



Friday 28th March 2025

HEADLINES

St Mary's Catholic School



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 3rd April
Year 10 & 11 trip to
Fitzwilliam College,
Cambridge

Thursday 3rd April
Year 12 Parents' Evening
4.30pm - 7.30pm

Friday 4th April
End of term 1pm

**Monday 7th - Thursday
10th April**
GCSE Easter Holiday
Revision Classes

Tuesday 22 April
Spring Term commences

**Friday 25th - Saturday 26th
April**
Year 10 Silver D of E Practice
expedition



Dear St Mary's Community,

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity, showcasing the incredible talents and compassionate hearts of our students. Our Spring Music concert on Tuesday evening was nothing short of spectacular. The evening was a testament to the dedication and skill of our young musicians, who filled the air with melodies that had parents and audience members alike swaying and singing along. It was truly a night to remember, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Ms Matthews, our Head of Music, along with Mrs Cox, Mrs Russell, Ms Nairn, and Dr Bentley for their tireless efforts in nurturing our students' musical abilities and orchestrating such a magnificent celebration of talent. I look forward to sharing more of the professional photos taken at the event with you shortly.

The spirit of giving has been palpable throughout our recent Charity Week. I am overwhelmed with pride at the enthusiasm and creativity our students have shown in their fundraising endeavours. Your generosity has been nothing short of astounding, with an impressive £8,110.42 raised by midday today for the Catholic Children's Society and Across. This figure doesn't even include the proceeds from the ongoing 'Grow your Tenner' challenge, which promises to boost our final total even further. Your support has been invaluable in teaching our young people the importance of compassion and community service. Page 2 in this edition shares some of the photographs of the numerous events with you.

As we reflect on the success of Charity Week, I'm reminded of the words from Corinthians: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." The joy and enthusiasm with which our students have embraced this challenge truly embodies this spirit of cheerful giving, and most importantly educating our students to give generously of their time, skills and talents to help those most worthy and in need.

Looking ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to two important dates. Our Year 12 Parents' Consultation Evening is scheduled for Thursday, 3rd April, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress and future aspirations with their teachers at this critical time of their education journey.

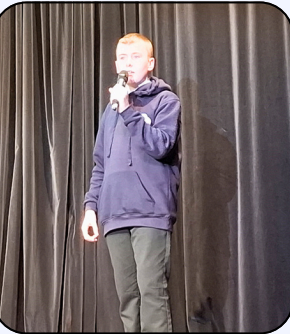
Finally, please note that the Spring term will conclude on Friday, 4th April, with students finishing at 1:00 pm.

As we approach the last week of the spring term, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your continued support of our school community. The achievements we celebrate today are a reflection of the collaborative effort between our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, of course, our remarkable students.

God Bless,
Miss Deirdre McHugh

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Charity Week



Inter House Lent Tenner Challenge

During this period of Lent, our school community came together to raise as much money as possible for our two dedicated charities; Westminster Catholic Children Society and Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Every form class from Y7-13 was given £10.00 to try and make as much profit as possible. Students were challenged to come up with lots of ethical and sustainable ways of raising money.

Every Key Stage had an allotted week to lead their fundraising event. There were so many excellent student-led events ranging from car washing to photo booth!

Once again, this was a further demonstration of how well our school community pulled together for the benefit of the greater good.

Congratulations to all involved.

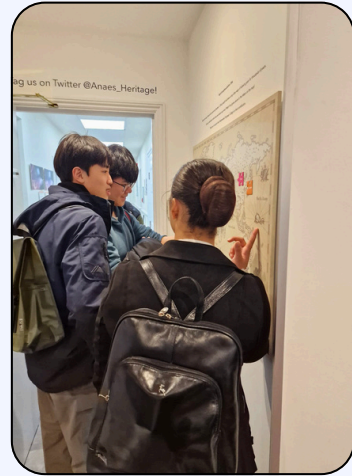


Aspiring Medics trip

Last Friday, a small group of Year 10 and 12 students had the great opportunity of visiting a number of locations in London relating to health and medicine. We started by visiting the Wellcome Collection, a museum and library that explores aspects of health, medicine, and the human experience. Afterwards at the Anaesthesia Heritage Centre, we learnt about the interesting history of the group of drugs integral to modern medicine.

The highlight for me was the campus tour at UCL at the end of the day, a global top 10 university, where we learnt some things about the area and the student life, as well as the long history of the prestigious institution.

Fabian J (Y12)



On Friday, we had the opportunity to visit a variety of different museums and exhibitions which allowed us to get a deeper understanding of the diversity medicine possesses.

We first visited the Wellcome Collection which had a range of different exhibitions and resources. One notable feature was the collection of zines - pieces of artwork designed by disabled patients portraying their personal experiences in a unique way.

Next we visited the Anaesthesia Heritage Centre which explored the history of drugs that are used in modern medicine today.

We also visited the UCL Grant Museum of Zoology. Despite not being very keen on animals, I found this experience very intriguing. We saw many different animal fossils and the preserved remains of extinct species.

Finally, we had the chance to experience a campus tour at UCL, a leading university with a world renowned medical school. Having the opportunity to take things in, face to face, was an experience which I'm very grateful for as it showed me what the future can hold for me if I remain committed and dedicated. The whole day was very enriching and one which I'd do again.

Osahon O (12M)

Pupil Success

Drumming up a storm!

Congratulations to Toby G Y9 on his performances as drummer in the “Uprising” show. Toby is a very proud drummer and had a wonderful experience.

It was a fantastic show and clearly impressed the audiences!
A great effort and a major accomplishment for our talented Y9 drummer and percussionist.



Y8 Girls' District Netball

The girls played incredibly well with the A team beating Saffron Walden and Bishops Stortford College, coming second in the Cup. The B team lost one game to Avanti and also came second!

The girls have worked incredibly hard this year both in training and lessons and have reached great success! Special praise to Sophie B in year 11 went to umpire and has been helping coach.

A Team: Mai M, Libby P, Ruby M, Julia N, Peaches B, Aoife M, Ava H

B Team: Zoe O, Olivia B, Olivia H, Isla M, Darcey H, Sarah G, Illenia T



Vice House Captain Team Building

This week saw our Vice House Captains come together to develop their leadership skills. The students participated in a series of team building events, ranging from problem solving to physical challenges.

This event enabled our students to get to know their peers from other year groups who were part of their House. It was wonderful to see our older students take pride in guiding their younger peers.

Led by our Senior House Prefects, the event was a roaring success, with students having benefitted greatly from this experience.



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New Intake night:

Monday 31st March 2025, 19:20 - 21:30 (no paperwork, just turn up)

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Year 10 & 12 Students

The deadline to upload work experience placements to Unifrog is Monday 21st April.



MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT HUB

Hayfever & Allergies

Please ensure all students with hayfever and seasonal allergies are given 'one-a-day' antihistamines before they leave for school each morning.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, please make sure they carry an in-date inhaler, you have submitted an IHCP and a spare inhaler is stored at the Student Hub. Please see our website for details and forms.

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Thursday 3rd April 2025



6pm - 8pm

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