student skill sets against the skill requirements for numerous careers
- d) Shortlists Career Clusters that best fit the student's skills

## 3. Personality

- a) Analyses dimensions of personality that are useful to students in planning their careers.
- b) Helps them understand what it is about the way they feel and behave that might make them more suited to certain careers

Students will undertake all 3 modules of VC MAP online. Candidates receive a comprehensive, modular report upon completion of VC MAP which analyses all 3 Modules of Motivation, Aptitude and Personality in detail. The report clearly indicates the students' level of aptitude for a range of career clusters thus helping them arrive at realistic decisions while keeping Motivation and Personality in perspective. In addition, the VC MAP Report also includes a recommended list of subjects for each one of the career clusters detailed in the report. This ensures all possible career options are explored before making informed career choices ensuring academic success.

## VC MAP – Group Counselling

The VC MAP Report analyses are done via group Counselling scheduled with the students and parents during an online session. The reports will be sent to the students via email prior to this. During the group counselling session, a sample report is displayed and each page of the report is discussed. This will provide students and parents with tools and guidance to understand/interpret their own reports. This comprehensive session will also have a FAQ section which will address common queries and any specific doubts that arise.

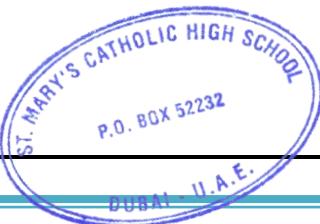
The test is an online test that will need to be done at home. The team conducting the tests is certified by the British Psychological Society – Certificate of Competence in Occupational Testing.

**The test will be conducted at a price of AED 260/- (inclusive of 5% VAT)**

Please return the REGISTRATION SLIP to the class teacher by 3rd March 2026. The payment for this test must be made on Skiply directly on the separate section for Aptitude Test at the latest by the 2nd of March. Please attach the Skiply receipt to the slip below.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)



**ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai**

## **PSYCHOMETRIC APTITUDE TESTING REGISTRATION**

I WISH TO REGISTER MY  
CHILD FOR THE APTITUDE TEST. Attached is the Skiply receipt.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID of parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Mobile contact: \_\_\_\_\_