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St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

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Year 11 & 13 Prom Week!



This afternoon, the whole school campus was abuzz with the music and excitement from the sports field, as the whole school participated in or supported the biggest House Cup event of the calendar.

Now that the exams are over, we hosted the Year 11 Prom at Manor of Groves hotel on Wednesday evening; a great time was had by all—and there are lots of pictures inside this Headlines edition. It's the turn of the Year 13s this evening and we look forward to celebrating the end of their 7 year St. Mary's journey together.

It's possibly the busiest time of the year—don't forget that you can also follow school events on our Twitter page @StMarysRCDOW.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

God Bless.

Mr Johnston
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday/Tuesday 3rd/4th July 2023
Sixth Form Induction Days

Tuesday 4th July 2023
Class 8A & Class 8B Form Retreat

Thursday 6th July 2023
Class 8R & Class 8K Form Retreat

Friday 7th July 2023
Class 8M & 8J Form Retreat

Friday 7th July 2023
PE Presentation Evening

Week Commencing Monday 10th July 2023
Year 7 Science Enrichment Week
Year 10 Work Experience Visits All Week
Year 12 Enrichment Week



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Year 11 Prom



Year 11 Prom



Prom
2023

Rotary Club Young Chef Competition



St. Mary's entered two teams in the annual Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford Young Chef competition held at Birchwood School. The junior team consisted of Year 8 students Christiaan, Mateusz and David, and the Intermediate team of Rosie, Evie and Jessica were selected from Ms. Johnson's Year 10 GCSE class.

This annual event gives students vital experience in a range of key areas within the food, nutrition and preparation curriculum including independently planning a healthy meal, presentation of food and hygiene considerations.

This year seventeen teams from local schools entered and prizes are awarded to the winners in each category. Additionally, all fifty-one student chefs are individually observed and judged for the opportunity to represent the Bishop's Stortford area at the district competition and be awarded Young Chef of the year 2023.

Prior to the event students are required to plan, cost and practice their dishes so at the event they are able to prepare and present, as a team, a three-course healthy meal for two people costing no more than £22 served at the correct temperature within a cooking time of 90 minutes.

A prestigious panel of judges graded the teams on planning, healthy choices, use of equipment, hygiene, range of skills and taste.

The St. Mary's Junior team crafted a meal of asparagus soup with garlic croutons served with asparagus wrapped in Parma ham, smoked haddock and lardon risotto served with parmesan crisp, meringue, fruit coulis seasonal fruits with mint and lemon sorbet. The team received high praise from the judges for their creative menu choices, flavour and teamwork.



After three hours of high intensity competition Rosie, Evie and Jessica were announced winners of the Intermediate category. Their pan-roasted duck breast served in a lettuce boat with pickled cucumber, spring onion and plum sauce, prawn and bamboo shoot dim sum served in a prawn shell ramen soup and choux pastry puffs filled with lavender creme patisserie and seasonal fruit coulis were all ethically and locally sourced. The judges loved it.

Both teams planned and executed their meal for two perfectly cooking alongside eight other teams in a realistically pressured environment like that associated with the dynamics of a professional kitchen.

The much-anticipated final announcement of the evening was that of Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford Young Chef of the year 2023. We were all thrilled to congratulate Rosie on this achievement and gaining the title Young Chef of the Year. Rosie was recognised for her organisation, knowledge, technique, creativity, tenacity and encouragement of her team.

Congratulations to Christiaan, Mateusz, David, Rosie, Evie, Jessica who all represented our school with pride and produced some amazing outcomes.

I would like to give a special thank you to Miss. Delamain for all her hard work in the planning and preparation of the teams for this trip and to the families who have supported the home cooking practice that made this event so memorable.

Mr. Webb



District Athletics Runners-Up



I'm delighted to report that St Mary's were the overall runners-up of the District Athletics Competition.

Our most talented athletes competed against other students from many other schools within the District. There were many outstanding individual and team performances on the day.

A special congratulations to the Year 10 and Year 11 boys team who won their respective competition. This is quite a feat considering they were competing against the likes of The Boy's High School and Saffron Walden County High School!

Well done to all involved.
Mr Eddleston

Results

Age Group	Overall Points	Position
GIRLS		
Year 7	37	4th
Y8	65	4th
Y9	79	2 nd (joint)
Y10/11	87	3rd
BOYS		
Y7	40	4 th (joint)
Y8	79	2nd
Y9	66	3rd
Y10/11	119	1st



Power Down / No Electricity Friday 14 July



On Friday 14 July we are challenging the staff and students to engage in a Power down/ No electricity day.

This is part of our aim to achieve the Live Simply award from CAFOD and being inspired by Pope Francis "Laudato Si" letter. It will also enable us to reduce the school's carbon footprint and helping to Live more sustainably.

