



Friday 9th May 2025

HEADLINES

St Mary's Catholic School



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 14th May
Student vocations talk
with Fr Pascal

Thursday 15th May
Year 7 & 8 Girls team @
Hertfordshire Gaelic
Football Competition

**Friday 16th - Sunday
18th May**
D of E Silver Expedition

**Wednesday 21st May,
2:10pm - 3:15pm**
Mass with Fr Marco

**Thursday 22nd -
Tuesday 27th May**
New York trip



Dear St Mary's Community,

I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude for the remarkable achievements and milestones we've witnessed in recent weeks. Our school community continues to flourish, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Year 11 students have embarked on their GCSE journey, commencing with their first written paper in Business Studies this Friday afternoon. This marks the beginning of a crucial period in their academic lives, and we stand united in support of their endeavours. The recent Year 11 Celebration Day was a joyous occasion, allowing us to commemorate their hard work and dedication. As they face the challenges of the examinations ahead, we extend our heartfelt wishes and blessings to each and every one of them. This edition and our Instagram page has a photo tribute to the students. Exceptional praise to Ciara McL Y11 who wrote and produced the accompanying song to the photo montage really encapsulating the words and sentiments of our Y11 students.

Looking to the future, we've initiated the Head Pupil nominations and selection process for our Year 12 cohort, I will be sharing these with you shortly. This presents an exciting opportunity for our students to step into leadership roles and contribute to shaping the ethos of St Mary's for the academic year 2025-2026. The process not only recognises individual talents but also nurtures the spirit of service and responsibility that we hold dear.

A particularly poignant moment in our calendar was the Year 13 Leavers Day. The day was marked by a beautiful Mass of thanksgiving, celebrated by Fr Peter, which provided a fitting culmination to seven years of growth, learning, and fellowship. Our Year 13 students expressed their gratitude for the unwavering support of their parents, families, friends, and teachers. They reflected on the myriad opportunities they've embraced during their time at St Mary's, each experience contributing to their personal and academic development. As they stood before us, on the cusp of new beginnings, I was struck by how much they've grown and how well they embody the values we hold dear at St Mary's. Their journey with us may be drawing to a close, but the impact they've made on our school community will endure. We are immensely proud of each one of them and extend our blessings as they prepare for their final examinations.

These moments of celebration and transition remind us of the vibrant, supportive community we have built together at St Mary's. They underscore the importance of our shared mission in nurturing not just academic excellence, but also character, faith, and a sense of service. As we move forward, let us continue to support one another, celebrate our achievements, and face challenges with the same spirit of unity and determination that makes St Mary's truly special.

Wishing you and your families a blessed weekend.

Kindest regards,

Deirdre McHugh



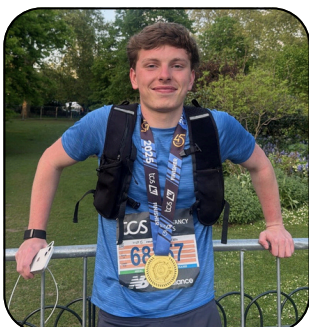
LOVE - RESPECT - FLOURISH

Pupil Achievements

Our Head Pupil and Student leadership Team for 2024-2025 celebrated a lunch with Miss McHugh and Mr Eddleston to thank them sincerely for their commitment, dedication and exemplary role models for our St Mary's family. They are shining examples of our Gospel values being lived each and every day.



We are so proud of our exceptional students here at St Mary's. Pictured below are the winners of the Franciscan Values Award for the Spring Term.



A sincere congratulations to Y13 student Eoghan and Mx Harritt, Sixth Form Manager, who both successfully completed the recent London Marathon in fantastic times.

We are exceptionally proud of their tremendous achievements!

Good Luck Year 11!

This week saw two sets of memorable celebrations. Firstly, on Tuesday our Year 11 students attended their Celebration Mass, followed by a celebratory barbeque and the traditional shirt-signing. We wish Year 11 all the very best of luck in their upcoming exams!



Good Luck Year 13!

On Thursday, our Year 13 Leavers took part in a beautiful Celebration Mass followed by a barbecue. We send you all the very best of luck for your exams.



EMPOWERING PARENTS TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE



Bounce Forward, in collaboration with the Harry Kane Foundation, are gifting a series of six online sessions that equip parents with the knowledge and tools to foster mental resilience and emotional wellbeing for themselves and their children.

What we'll cover

- How the brain works, the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Nurturing optimism and thinking flexibly to overcome adversity
- Helping children gain more control over how they feel and behave
- Developing empathy
- How to connect meaningfully
- Enabling a growth mindset and focusing on strengths

17,000+ parents highly rate this programme

*"It was so amazing, I looked forward to the sessions each week, learnt a lot of mind blowing information, that I have applied to my life and have seen improvements! Wish there was more sessions, so sad that it has ended! I have loved learning about my strengths, the ABCs, process praise, the growth mind set, being aware of my gremlins, it has been wonderful learning, and these sessions have been apart of my self care!
Thank you ever so much!"*

REGISTER HERE



MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT HUB

Appointment and Signing Out Procedure

Please send all appointment requests with at least 48 hours notice (where possible) to **attendance@stmarys.net**

If you are collecting a student for an appointment, please make sure you let us know you are here by pushing the buzzer on the gate and speaking to a member of the Hub staff.

If your child is due to leave school and make their own way to an appointment, please make that clear in your email.

To ensure your child is safe, we will not let them leave the school site unless the above information has been provided.

Hertfordshire Fire Cadets

Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Fire Cadet Training programme is aimed at young people aged 14-17 years old and is free of charge to join

Fire Cadets participate in practical and theoretical fire and rescue service activities, including hose drills, breathing apparatus procedures and fire safety awareness sessions. The scheme teaches young people essential life skills such as self-discipline, confidence and leadership.

They are currently recruiting Cadets for the new academic year (September 2025 intake) at the Cheshunt Cadet unit which runs on Monday evenings from 6.30pm - 8.30pm and is based at Cheshunt Fire Station,

For more information and an online application form click [here](#).

