First Star Academy Referral form 2019/20 (Cohort 2)

# Overview

The First Star Academy at St Mary’s University is a programme specifically for young people in foster care aimed at supporting GCSEs and post-16 education, equipping them with the vital life-skills to thrive at university and developing a profound sense of belonging in Higher Education.

We are currently recruiting young people in **Year 10** to our second cohort. Please use this form to make referrals.

The application process is:

1. Virtual Schools identify suitable candidates
2. Virtual School email referral for to Academy Director by end of Autumn term 2019
3. Academy Director speaks to Virtual School and Foster Carers, invites to open day (commencing in January 2020)
4. Young person and carer attend open day (Virtual Schools also welcome)
5. Academy Director follows up by telephone
6. Young person attends Saturday academy
7. Young person decides if they want to commit to the programme

I am happy to discuss any of this by telephone or email, my details are:

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| Role | Name | Landline | Mobile | email |
| First Star Director | Nick Turk | 0208 240 4000 | 07841 013 774 | nick.turk@stmarys.ac.uk |

# Referral

Name of young person being referred:

Virtual school / Local Authority:

Name of Person making referral:

School Year:

# Please outline why you are referring this potential student to the academy

Please include what makes them a suitable candidate, what you are hoping the young person will get out of joining the First Star Academy and what the young person themselves hopes to get out of the experience.

# How are they doing currently?

There aren’t specific academic attainment criteria to join the First Star Academy at St Mary’s, however it is helpful to know where they are currently in terms of education, school and in themselves. Please cold you provide a brief overview.

# Safeguarding and support needs

Following a recent safeguarding review, a recommendation was made for the Local Authority ‘to provide full information about each young person pertaining to risk, particular needs and relevant history.’ Please give an outline below. Please note that this information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and that I am happy to follow up by telephone for more detailed discussion.

## Contact details

Please complete the table below

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|  | Name | Email | Phone number |
| Virtual School contact |  |  |  |
| Foster Carer |  |  |  |
| School |  |  |  |
| Designated Teacher |  |  |  |
| Social Worker |  |  |  |

# Next Steps

I will contact you to discuss this referral and the foster carer(s) to discuss attending the next convenient open day. It is very exciting that we are recruiting to our second cohort and I’m really looking forward to working with another group of amazing, talented young people.