At School we will be aiming to:

- Have no Lights on in the classroom/ around school

- To not use of projectors/ electronic devices

- Ensure desktop computers are turned off/in sleep, if not essential,

- To not charge laptops / Phones / devices at school and minimise their use

As a challenged we are asking our school families to also attempt to imitate our example by having a "Power Down / Electricity free day". I appreciate that this may seem a difficult/daunting task, however your involvement and engagement at home would also be welcomed and appreciated. I also understand that there will be times when electricity may be essential to our everyday life, such as to work, cook food, or for Health and safety reasons, however, if we all aim to reduce our electrical consumption then that it as a fantastic start. It will certainly need a bit of time to plan out for everyone at School and Home, however, if we all work together as a community, then it would be at least one day when our need for fossil fuels would be diminished and we would be caring for our common home.

Mr Wright



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAREERS BULLETIN

hrc Hertford Regional College

Hertford Regional College came in to school last week (Wednesday 21st June) and provided a talk to Year 8 students about the options available to them post-16. HRC went through the different levels of courses they offer and the many different courses the college offer to get our Year 8 students thinking about their futures and what type of career they may want to follow. Some Year 10 students were also given the opportunity to speak with the college about courses they could be applying for in just a few months' time.



OPEN EVENINGS



LONG ROAD
OPEN EVENINGS
4TH & 5TH JULY 2023, 5-9PM



Thursday 29th June 2023 - 17.30 to 20.00

www.myopendays.co.uk

OPEN DAYS IN JULY

Apprenticeships in Civil Engineering, available with company Tarmac



There are apprenticeships available in levels 2, 3, 4 & 5. Interviews start Early July, you could start working for Tarmac as soon as 31st August 2023. Location: London Waltham Forest. To apply please visit their website: <https://tarmaccareers.com/early-careers/apprentices-and-higher-apprentices>

GO FIND YOUR NHS CAREER

NHS and Social Care Careers Expedition!

Where: ARU Chelmsford CM1 1SQ When:
Monday 3rd July 9:30 – 11:30 or 12.30 – 2.30pm.



Careers Stands Include:

Social & Community Care	Midwifery	Healthcare Sciences
Ambulance Service	Pharmacy	Nursing
Primary Care	Mental Health	Medicine

Allied Health Professionals e.g. Occupational Health, Physiotherapy, Radiotherapy, Speech & Language, Prosthetics, Podiatrists

Work Experience within the NHS

Work experience is a fantastic way of gaining insight into a career especially what a day in the life is like for that job. With over 350 career options available in health and care it can seem a daunting experience to choose which job is right for you and work experience can help you with those decisions. There are multiple work experience placements within the NHS via their Academy website <https://academy.healthierfuture.org.uk/work-experience-and-volunteering>
Get out there, Get Experience, Get Career Exploring!

JOB OF THE WEEK

Retail Buyer

Retail buyers are responsible for choosing and purchasing products to sell in retail stores. They are required to research, to ensure they select the best quality products that customers will want. Communication is a key skill for this job.

Starting Salary: £18,000 – 25,000

Experienced Average Salary: £25,000 – 45,000

Senior Buyers: £45,000 – 70,000

Do you need a Degree?

Ideally, Retail or Business Degree some employers accept HND's and experience.



Locker Day

Friday 14th July



- All Lockers **must** be emptied before the end of the Summer term
- All keys **must** be returned to Form Tutors no later than **Friday 14th July**
- Y7-9 Students who return their key by the above date will receive a £5 refund via Parent Pay

Year 11 / Year 13 – School Leavers Balance on Student Account

Where your child is leaving the school and has a credit balance on their account, monies will be refunded to you.

For all refunds please send an email to info@stmarys.net, for the attention of the Finance Department/Parent Pay, requesting the amount to be refunded to you.

Where there is a debit balance, please ensure this is settled in advance of the 19th July 2023.



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We are hiring!

School Caretaker

Full Time, all year round



Full Time (37 hours per week)

Salary: H3:5- H4:9** (£21,575 - £23,194 + Fringe £663)

**depending on skills and experience.

Start Date: ASAP

Are you a hands on, practical person looking for a role in an excellent secondary school?

Do you enjoy working on buildings, grounds or property maintenance, or have experience in estates, premises, facilities or caretaking duties? Perhaps you have skills or experience in one or more of these areas and are looking to expand your role.

If you are able to work on your own initiative, practical and hardworking and hold a full driving licence (or be working towards one), and have the skills (or able to learn the skills) to carry out a wide range of practical tasks then we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for someone to take on a full time, all year round role, for 37 hours per week (including working in school holidays and outside school hours). There may also be the opportunity for additional paid hours outside of this, for example relating to lettings etc.

The forms can be found on the school website here www.stmarys.net/

Please email recruitment@stmarys.net for more information or to submit an application.



