



# HEADLINES 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter (Issue 32 2021-22)



## "Queen's Platinum Jubilee Half Term Break"



**Acting Heads of School Update**  
**Mr Johnston & Miss McHugh**

As we finish our first half of the summer term and prepare for the Queen's jubilee half term celebrations, we are thankful and blessed with the fine weather and hope for a restful and relaxing half term break for our students and families. Our Y11 and Y13 students have worked exemplary towards their GCSE and GCE Examinations, they have shown great maturity, application and commitment to their studies and we pray for a restful natural break this half term for the that they may return refreshed for the second half of the examination series on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Please God they secure the good grades they have worked hard to achieve.

As we prepare for the second half of our summer term, our Y8 – Y12 students prepare for their end of year assessments and internal examinations. You will find all the information about dates etc. on page 2 to help your child prepare.

You will note the national annual "Thank a teacher" project is now active. It is a great opportunity to recognise the remarkable efforts of our school staff over the past year, so I do encourage you to use the scheme to send a message of thanks to the support staff, class teachers and leaders that work with your child. A simple thank you goes a long way to making everyone feel appreciated and usually reinvigorates them to do even more!

As we close the month of May, we bring all our prayers, blessings and thanksgiving to our Mother Mary, Patron of our School.

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To you do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this exile  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.*

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing half term break.  
God Bless.

**Miss D McHugh,**  
**Acting Head of School**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon 30th May—Friday 3rd June**  
**2022**

**HALF TERM**

**School Closed**

*Pupils return Monday 6th June*

**Week Commencing**

**Monday 6th June 2022**

GCSE & A Level Exams Continue

**Wednesday 8th June 2022**

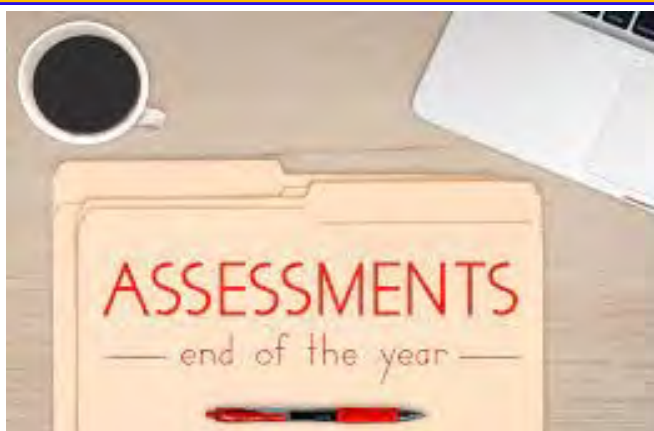
**Y11 BBQ**



## End of Year Assessments



The end of year assessments are a key part of the school year to ensure your child's learning is assessed to measure the progress they have made and provide them with clear targets to focus on as they prepare for September 2022



Date	Year Group	Location
w/c 13th June 2022	8	In Lessons
w/c 20th June 2022	9	Maths / English / RE/ Science in Hall <i>Other subjects assessments in lesson time</i>
w/c 27th June 2022	10	Hall
w/c 4th July 2022	12	Hall



- ### Test-Taking Tips

  1. Read all directions carefully.
  2. Read all questions carefully.
  3. Be sure you know what is being asked.
  4. Look at all choices before you answer.
  5. Eliminate answers you know are wrong. **XXX**
  6. Paraphrase the questions.
  7. Think carefully.
  8. ✓ Check your work.

**Do your Best!**



# 7 Tips for Managing Exam Stress

## FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Stay organised with to-do lists and study timetables



Take regular study breaks



Have a dedicated study space



Have a long term goal



Get as much sleep as possible



Remember your health: eat well and stay active



Talk to the people around you



## FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Give them time off chores and non-urgent family stuff

Encourage them to keep doing the activities they did before exams

Help them set up a study space and make sure the rest of the family understands

Chat with them about what they want to do after exams

Remind them to go to bed at a regular time each night

Go on study break walks with them and try to cook wholesome meals

Make a time to chat to them and let them vent



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## Thank a Teacher Day



## CELEBRATE NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

Parents, pupils can thank everyone on the school team, from the teachers to support staff, it's your chance to say a big thank you!

The DfE is supporting 'Thank a Teacher Day' which took place on Thursday 26 May 2022.

The department supports the campaign as teachers, support staff, and everyone working in education have gone above and beyond for this country's children and young people, preparing the next generation to make the very best of their lives.



Say thank you to an amazing educator, from teaching assistants, class teachers, form tutors, to school leaders, by [sending a free, personalised card for Thank a Teacher Day](#).

The Thank a Teacher campaign celebrates everyone working in education for the incredible work they do and there are plenty of [opportunities for schools, pupils and parents to get involved](#).

