



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

30th May 2022

Dear Family,

Half-term is finally upon us! Although it has been a short half-term since the Easter break it has been a very busy one for us at St Mary's. The new issue of the SMC Newsletter has captured some of the many exciting events that have taken place in the last few weeks, I hope you can take the time to read it because the achievements of our students here are truly remarkable.

It has also been remarkable to witness the focus, perseverance and relentless hard work of Year 11. The students are well into their GCSE exams now and continue to impress us all every day in the manner they conduct themselves, are coping with the rigour of public exams whilst still making every effort to attend lessons, revision and intervention. Well done Year 11! To those Year 10s who are also sitting GCSEs you have demonstrated a real commitment to attaining your best.

As we move into the final half-term of this year, I want to remind all parents and carers that the new school skirt will be compulsory for all **new** Year 7 students from September 2022. If your child is currently in the school, they can continue to wear the grey school skirt, but this must be worn appropriately. Jersey material or skirts that are too tight are not allowed. Skirts must also be **the correct length** as communicated previously. No skinny trousers are allowed. Translucent spacers are not permitted. I would ask all parents/carers to ensure that your child does not return to school with an extreme haircut. Thank you for your support in these matters.

As we move into our final half-term we are working hard to ensure that our enrichment offer at St Mary's for all students is second-to-none. In the new academic year all students will have access to a variety of trips and experiences which will open the door to new ideas and ways of thinking about our world. The Core Enrichment Journey will also be on our website and will form part of the Learning Journeys booklet moving forward. I am conscious of the cost-of-living increases at the moment, and we will keep this in mind and support families where we can.

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Regarding the Learning Journey Booklets, these allow all parents/carers as well as students to see what their child is studying at each stage of their academic career. I would encourage you to look at these with your child and discuss the new knowledge that they have acquired. The Learning Journeys can also be found on our website.

Thank you for all of your support with attendance and ensuring your child attends school as much as possible. St Mary's attendance in May has been above 95% whereas nationally it is below 90%, this shows how much our students value coming to school, enjoy their learning and feel that they want to be here. Of course, none of this would happen without parental support and I am very grateful for this.

Last of all, please could I ask you to complete the Parent View survey which can be accessed via this link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Your opinions, thoughts and views really matter.

I wish you all a peaceful half-term.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Stead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M'.

Mrs M Stead
Head of School



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NEWSLETTER

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Personal Development at SMC

Personal Development is crucial for all of our young people in order for them to become the most impressive young adults they can be. We have been very busy enhancing our Personal Development Journey to ensure that all youngsters have access to a diverse range of experiences, topics and events.

Our work around personal development is underpinned by a termly theme linked to British Values: this term is respect and tolerance. All assemblies, the weekly tutor citizenship session, the weekly Literacy for Life in KS3 lessons incorporate this theme.

As you can see in our Newsletter, this has meant that students have been able to explore topics such as Active Citizenship, Gender and Equality and recognising privilege and injustice. This has been extremely well-received by students and staff, who overwhelmingly believe that these are the things we should be talking about.

The start of the term saw the re-launch of extra-curricular activities with our extra-curricular fair showcasing the diverse range of clubs we offer such as Irish Dancing and Medical Mavericks. It has been a privilege to see these clubs in action!

We are committed to expanding our offer to ensure all students have the opportunity to achieve extraordinary things in our exceptional school.

MRS STEAD
HEAD OF SCHOOL

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LEARNING JOURNEYS
AND CURRICULUM HERE:



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Your Learning
Journey
at St Mary's
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SAVE THE DATE

- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June: Half Term holiday
- Sunday 12th June: Team SMC run the Hull 10K
- Tuesday 14th June: 'Encore': An evening of cabaret at Hull Truck Theatre
- Friday 1st July : Year 11 prom
- Saturday 2nd July : Year 13 prom
- 13-15th July : Matilda the Musical, Key Stage 3/4 production
- Wednesday 20th July (1pm) school closes for the summer break

HEADERS & FOOTERS: SPORTING HEADLINES!

- Kacey Doney in Year 7 has secured her place in the U14 York Regional Talent club. This will be her 4th consecutive season with the club. Kacey is now in the age group where selection for England camps take place.
- Year 8A, Year 9B and SM6 A are Humberside Schools FA Cup Champions.
- Grace McCracken (Year 9) won the Under 15 Girls Humberside Schools AAA 100m and 200m titles.
- Jack Glansfield (Year 9) has played for the Under 15's Yorkshire RFU East development Squad.
- Seth Abong (Year 11) has been selected for the England Under 16's Community Lions Rugby League Squad to play in a home nations series of matches.
- Lucy Keenan, Julia Surowiec and Ruby Wildbore (Year 11) were part of the Under 16 Kingston Netball Club team who finished in seventh place in the National Clubs Championships.
- Well done to the students who participated in the Disability Sport Yorkshire Humber Inclusion Athletics Championships and the Year 9 sports leaders who were outstanding in their support.

