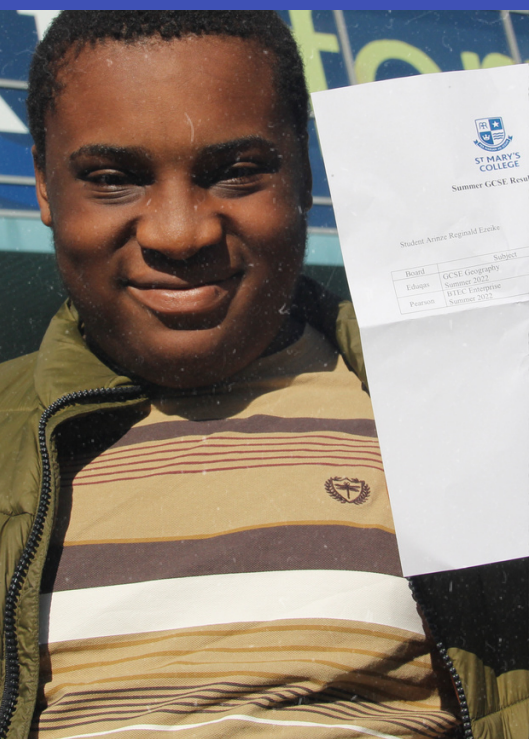




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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back to a new and exciting year at St Mary's College!

At the end of the summer we achieved our best ever A-Level and GCSE results and we will only look to build on these this year. The students worked so hard and richly deserved the outstanding outcomes.

There has been so much that has happened in the first few weeks that I barely know where to start. First, I must mention how well the new Year 7s have settled into the school and how what a wonderful addition they are to our school community. There is nothing I like more than popping into Year 7 tutor groups in the morning to see the younger students focused and smiling to brighten up my day.

Attendance has also been excellent since we returned and I want to thank all families for ensuring their child comes to school as much as possible, learning time is invaluable and irreplaceable. Our new rewards system has been launched amidst much excitement and the 'SMC merch' has been received extremely well.

Speaking of learning, we have recently sent a link out to all parents/carers which you can follow to see what your child is learning this half-term. I would encourage all parents/carers to look at this on the website so that you can talk with your child about what they are studying in their subjects. It is important for all families to understand what their child is learning now and how this fits into the "bigger picture."

Last of all, we have recently welcomed a number of students who have come from overseas, they enrich our community no end and add to the diversity of the school. It is a privilege to be Head of School where over 60 languages are spoken and many different cultures coexist. You will see inside the Newsletter just how rich and unique our school community is.

St Mary's is truly a remarkable school and your child sits at the very heart of it.



MRS STEAD
HEAD OF SCHOOL

M. Stead

SAVE THE DATES ²⁰²²

- Thursday 20th October - Year 7 Parent/Tutor Evening
- Half Term break : 24-28th October
- Tuesday 15th November - SM6 Open Evening

WE VALUE YOUR VIEWS

Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school.

The questionnaire can be completed at any time - you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

Go to :

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> or scan the QR code below to go to the Ofsted Parent View web page.



Apprenticeships Fair

A successful apprenticeship fair was hosted by St Mary's College in September. Students from Years 11, 12 and 13 were able to visit a wide range of apprenticeship providers, gaining information about jobs, careers and pathways. Many thanks to the apprenticeship providers who gave up their time to visit.

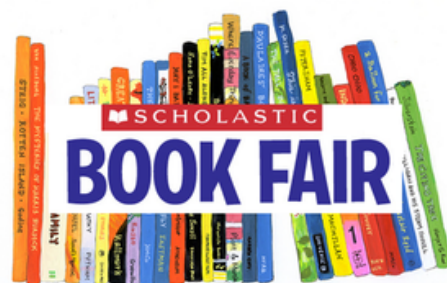


BBC 100th Share Your Story Tour

We were delighted to be a part of the BBC's 100th birthday celebrations in September, that are going on nationally throughout 2022.

'BBC100 Share Your Story' is part of the BBC's centenary celebrations, with 400 secondary schools across the UK participating, reaching almost 400,000 students.

We were joined in our session by BBC Ambassador & Rugby League star Tom Garret who shared his inspirational journey with Year 7 & 8 students, in a bid to inspire them through the power of storytelling.



Over the past week St Mary's has been lucky to host a Scholastic Book Fair once again, where students and staff have been able to come and buy a range of brand new books and stationery. All sales at the book fair help the school by earning us points to buy new stock for the library, so everyone's a winner! The interest from students across the year groups has been huge and we have managed to sell a lot of fantastic looking books. There has really been a buzz around the LRC as so many students have been keen to browse the shelves and maybe pick up a fun bookmark, keyring or pencil case. Not only is it great fun, but it means the library will soon be stocked with a lot of fantastic new books – all thanks to those who have bought from the fair.

The LRC usually hosts two book fairs a year, so keep your eyes peeled for our next one in around six months' time!