I WANT TO SAY *thank you*  
TO ALL TEACHERS, SCHOOLS & SUPPORT STAFF



Find out more at [www.thankateacher.co.uk](http://www.thankateacher.co.uk)



## Student Notice:



Cultural  
Capital

GET  
INVOLVED



LET'S JOIN  
**CULTURAL  
FASHION  
SHOW 2022**

**SIGN  
UP**

Anyone  
interested in  
being involved  
contact Mr.  
McHugh or Miss  
Hayles by Friday  
June 10th



Mr Mason K3 Week A Wed  
Lunch 2 Yr10 starting June 8<sup>th</sup>

(and maybe Thurs Lunch too!)

**Futurist Club**



Lets discuss  
topics such as:

- How is blockchain going to change the world?
- What are NFTs, DAOs and the metaverse?
- Will cryptocurrency change the way finance works?
- What is the difference between CEFI and DEFI?
- What technologies are emerging that will change the future?

<b>ST MARYS' CLUBS</b>		<b>NEW CLUBS in orange. LUNCH CLUBS IN WHITE</b>	<b>MAY/ JUNE 22</b>
<b>MONDAYS</b>			
<b>BASKETBALL/ table tennis/badminton</b>	<b>SPORTSHALL</b>	<b>PE STAFF</b>	<b>see schedule</b>
<b>BENCHBALL</b>	<b>SPORTSHALL</b>	<b>D SWYERS</b>	<b>7, 9, 11</b>
DRAMA	HUME	MISS HAYLES	7 TO 9
ORCHESTRA	M1	MS MATTHEWS	ALL
new!ATHLETICS	FIELD	PE dept	7 TO 11
new! HOMEWORK CLUB	LIBRARY H5	MRS BENVENUTTO	ALL
<b>TUESDAYS</b>			
<b>BASKETBALL/ table tennis/badminton</b>	<b>SPORTSHALL</b>	<b>PE STAFF</b>	<b>see schedule</b>
Choir	M1	Mrs Salter Kay	all
KS3 FUN ! ( See posters for details)	K1	Mrs Knight	Year 7 to 9
Polish Club	K5	Mrs Nestorovska/Mrs Brewin	Year 7 to 9
Invitation only Homework Club	B1 and B3	Mrs Henderson/Mrs Wilson	8 and 9
Sports fixtures	field/away	PE dept	all
new! EMBROIDERY CLUB	C2 tbc	MRS BENVENUTTO	07-Oct
new! TENNIS	COURTS	PE dept	7 TO 11
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>NEW! FUTURIST CLUB (See advert)</b>	K3	MR MASON	Y10
<b>BASKETBALL/ table tennis/badminton</b>	<b>SPORTSHALL</b>	<b>PE STAFF</b>	<b>see schedule</b>
CANDLE MAKING CLUB	Art dept	MRS KNIGHT	7 & 8
DT CLUB: FORMULA 1/Eco-design	A BLOCK	MR HUNT	9
GCSE MUSIC CATCH UP	M1	MISS MATTHEWS	10
INDIAN CULTURE CLUB	K5	Mrs Velani	all
CARNEGIE BOOK SHADOWING	LIBRARY	MRS FRINO	Y9/10
new! CRICKET	FIELD	PE DEPT	7 TO 11
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
<b>BASKETBALL/ table tennis/badminton</b>	<b>SPORTSHALL</b>	<b>PE STAFF</b>	<b>see schedule</b>
new! Chess club	Library	Mrs Benvenuto	all
CARNEGIE BOOK SHADOWING	Library	Mrs Frino	7 AND 8
Manga Club	Library	Mrs Frino	7 AND 8
Arts and Crafts	C2	Mrs Lee	7 to 9
Invitation only HW Club	B1 and B3	Mrs Wilson and Mrs Henderson	8 and 9
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
<b>BENCHBALL</b>	<b>SPORTSHALL</b>	<b>D SWYERS</b>	<b>8,10,12,</b>
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<b>SPORTSHALL</b>	<b>PE STAFF</b>	<b>7,9,11</b>
Library Books and Biscuits	Library	Mrs Frino	All
Rock and Pop Bands	Music Block	Miss Matthews	All
new! Rounders	field	PE dept	7 to 11
new! OPEN HOMEWORK CLUB	LIBRARY H5	MRS BENVENUTTO	ALL
<b>VARIOUS</b>			
DUKE OF EDINBURGH	E5	Mr Dolman	Y12



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## We are hiring!



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FOR LATEST VACANCY INFORMATION**

**WE ARE  
HIRING!**



**bounce  
forward**

*Thrive in life.  
Start with resilience.*



### RAISE RESILIENCE

Helping parents and children to thrive!

**A six-session course with home resources**

Raise Resilience is a series of on-line sessions for parents. It starts with personal resilience to remind you to look after yourself (easily forgotten) and takes you through key ingredients for building resilience in a way that is helpful for you and your children.

The sessions provide practical skills and information proven to support positive changes in cognition, behaviour, and mindsets. This is an opportunity that really helps with the small day to day stuff and can be a set of tools that help you and your children thrive in life.

This has been fully funded through Hertfordshire County Council to bring to parents in Herts for FREE!



Really informative, well delivered and easy to understand. Opened my mind and will be very useful for family life.

Four date and time options  
to choose from

**LEARN MORE & SIGN-UP**

