



Friday 15th November 2024

HEADLINES

St Mary's Catholic School



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 20th November

Red Wednesday

Friday 22nd November

Inset Day (no pupils in school)

Thursday 28th November

Autumn Mass

Thursday 5th December

Year 11 Parents' Evening,
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Year 11 Mock interviews

Friday 13th December

Year 8 Retreat

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December

Carol Service, 7pm, St Joseph
and the English Martyrs

Friday 20th December

End of term



Dear Parents

I am writing following a wonderful Presentation Evening last night where over 100 students received awards and trophies for academic excellence and endeavour. It was a fantastic evening with lots of happy students and very proud parents and staff. I am exceptionally proud of all of our students and in this edition will be sharing just a small sample of photos from such an enjoyable evening. Working in partnership with you as parents sets the solid foundations of success for our children. God Bless you and our teaching and support staff in building this great partnership.

You will also see in this edition our remarkable solemn and respectful whole school liturgy as we came together on Remembrance Day in prayer and reflection. We have also been experiencing our Form class November Liturgies in the chapel which have been very spiritually moving to support our students honour loved ones who have passed before us in our November liturgy as we remember those who have died. We will be marking those named in our book of remembrance in our Autumn term Mass which will be held on Thursday 28th November. Further information will be sent to you and your child regarding this opportunity for prayer.

Currently two of our Y13 students Julia and Alexandra are undertaking voluntary work experience with Samaritan's Hope Charity in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, they are assisting and supporting in an orphanage and school. The girls have sent us a diary of their experience with some stunning photographs of the work they are doing with the children. Please do keep them in your prayers for their exceptional leadership to undertake such a wonderful opportunity. I look forward to sharing this with you next week upon their return.

Wishing you and your families a restful and relaxing weekend.

God Bless
Deirdre McHugh



Presentation Evening



Positive House Point Celebration

Our students who achieved the highest House Points in their respective year groups over the last half term are shown below.

These students are rewarded with a special certificate and are entered into their Key Stage prize draw. Each of the winners will receive a £10.00 Amazon voucher.

These opportunities are available every to all Y7-11 students every half term this academic year.

Congratulations to all those involved.

Mr Eddleston, House Coordinator.



YEAR 7

Effah B
Alice P
Stephanie K
Rhalou C
Celeste S
Perry G
Oliver L
Philip O
Dominic N
Harriet S
Fabian W
Naomi O
Joyce W
Ben M
Ella FG
Pola B
Paula B
Carla G
Sienna E
Maisie S

YEAR 8

Charlotte E
Jamie C
Lorenzo R
Julia N
Ethan P
Libby P
Diana C
Mmasichukwu I-I
Isabella V
Wioleta H
Alexia K
Harry M
Timothy T-T
Carter F
Grace H
Sarah G
Thomas P
Isabelle W
Julia B
Niamh C
Ruby M
Sara MP
Eireann P
Patrick C
Anthony Y
Ruairi H

YEAR 9

Eliza J
Evie G
Amelia H
Fabio P-A
Nevina A
Rebecca N
Isaac B
Holly GW
Nana P
Kalina N
Adrian J
Michael T
Zenitta D-Y
Mya M
Olivia B-T
Lily T
Ava S-H
Tobiasz D'C
Megan F
Mikolaj W
Jaden A
Natalie R
Riley R
Tianna A
Natalia P
Sebastian S

YEAR 10

Anastasia G
David D'C
Alexander M
Abbie L
Amy H
Olaf S
Ava C
Sophia S
Mia F
Ifechukwu David I-I
Anna S
Ladine B
Carlos C
Martha E
Thomas G
Maya E
Sarah B
Darragh M
Sophie S
Dylan S
Zion D
Cristopher A-R
Alex L
Calum V
Daniel L
Gus R

YEAR 11

Ryan K
Barnaby W
Luke T
Codie N
Ruby C
Nathan M-P
Katie H
Georgia M
Kieran P
Rosie M
Daniel H
Evie D
Jan P
Jayden L
Austin G
Anna N
Ilaria B
Michael C
Alicja M
Fabio S-A
Christabel E
Asantwa A
Alexandra P-W
Keannan B
Efua W
Marlow W

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Isla K, 8A, who has been selected to represent Essex in a cross-country event next month.

Isla, along with two team-mates, took part in the English Cross-Country Relay Championships in Mansfield recently. It was one of the biggest events of the year, with competitors from all over the country including Olympic athletes.

Isla and her team-mates finished in third place, winning her first National Medal.



Nathan R, 8M, demonstrated exceptional skill and determination when he participated in the Cheshunt Anniversary Open Meets swimming competition recently.

Nathan secured one gold and two bronze medals.

Well done!

Remembrance Day



On Monday 11th November, the whole school gathered together as a community to honour and remember those who have made sacrifices for our future.

In a service of reflection and respect, we paid tribute to their courage, their memory and the enduring values of peace and unity.

Year 7 'Science in Music'

This week Year 7 embraced the opportunity to learn about the 'Science Of Music' using their own home-made musical instruments. Year 7 students were encouraged to use a range of different materials to design an instrument at home that would vary in pitch and amplitude, and investigate the sound their instrument made.

Pupils used time in lessons to experiment with different sound combinations and compare and contrast different instrument designs. The results were both informative and tuneful! Well done to all Year 7's who put time and effort into making the most of this cross curricular 'Science In Music' project.





On Thursday 5th December, all Year 11 students will be taking part in our Mock Interview Day. Having a mock interview will help students learn how to answer difficult questions, develop interview strategies, improve their communication skills and help students to remain calm before an actual interview.

We need volunteers to be our Interviewers
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED

We would appreciate any parents / carers to come in on the day and assist in being an interviewer.

If you can support us, please email Mrs Knight on info@stmarys.net. Thank You!

Notices



Parent- Teacher Email protocol

We encourage you to communicate with your child's tutor and teachers when needed, and have updated our protocol to help ensure this works well for all parties.

- Please **ONLY** use info@stmarys.net, stating the name or department you would like it forwarded to. SENDCO@stmarys.net and other similar emails will be discontinued.
- Many teachers have full teaching days, please therefore allow them 48 hours in which to respond to your query, as per our staff email policy.
- Where a teacher needs to find out more information, they may need to send you a holding email which will tell you when you should next expect to hear from them.



HAPpy Camps

HAPpy Camps will be returning during the school winter holiday for children and teens living in Hertfordshire who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Bookings go live on 29th November. Click [here](#) for more information and how to book.

The unique code for St Mary's is 2CW#3E

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