



# St Mary's Catholic High School

## Designate Teaching School

### NEWSLETTER



St. Mary's has been awarded designate Teaching School status by the National College for Leadership of School and Children's Services. Throughout last summer term and into this term we have hosted a number of teaching and learning programmes here at St. Mary's Catholic High School. We have welcomed teaching staff from across our region to gain qualifications in the prestigious Improving Teacher Programme and Outstanding Teacher Programme.

Next term St. Mary's Catholic High School has been commissioned to host further programmes; a clear indication that the daily excellent practice that we know exists here in our school is being shared with participants from other institutions.

## Training Provider

As part of our teaching school status the team of AST's (Advanced Skills Teachers) here at St. Mary's have been invited to deliver teaching and learning training and to provide support to other schools in our region.

Most recently, the AST team have been working with another school in the South Manchester area. They have been working with this school since the summer term last year and the commitment to provide support extends further into next term.

## The Outstanding / Improving Teacher Programme

Both programmes are designed by experts in developing teaching and learning in schools in association with an organisation called OLEVI. These programmes have proven success in other parts of the UK (London, Birmingham) and a select number of secondary schools in the Manchester and Wigan regions are now delivering these programmes. At St. Mary's we are very proud to be involved with these prestigious programmes.

