



ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

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During Advent, we have been preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We were very blessed to have Father Christopher and Brother John from the Franciscan Friars with us all of last week. They very kindly blessed our nativity display and spent time with students and staff. I have seen many a student pausing to enjoy the nativity scene and taking a moment to reflect. This focus on reflection will be encapsulated by our annual Carol Concert at the Marist, which is a lovely way to celebrate the end of term together, as a community.

This year, we have spoken a lot about the importance of community and the need to support one-another. This is especially important right now, when we know that for a number of families the cost of living and financial pressures can cause great anxiety. In this issue, we have included some local organisations who can offer support to families who are struggling. At St Mary's, we will always do all we can to help those who need it, and we encourage families to always contact us if they have any worries: financial or otherwise. Our community extends far beyond the school gates.

As Christmas draws near, I wish all of our children and families a wonderful and holy time. Being with those we love is the best present.



MRS STEAD  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

## SAVE THE DATES

2023

- Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – school re-opens for the Spring term
- Friday 10th February – school closes for half term break
- Monday 20th February – school re-opens after half term
- Friday 31st March – school closes for the Easter holiday



# ★★★★★ Magnificent student achievements



There have been some very notable student achievements over the past month that we are excited to share with you:

- Congratulations to Dilan Hassan, Max Hayton, Owen Bartle and Alex Ward who recently won the Craven Park Challenge during 'Enterprise Week 2022' and have earned £250 to spend on enterprise activities at school
- Year 7 students Megan Petherbridge, Lilijana Donlon and Tyler Grasby won a magnificent prize at the Lifestyle 2022 awards for the £800 they raised for the RSPCA and Cancer Research by doing work in the community.
- Year 9 student Nitik Paudel was recently shortlisted for the post of Hull's Young Mayor from an extensive field of applicants. Although Nitik was not awarded the post, he represented St Mary's College really well. As a school we are proud of his achievements.
- Two SMC students recently represented the college at a meeting of the Hull International Pupil Council at Griffin Primary School.
- Congratulations to the SM6 Football team who are in the last 16 of the AOC Sport Knockout Trophy and the Basketball team who have progressed to the same stage in that sport. Truly fantastic achievements considering the limited training time with the players and that there were over 200 schools/colleges entered in Round One.
- We are so excited to share our new International School Community video with you. If you haven't already caught it, hop over to YouTube for a look. It really is something special. Thank you to Miss Appleyard for coordinating this and to all the students who took part.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAUD-c6ohgc>

**healthy holidays winter**

free activities for children and young people living in Hull

All information about activities available from Thursday 8 December!

with free food included

#healthyholidayshull #haf2022

follow us @healthyholidayshull

[www.healthyholidayshull.org](http://www.healthyholidayshull.org)

If your children haven't yet joined any of the Healthy Holidays activities, don't delay!

There might be something available just on your doorstep.

VISIT <https://www.healthyholidayshull.org/>

#HealthyHolidaysHull #HAF2022



# Cost of Living Support for Families

## Food



Many drop-in work on a drop in basis and no referral is necessary.

Visit this website to find the organisations helping families access affordable food:

- <https://nurturehull.org.uk/food-community-access-points>

## Fuel & Energy



- 01482-300300
- Email: [warmhomesteam@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:warmhomesteam@hullcc.gov.uk)
- <https://www.hull.gov.uk/housing/private-tenants-and-homeowners/warm-homes-team-0>

## Health



ThriveHull - For children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing:

- <https://www.howareyoufeeling.org.uk/about-thrive-hull>

Let's Talk - For Adult Mental Health:

- <https://www.letstalkhull.co.uk/>

## Money, Debt and Employment



- Debt Advice appointment booking line: 01482 226859
- Generalist Adviceline: 0800 144 8848
- Email advice: [e-advice@hull-eastridingcab.org.uk](mailto:e-advice@hull-eastridingcab.org.uk)
- Benefits advice: <https://www.hull.gov.uk/benefits-support-and-welfare-advice/benefits-support/make-benefit-claim>

## Housing



- Tailored homelessness and housing advice available at <https://hull.adviceaid.uk/start>
- Self-referral form link at: [www.hull.gov.uk/housing/homelessness/if-you-become-homeless](http://www.hull.gov.uk/housing/homelessness/if-you-become-homeless)
- Or call 01482 612040 (during office hours)

## National information

- <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/?gclid=aw.ds&>



**#HullTogether**

**We'll support you with the cost of living crisis**



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working in partnership



**Hull Daily MAIL**  
HullLive

# A PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...

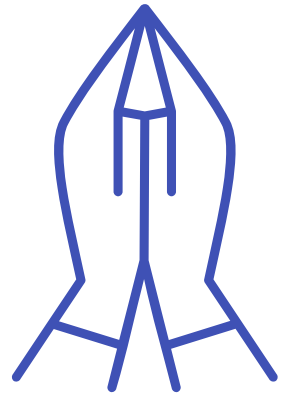
Thank you, Lord, for your guidance, protection and love this Christmas season and always.

We ask that you help us stay present in love and light.

Keep us, our loved ones and everyone across the world safe and healthy, we ask that your love helps all people feel safe, warm and loved.

Help us keep our minds clear, our lights bright so that we may effortlessly love, give and be kind to others.

May we see the blessings in each and every present moment and the miracle of your presence and love.



## AND FINALLY...

Thank you for all of your kind donations on Jolly Jumpers & Seasonal Socks day. We were able to share over £600 between CAFOD and The Brain Tumour Trust charities.



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