After reaching a recent national Boxing semi-final, Year 8 student Elisha is now in the top 4 in the UK for her age/weight. Well done!



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 11 LIFE SKILLS CLASS



Congratulations to this year's Year 11 Life Skills class who have successfully completed their course and been awarded the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness at Level 1. They have taken on some amazing challenges during the course including taking part in a First Aid course and researching and creating a display on Human Rights and countries such as the Philippines, Poland and Canada. They have worked incredibly hard over the last three years and we wish them all the best for their next steps in life. Well done Dawid Lipinski, Magda Silke, Amy Russell, Lily Griffin, Ellie Richardson, Joanna Matsouma, Craig McKinlay and Jack Statham.

THE ANIMAL MODELS ARE COMPLETE !



BIOLOGISTS VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL

This month, SM6 Year 12 Biology students paid a visit to the University of Hull.

They were fortunate to have the chance to utilise PCR and gel electrophoresis processes to detect the presence of genetically modified DNA in bacteria.



OVER AT THE MHSCA

Back in November 2021 we were first invited to visit the Simulation Centre at Castle Hill to take part in SSTICH (Surgical Skills to Inspire Careers in Healthcare). After postponements due to Covid, we finally got to visit in April with our MHSCA students. It was worth the wait....

Dr Leon, Junior Doctor and Clinical Research Fellow in Cardiothoracic Surgery organised the day for us, delivered with Professor Loubani who teaches at the Royal College of Surgeons. It was an amazing opportunity for the 15 students that we were able to take. The students were introduced to a range of different roles in the surgical team, including a Surgical Clinical Technician, an Operating Department Practitioner and Scrub Nurse.

Students were taught how to scrub up for surgery, how to tie knots and different stitching techniques to close a wound.

It was an inspiring day for the students and we really appreciated the opportunity to take part working with Hull University Teaching Hospital, one of our Medical Health and Social Care partners.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE JULY 11TH - 15TH 2022



If you are an employer and can offer a placement for this week, please contact: kkirby@smchull.org with key contact details including a brief job description. Your support would be much appreciated.



SM6 student Mia has been accepted onto the online summer school with the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Canada this year. Very well done on this incredible opportunity!



The Year 8 A Team were crowned Humberside Cup Champions with a 4-3 win over South Hunsley. Goals from Ethan Parker x2, Alex Ward and Kristian Catchpole secured the win. An exceptional performance from Alfie Pippin earned him 'Man of the Match'.



AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE MAYOR!

A group of students representing SMC were invited to afternoon tea and a tour of the Guildhall by the Mayor of Hull following last month's successful entry to the Neurodiversity art competition! Our entry was placed in the top 5 of over 200 entries and will be on display at the Ferens Art Gallery later in the year. A special thank you to the Lord Mayor Consort and his driver, who gave us a lift home when our taxi was late!!





And finally...

PLAY-DOH IN THE CURRICULUM

In Geography, we have been creating models using play-doh across Years 7-13! It really helps the students to visualise the physical features they are learning about. We had some particularly good models from our Year 8 groups. All students enjoyed the experience and didn't get too much on the carpets!



NEW ARRIVAL IN SCIENCE



Introducing the newest member of the Science department! Our yet-to-be-named snake will feature as part of Science at SMC! Look out for upcoming details on her very own social media pages and to be in with a chance to give her a name in our competition!

ALUMNI SUCCESS !



Former SMC student Tim Lutkin picked up an Olivier Award at the recent ceremony to add to the list of awards he already holds for theatre lighting design. Congratulations!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU



We received a lovely message from the Director of Mary's Meals following our Trust-wide Lenten collection of spare pennies: "Thank you so much for your precious gift of £600.99, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school. Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future. Together, we are bringing the hope of a brighter future to so many little ones who depend on the promise of a daily meal in school. "

Daniel Adams, Executive Director, Mary's Meals



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TAKE SURVEY



A PRAYER TO OUR LADY

The month of May is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Pope Francis asks that we pray the Rosary to ask Our Lady to intercede for us during these difficult times.

Lord, teach us to be like Mary, who served as you serve.

Help us to love as Mary loved.

Mary was the mother of Jesus, she cared for him and loved him.

We pray for our parents and carers who care for us and love us.

Amen



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