

# ST MARY'S COLLEGE



## ***Introduction***

We offer a one year course in Child Development that follows the AQA specification, concerning the growth and development of children from birth up to the age of 5 years.

There are 2 components to this course:

- One examination, a written paper including short answer and structured questions (50% of total marks).
- Coursework, a child study occupying approximately 30 hours which must include both research / investigation and observational visits. (50% of total marks).

### **Part 1**

'The family' recognises the changing structures and wide variety of families today and focuses on the importance of the family unit in ensuring the growth and development of children. Additionally, it investigates the planning of a family as well as the stages of pregnancy from conception to birth.

### **Part 2**

'The Care of the Child' begins with the post natal care of the new baby and mother and examines the wider range of care needed for the growing and developing child.

### **Part 3**

'The Development of the Child' examines how children develop and shows the importance of play among other factors that may influence development and learning.

This section also looks sympathetically at the needs of special children examining causes of disability and the support required to both children and their families.

**NOTES:**

**St Mary's College  
Saltersgill Avenue  
Middlesbrough  
TS4 3JP**

**Tel: (01642) 814680**

**[www.stmarys-sfc.ac.uk](http://www.stmarys-sfc.ac.uk)**

**Fax: (01642) 819624**