



## St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy

Little Chell Lane, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent, ST6 6LZ

Principal: Mr. D. McKenna B.Soc.Sc MA. PGCE. NPQH

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well.

We are delighted to welcome your child to our Year 7 cohort for the 2026/27 Academic Year. This letter includes details of our **Summer term transition events** and also important information regarding **school transport**.

### **School Transport**

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy operates a payable transport service. Please use the link below to register your interest no later than **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. This allows us the time to ensure that we have capacity for all students who require transport.

[New Intake St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy: School Transport 2026-27 Academic Year – Fill in form](#)

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm Year 7 Information Evening**

All families are invited to attend our Year 7 Information Evening on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm. Our Principal, Mr McKenna, and the Year 7 Team will provide important information regarding our Friendship Days and the transition from Primary School to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy. Please register for your place at this event by using the Microsoft Forms link below.

[Year 7 Information Evening 2026 – Fill in form](#)

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 08.30am – 3.00pm Friendship Days**

Your child is invited to join us for our Friendship Days on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026. The days will provide opportunities for students to familiarise themselves with the school building and staff, to make new friends and much more. Students should wear their usual Primary school uniform and bring with them their packed lunch and water bottle in their school bag. If any students wish to buy their lunch from the school canteen, they should bring the correct change of £3.40 for a meal deal consisting of a main course, drink and dessert. Any students who usually claim a Free School Meal will be entitled to this, as they usually would at Primary School. Students will not require any equipment as this will be provided in school.

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Please use the days for your child to practice their journey to school in readiness for September, arriving at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy by 08:30am on both days, where they will be greeted at the main reception and escorted to our School Hall. The Friendship Days will finish at 3.00pm, when students will be dismissed from school and will make their own way home, as they will in September. Any parents wishing to collect their child should please wait at the top of the school drive, outside of the main gate on Little Chell Lane.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

*R. Munden*

Mrs R Munden  
Assistant Principal

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