



Friday 11th July 2025

HEADLINES

St Mary's Catholic School



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 15th July
Sports Day

Wednesday 16th July
Activities Day,
Yr7 - 10

Thursday 17th July
Year 12 Inside
Out Day

Friday 18th July
End of Year
Presentation
Assemblies

Friday 18th July
Term ends 1pm

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Wednesday 3rd September
New Years 7 & 12
ONLY in school

Thursday 4th September
ALL PUPILS IN
SCHOOL



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Dear Parents, Students and Families,

What a truly magnificent time we have had celebrating our wonderful school community over these past weeks. I am filled with such joy and pride as I reflect on the exceptional events that have brought us all together.

Our Y13 Prom was absolutely magical - a most wonderful evening celebrating not only the achievements of our remarkable Year 13 students, but also marking the completion of their seven years of study here at St Mary's. These young people have grown into exceptional individuals, and as they prepare for their A level results this summer, we wish them every happiness and success in their future endeavours. They will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Friday 4th July brought us our Annual Sports Award evening, and what a celebration it was! The atmosphere was electric as we recognised the outstanding sporting achievements across all our extra-curricular clubs and activities. It was truly a wonderful family event, and I must extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) who made the evening so special by providing the licenced bar, refreshments and summer raffle. Their continued support means the world to us.

The highlight of recent weeks has undoubtedly been our Y6 Induction evening for our new intake parents and students. What a highly successful and beautiful occasion this was! Our new families were welcomed with such warmth, and the Induction day itself was simply exceptional. The Induction Liturgy was particularly moving - the fabulous and joyful singing filled our hearts and perfectly captured the spirit of our St Mary's family. These new students will bring such energy and enthusiasm to our community.

As we approach the end of this academic year, please note these important dates: **Sports Day** will take place on **Tuesday 15th July**, with detailed information to follow in a separate email. We are mindful of the hot weather yellow warning currently in place and will ensure all appropriate measures are taken. **Activities Day** follows on **Wednesday 16th July**, and our **End of Year Presentation Assemblies** will be held on **Friday 18th July**.

School closes for the summer holidays on Friday 18th July at 1.00pm, marking the end of another wonderful year at St Mary's. Thank you all for your continued support and for making our school community so special.

With warmest regards,

Deirdre McHugh
Head Teacher



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PE Presentation Evening



Sporting Success

We are incredibly proud to share the outstanding achievements of our Year 7-9 male pupils who recently competed in the prestigious Bruce Longden Athletics Challenge. Their dedication, teamwork, and sporting excellence were on full display—and their results speak for themselves!

Our Year 7 team showed exceptional skill and determination, earning the title of joint winners of their division. Meanwhile, the combined Year 8 and 9 team delivered a fantastic performance, finishing as runners-up in a highly competitive division.

A special congratulations goes to the following pupils who won their individual events:

- Fabian W (Year 7) – Long Jump
- Mattias S (Year 7) – Triple Jump
- Blessing H (Year 7) – High Jump
- Noah P (Year 9) – Discus
- Cian H-F (Year 9) – Shot Put
- Joseph S (Year 9) – Javelin



These results reflect not only the athletic talent within our school but also the hard work and commitment of each individual who took part. We are extremely proud of all the boys who represented us with such pride and endeavour.

Well done to all our athletes—your achievements inspire us all!

Mr Eddleston

Pupil Achievements

Celebrating success!

Congratulations to Kai F (Year 12) who has achieved a remarkable milestone by being selected to represent Hertfordshire County at the prestigious English Schools Athletics Championships, which will be held at the Alexandra Stadium in Birmingham.

Kai earned his place on the county team following a stellar performance at the Hertfordshire County Athletics Championships, where he demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication, and sportsmanship.

We wish him every success as he competes in Birmingham.



Gaelic Football Stars Shine Bright!

A huge congratulations to Louisa, Francesa, Imogen, Maisie, Blake, and Ella and May, who proudly represented both Hertfordshire County & London in the All-British Féile and Irish Féile this year. Each of them played with incredible skill, determination, and team spirit. Their success is a brilliant example of what can be achieved when you play with passion, purpose, and a whole lot of heart.

We couldn't be prouder!



Inter-House Darts Competition

Aiming for Success!

We're delighted to congratulate all our Year 7-10 pupils who took part in this year's Inter-House Darts Competition. The event was a fantastic display of focus, skill, and sportsmanship, with students showing great enthusiasm and determination.

Each match was played in a positive spirit, and it was brilliant to see pupils supporting their teammates and enjoying healthy competition. Whether it was a bullseye finish or a narrow win, every game added to the excitement of the tournament.