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Click Here For Latest Vacancy Information

<https://www.stmarys.net/vacancies>



The poster features a central sun-like graphic with the text 'St Clare SUMMER FAYRE'. Above it are colorful bunting flags. To the right is the St Clare Hospice logo. Below the main title, the date 'SATURDAY 8th July' is displayed in a large orange banner, followed by '2023' and '11am - 4pm'. The location 'St Clare Hospice, Hastingwood, CM17 9JX' is in a yellow banner. A list of activities (Shows, Games, Giant inflatables, Dogs welcome, Yummy food, Market stalls and much more!) is in a white box. A pink cloud-shaped callout states 'FREE entry for kids! £3 per adult'. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the website 'stclarehospice.org.uk/summer-fayre', the phone number '01279 773750', and the Goodnus logo with the tagline 'Delivering happiness'. Social media handles for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are also listed.

St Clare
SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY
8th July
✧ 2023 ✧
11am - 4pm

**St Clare Hospice,
Hastingwood, CM17 9JX**

Shows, Games, Giant inflatables,
Dogs welcome, Yummy food,
Market stalls and much more!

**FREE entry
for kids!
£3 per adult**

 **FIND OUT MORE**
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summer-fayre](https://stclarehospice.org.uk/summer-fayre)
☎ 01279 773750

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Registered Charity No. 1063631



Student Travel 2023-24

Do you or your child travel to University, College or School by bus? If so, we've got the perfect solution! Arriva Student and Child Saver tickets are valid for anyone in full time education and, is a cost effective and flexible way of paying for travel costs.

Unlimited travel - You'll get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus, at any time, across all routes in your chosen area.

No restrictions - The Saver tickets will cover your travel to and from University, School or College, evenings, weekends and throughout the holidays too at any time of the day.

Flexible payments - Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows you to spread the cost of your ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved, making it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel for the whole Academic year, without paying upfront.

Sign up in advance - Either set your direct debit to start at a future date for when you need the ticket or, you can start your ticket now to get used to the local bus routes.

Plan your journey - Please use our 'Plan a journey' tool on our website to work out which bus you require or, download our app on the Apple Store or Google Play: www.arrivabus.co.uk

It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit and for further information please use the link or scan the QR code below and, select the region the school, college or university is in:

www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets



Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your mobile phone, so you won't have to worry about paying every time you board the bus. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

For any queries regarding the scheme, please email: talktous@arriva.co.uk

Direct Debit tickets are an alternative to the Herts Saver Card. A Herts Saver Card will only be required as a form of ID with a Direct Debit Ticket, for any student (6th form upwards, College or University Student), who does not have a valid student ID. Any student in school year up to Year 11, will not require a Herts Saver Card with a Direct Debit Ticket

***Our tickets do not cover Arriva London/TFL routes**



Never Lose your ticket again
Choose to have your ticket on your
mobile phone with the Arriva UK Bus
app.





Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

at Bishop's Stortford
Young People's Centre, 14
Northgate End,
Bishop's Stortford CM23 2EU

Join us this Summer
Mon 24 July to
Fri 11 August 2023
2-6pm each weekday

For young people aged 12-16

Priority booking for those eligible for
benefits-related free school meals

- Fun physical activities such as sports, dance and team games
- Creative activities such as music production, cooking, arts and crafts.
- Informal healthy lifestyles workshops
- Meet and socialise with other young people
- Free healthy food every day

Use the QR code below or contact
SfYP East Herts Team to sign up.

Area Team Manager: Mark Hughes
Youth Work Practice Manager: Russell Cairns

Tel: 01992 588220 Text: 07860 065173
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www.servicesforyoungpeople.org
 @EastHertsTeam



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**at Ware Young People's Centre
Marsh Lane,
Ware, SG12 9QB**

**Join us this Summer
Mon 24 July to
Fri 11 August 2023
1-5pm each weekday**

For young people aged 12-16

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benefits-related free school meals*

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**at Herts Young Mariners Base, 231
Windmill Lane, Cheshunt EN8 9AJ**

**Join us this Summer
Mon 24 July to
Fri 11 August 2023
1-5pm each weekday**

For young people aged 12-16

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

at Waltham Cross
Young People's Centre,
Stanhope Road,
Waltham Cross EN8 7DJ

Join us this Summer
Mon 7 Aug to
Fri 25 August 2023
4-8pm each weekday

For young people aged 12-16

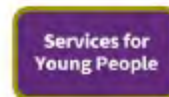
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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**at Hatfield
Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor
Link Drive
Hatfield AL10 8TP**

**Join us this Summer
Mon 24 July to
Fri 11 August 2023
3.30-7.30pm each weekday**

For young people aged 12-16

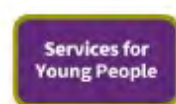
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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

at Welwyn Garden City Young
People's Centre, Oaklands
College, Welwyn Garden City
AL8 6AH

Join us this Summer
Mon 31 July to
Fri 18 August 2023
12-4pm each weekday


For young people aged 12-16

Priority booking for those eligible for
benefits-related free school meals

- Fun physical activities such as sports, dance and team games
- Creative activities such as music production, cooking, arts and crafts.
- Informal healthy lifestyles workshops
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