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St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

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Racial Justice Week

Mr Johnston - Headteacher

This week in school we have held the first Racial Justice Week, in which we are celebrating our diversity, reflecting on the fact that we are all made in the image and likeness of God—and that our differences draw us together as much as our similarities. This work is part of Objective 6 of the school's 3 Year Development Plan.

There have been a range of activities across the school, from assemblies led by the Sixth Form Student Leaders, to food from across the world in the Refectory! Students have also been considering racial justice, equality and diversity (RJED) in lessons and PSHEE and through events in the library.

We have also asked all 1156 students to share with us their thumbprint to use in a large collage containing these, within the words 'Imago Dei' (in the image of God). This will be a visual reminder of the Trust value that all children are the unique thumbprint of God. On this, I have asked all the children in the Trust primary schools to contribute their thumbprints, too (I sent them a video message to play in school and a reflection postcard to print their thumb onto). I very much look forward to seeing the final outcome of that soon!

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you for completing this. If you have not yet done so, please click here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8TMFu0JeWb>

Deadline Monday 26th January

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 31st January 2024
Pre-Ski Trip Info Evening (7pm)

Thursday 1st February 2024
Year 9 Options Evening

Monday-Friday 5th-9th February 2024
National Apprenticeship Week

Thursday 8th February 2024
Year 9 Parents Evening



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ST. MARY'S SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Congratulations to **Joe H** and to **Evan J** in Year 13 on their offers to study History (Joe) and Engineering (Evan) at the University of Cambridge in September!

Students have also received other fantastic offers such as Imperial College, London (Raul), Bristol (Demi), Warwick (Will) and many more—further details on Page 5 of these Headlines.

Mr Noble, Director of Sixth Form



Prayer of the Week



God of light and truth,
you call all women and men
to live lives of holiness and justice.

Help us to see in one another:
a heart which is tender,
a mind which is humble
and a care for our sisters and brothers;

so that together we may build up the Body of Christ
as a sign of hope and mercy for all.

We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.

Student Leadership on Racial Justice



For Racial Justice week there was a wide range of activities every day, including student lead Assemblies, inter house activities, our multicultural showcase, and suggested reading material in the Library.





Racial Justice in the Library

Read all about it!

**Borrow a book from the library to earn HPs.
Ask Mrs Frino for info and see the displays!**





Senior Inter House Dodgeball



This week saw our Year 12 and Year 13 students volunteer to represent their House in the Senior Inter House Dodgeball Competition.

There was a superb turn out of Sixth Form students who enjoyed friendly competition against one another.

All students received positive house points for their participation and performance on the day.

Well done to all involved.

Mr Eddleston.

House Coordinator



	A	J	M	T	Points	Place
A		5	3	1	9	3rd
J	1		1	3	5	4th
M	3	5		3	11	2nd
T	5	3	4		12	1st



Sixth Form Spiritual Leader Inspires!



Aspirations:

To know God in a deeper level and also inspire other youth to aspire and yearn for God



My faith journey so far has helped my life by allowing me come to peace with things that do go my way as the plan that God has for my life is full of prosperity.

Being part of St Mary's Catholic School develops and deepens my spiritual growth as through daily prayer and recognition of God it reminds me that I am not on my own and I have a God that is guiding me and protecting me through everything that I do

Bible Verse that inspires me the most is.....

"Then you will take delight in the Almighty and look up to God. You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfil your vows to him. You will succeed in whatever you choose to do, and light will shine on the road ahead of you."
Job 22:26-28 NLT

My understanding and interpretation of this is....

That our relationship with God is not just one way, as much as he hears our prayers it's just as important that we fulfil our vows to him

We can put this into our daily action by.....

Making sure we go about our days reflecting Jesus's walk on the world and following the instructions and commands of our Lord. Although it may not be an easy road following Christ in world and a society that is so different it's important to remember that as we fulfil our vows to him, he will be our light along this road and journey of life that we are on.



Artist in Focus



ARTIST IN FOCUS: Lilly S, Year 13

Why do you study or love Art?

Tell us about your journey and who you are...

I study and love Art because it has no boundaries. It is subjective and I am a very creative person! I enjoy expressing the world around me through my love of colour and passion for drawing.

Who inspires you?

Without being cliché, everything and everyone around me inspires me! My mum helps me so much with developing my ideas through talking about where I see my projects going and most artists I research inspire me to develop my passion for Art through continuing to produce work.

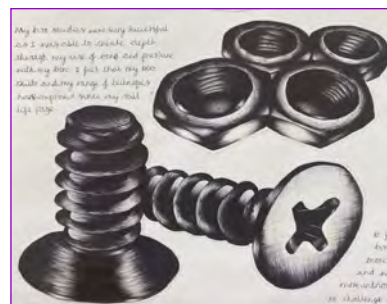
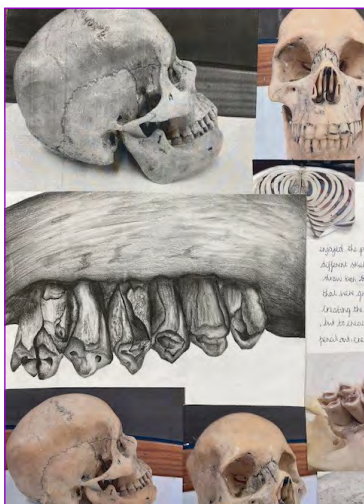
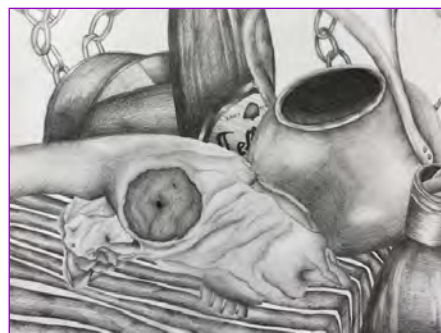
Where do you want to go and what do you want to do when you leave St Mary's?