A massive well done to all participants – your efforts and commitment truly made the event a success. Special congratulations to the students of House A were the overall winners of the competition.

Finally, thank you to our wonderful Year 9-10 student leaders who helped officiate the matches.



Inter-House Orienteering Competition

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our recent Inter-House Orienteering Competition, an exciting event that brought together students from all year levels to test their navigation skills, perseverance, and – most importantly – their teamwork!

Held on the school grounds, the competition challenged students to work in House Teams to map read and locate orienteering points. From the moment the competition started, it was clear that each team was determined to give their very best – and they did not disappoint!

What We Celebrated:

- Teamwork in Action – Students demonstrated incredible collaboration as they strategised routes, encouraged one another, and divided tasks effectively.
- Effort and resilience – Whether racing to beat the clock or solving tricky navigation puzzles, every student gave 100%, showing true determination and grit.
- Developing Orienteering Skills – Map-reading, decision-making, and spatial awareness were on full display – essential life skills learned through fun and adventure.

This event wasn't just about finding the fastest route – it was about learning through experience, supporting one another, and celebrating every step forward. We couldn't be prouder of all the students who took part.

A special congratulations to House T (Y7 & 9) and House B (Y8 & 10) for winning their respective competitions. Finally, a massive thank you to our Y12 A Level Geographers who organised and led the competition expertly.



Icanyoucantoo

Every year, a group of Year 12 students from St Mary's are selected to take part in the prestigious icanyoucantoo programme. Here Lucia P, one of this year's participants, writes about her experience on the programme and what it has meant to her:

This Tuesday marked the finale of the icanyoucantoo programme, closing a chapter on what has been one of the most transformative and inspiring journeys of my life so far. Over the course of 10 months, 16 core sessions, and countless immersive experiences, I've been fortunate enough to grow, learn, and form connections that I know will last a lifetime.

For those unfamiliar, icanyoucantoo is a mentorship programme designed to empower young people, equipping them with the confidence, knowledge, and opportunities to pursue their dreams. I joined the Healthcare Pathway—a decision that has been truly invaluable to both my personal growth and my professional development as I pursue a career in dentistry.

Throughout the programme, we explored an incredible range of topics. From preparing for the UCAT and tackling challenging ethical scenarios to mastering the art of presentations and developing strong interview skills, each session offered insights that went far beyond what I had expected. One of the most rewarding aspects was gaining soft skills like networking, building meaningful connections, and learning about the diverse journeys of everyone around me. A personal highlight was the chance to develop practical skills—practising suturing and even performing dental fillings on teeth models. These hands-on experiences gave me an exciting glimpse into the world of healthcare and strengthened my resolve to follow this path.

Yet icanyoucantoo wasn't just about knowledge and skills—it was about people. Over these 10 months, I've built friendships with fellow students from across London and formed meaningful relationships with mentors who treated us with kindness, respect, and unwavering support. Together, we created more than just a community—we became a family.

The finale perfectly captured this journey. We came together to celebrate our achievements and listened to heartfelt speeches from five groups of this year's students. Each one spoke with such passion and honesty about how the programme had impacted their lives. Their words were inspiring and emotional—a powerful reminder of how far we've all come since that very first session.

Although it was bittersweet to say goodbye, the atmosphere was filled with love, gratitude, and hope. As one mentor put it so beautifully, "This isn't really goodbye." The connections we've made and the lessons we've learned will remain with us long after the programme has ended.

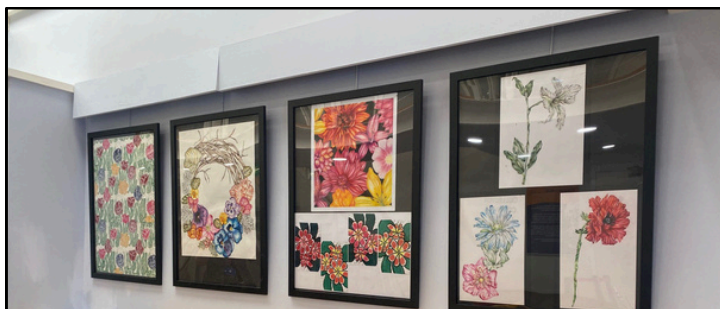
I am so incredibly thankful for this unique experience. icanyoucantoo has given me guidance, confidence, and memories I will carry with me forever. It's not just a programme—it's a family. And while this chapter has closed, the journey it began for all of us is only just beginning.



NOTICES

St Mary's Catholic School A Level Art Exhibition: South Mill Arts Centre until 23rd July 2025.

If you are in the area please drop in to see the incredible work our A level students have produced this year!



MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT HUB

All lost property should be collected from the Student Hub by 1pm on Friday 18th July.

Any items not claimed by this point will be disposed of.



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