An Autumn recipe, food history and food events from Mrs Fisher

Apple and Blackberry Crumble

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
2. Peel, core and chop the apples into small chunks. Cut the lemons in half and squeeze the juice over the apple and mix well. This not only adds flavour but prevents the freshly peeled apples from discolouring. Layer the apples, blackberries, and sugar in a large pie dish (a lasagne dish is ideal).
3. Place the flour in a large bowl and then rub in the butter until it resembles breadcrumbs - leave a few lumps of butter so that the topping is not too fine. Add the muesli or oat/seed/nut mixture and the sugar and mix through.
4. Use a spoon to sprinkle the crumble topping evenly over the fruit. Bake for 45 minutes or until the fruit is cooked and bubbling juices seep through the topping.
5. Cool for a few minutes and then serve with custard or fresh cream.

Enjoying the seasons best!

Ingredients

900g/2lb Bramley apples
350-400g/12oz-1lb blackberries

175g/6oz demerara sugar
2 lemons

225g/8oz plain flour

Topping

225g/8oz plain flour

175g/6oz butter

55g/2oz demerara sugar

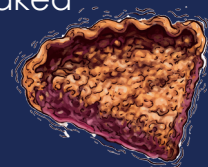
125g/4oz oats

The history behind the Humble Crumble



It was invented during the 2nd World War due to the harsh rationing of ingredients.

In order to make food go further, the dessert was made with stewed apples and topped with a crumbly mixture of margarine, flour and sugar, then baked until the top was crispy.



Food Events October

Filey Food festival, 15th-16th Oct

Around 70 stalls including: award winning Yorkshire food, artisan food, international food, street food, seafood, prosecco bar, real ale and cider bar.

Caistor Food Street food market Market Rasen 15.30-20.30pm

Caistor Street Food Market, showcasing the best local street food, home-made crafts, Lincolnshire products and local artists!

Autumn Fair Burton Agnes Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October, 10am - 5pm.

The joyous Autumn Festival is back! Bringing together many local craft, food and drink stalls, with festival entertainment, autumnal garden tours.



Halloween Cooking Workshop for children with SEND 27th October, 10.30-12.30pm

An inclusive cooking session for children with SEND and their families/carers, led by Cook Stars. The session is £5 per child, siblings are welcome but do require a ticket. Includes all ingredients, refreshments, plus additional games and activities. Parents and carers are free.

Some images from our recent Sports Awards



Thank you to Mr Arridge, Mrs Craft, Mr Barratt and Mr Barnes for all of the organisation that went into this re-scheduled event from last term !

A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR:

God we ask that you give them peace and courage as they enter a new year of classes.

Surround them with supportive and encouraging friends.

Bless their hard work over the coming months.

Surprise them with unexpected moments of joy. Raise up this next generation of leaders and may they reflect Your love to those around them.

Amen.



A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS:

Thank you God for the educators who invest in the future of our children.

Give teachers and support staff wisdom, creativity, and discernment as they lead others this year.

Remind them that they are not alone and their work is not in vain.

Move in close, Lord, and let them sense

Your presence and Your delight.

Amen.

AND FINALLY...

Hello St Mary's College

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I just wanted to write and express my sincere gratitude at the absolutely fantastic support that our school, Kingston Academy, has recently received from the community at St Mary's College. I have been completely blown away by the amount you raised last term and cannot wait to show you what an amazing difference these funds will make to our pupils and the local area.

Your funds have enabled us to start our ambitious dream to build a brand new Junior Secondary School, which, once completed, will be an unbelievable achievement.

I truly look forward to updating everyone as the build progresses. The support I have received from SMC, and Mr Berry in particular, to help achieve this goal has been exceptional.

I am in the process of getting some of the funds matched by Barclays Bank in the hope of really maximising the fantastic amount that St Mary's raised. I cannot help but get excited about the immeasurable benefits that will be achieved going forward as a result of your schools support.

I am sure both schools and both sets of pupils can benefit even further, from the strong links that have and are still, being developed.

Wouldn't it be fantastic if in the future, staff or pupils were able to visit our school, to see for themselves what a difference they have made? I know that both groups could benefit hugely from such a visit, they would develop global awareness and experience another culture, at the same time as having an unforgettable experience.

It truly would demonstrate the rewards of working together for the benefit of all, so exciting.

My next visit takes place from the 10th October and I look forward to updating everyone on our progress and achievements whilst there and upon my return.

From everyone at Kingston:

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Trevor
Kingston Junior Academy
Kenya



Year 13 student Lora Stamatova recently completed a summer internship with the Bank of England in London.

Placement supervisor Mr Lopez-Corleone had the following wonderful feedback to share:

"Lora was able to quickly hit the ground running and displayed excellent analytical skills throughout the summer internship. Her work was highly sought after, to the extent she presented project deliverables to senior leaders within the organisation to much positive feedback. I am very proud to have been able to work with Lora and see her develop strong analytical, technical and communication competencies, I am particularly proud of Lora's work on the UK Footprint Project and CDBC's.

Aside from her excellent work outputs, Lora took on the challenge to design the Banks 2023 innovation campaign. Lora has shown real care for her colleagues/new joiners and has displayed great collaborative and team working competencies.

Lora expressed her commitment to securing a place in Oxbridge, I have no doubt Lora will go on to achieve much success in both her academic journey as well as her future career."



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