I would love to be able to study interior design at University of the Arts London or Interior Architecture and Design at London Metropolitan University – hopefully one day I will be able to work in the interiors industry.

What advice would you give aspiring artists here at St Mary's?

Definitely keep on top of your workload – but also more importantly enjoy the process of how you work because however you achieve your artistic result it will be personal to you, and reflect your interests and specialities.

And also, most importantly, **DON'T GIVE UP!** This is easier said than done, but just keep trying, because you'll really see the difference and progress you have made over the course of time if you see it through and don't give up at the first hurdle.





Year 13 UCAS Applications ~ Conditional Offers!

UCAS

You may remember a Headlines article last term in which we highlighted twelve of our Year 13 students who had submitted their UCAS 'early applications' to apply for the most competitive universities and university courses.

For those close observers of the UCAS process, yesterday was a big date as it was when Cambridge University released their offers to applicants. We are delighted to update you that two of our students - Joe H (History) and Evan J (Engineering) have done exceptionally well in receiving conditional offers!

Other fabulous recent success that reflects the wealth of talent within the year group includes:

Raul M - Imperial College London - Biochemistry
 Demi S - University of Bristol - Civil Engineering
 Will B - University of Warwick - English Literature and Creative Writing
 Ella L - Queen Mary University of London - Biochemistry
 Kristen R - University of Southampton - Economics
 Ezekiel - Queen Mary University of London - Neuroscience

St Mary's Sixth Form are so proud of all those Year 13 students who have submitted their UCAS applications and are now enjoying the fruits of their labour through the exciting offers which they hold.

Please keep all Year 13 students in your thoughts and prayers over the coming months as they work hard towards their A-Level exams.

Mr B Noble
 Director of Sixth Form

St Mary's Catholic School Careers Bulletin

HOP INTO CONSTRUCTION

Taster day – Drylining / Groundworks

½ day informative and practical sessions for those with an interest in construction, specifically Drylining and Groundworks

22nd February 2024 Taster day for all 14 to 18-year-olds.

Location: Oaklands College, St Albans Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA

22nd February 2024

10:30 am to 12:30 pm Drylining with KPMG

13:30 to 15:30 pm Groundworks with Aden Contracting

Join CITB, Bam, Willmott Dixon and Morgan Sindall Construction, AVV Solutions, for an informative session on career paths in the construction sector. Gain valuable insight and knowledge as well as having a practical taster in Drylining or groundworks or join us for BOTH.

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You will also receive a tour of the college and its extensive facilities.

TO REGISTER and for more details, please follow the links below:





St Mary's Catholic School Careers Bulletin

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2024

National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is fast approaching and we are very excited to enrich the students knowledge on apprenticeships and the apprenticeships available in their subject areas. If you would like more information about apprenticeships, please check out:



www.amazingapprenticeships.com

GENERATION BROXBORNE 2024

Wednesday 6th March 2024 15:15—17:30 pm

Location: The Spotlight, High Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8BE

Planning your future career?

FIND OUT

- What local jobs and apprenticeships are available
- How you can apply
- What skills you need to succeed
- What to do next

Tuesday, January 30

Becoming a Police Officer - Insight session

Gain an insight into the role of a Police Officer and discuss the recruitment process and current pathways into Policing.



By Hertfordshire Constabulary
436 followers

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OPEN EVENINGS



Tuesday 6th February 2024 -17:30 to 20:00

Thursday 25th April 2024 - 17:30 to 20:00



Writtle
University
College

NEXT OPEN DAY
Saturday 13th of January

HARLOW COLLEGE

13 FEB
5-8PM



CAMBRIDGE
REGIONAL COLLEGE

Saturday 27th January 2024 - 10:00am-12:30pm



Chelmsford College

Wednesday 07th February 2024 (6pm to 8.30pm)



Stansted Airport College
Part of Harlow College

Open Event
Thursday 25th January
5-8pm



JOIN NOW



Penny Box Scheme



Here at St Mary's we have introduced our 'Penny Box' scheme.

On the back of the toilet doors in the girls toilets there is a sign for students to alert them what to do in the event they require sanitary products.

Students can come to the Student Hub and get what they need without embarrassment.

Students can ask to see "Miss Penny" or ask for the "Penny Box".

The 'Penny Box' scheme provides free access to sanitary wear (tampons and pads) when it is required.

The sanitary products are available for girls to take home if they want to come and get a pack. We also have sanitary pad 'starter packs' for Year 7 and tampon 'starter packs' for Year 9+, as well as standard packs of pads.



*Do you need
sanitary
items?*

Ask to see Miss Penny or come to
the Student Hub and ask for the
Penny Box.



DO YOU NEED
FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS?



Sunday 28 January 3pm

Andy Mellor
(Clarinet)
& **Angela Novy**
(Piano)



perform works by Schumann,
Howells and Bliss

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

FREE admission with retiring collection
Tea and cake served afterwards

www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk



**Dear colleague and friend of
Music at St Michael's**

**You are cordially invited to hear
Andy Mellor (clarinet) and
Angela Novy (piano) play a lovely
selection of music on
Sunday 28 January at 3pm at
St Michael's Church,
Bishop's Stortford.**

Andy is a superb clarinettist and will be
ably accompanied by Angela Novy
(musician in residence,
Bishop's Stortford College).

As usual, refreshments will be served
at the end, so please do consider
staying for a chat over tea and cake.

Admission is free with a retiring
collection for those would like to
make a donation.

**Nathan Collins
Director of Music
St Michael's Church,
Bishop's Stortford**

We are hiring!



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