



ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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It has been a very busy half term so far with a number of exciting trips abroad taking place (not least the ski trip) alongside the numerous events in school.

At St Mary's we have a CORE ENRICHMENT offer which enables all our students to access exciting and unique experiences. I am thrilled to announce that on Monday 13th March all of Key Stage 3 will get the opportunity to visit Hull City Hall and experience live music from a renowned orchestra. Just the building itself as a historic landmark in Hull is amazing in itself and the original Victorian toilets there are a sight to behold! I will be going on this trip too, as it is such a one-off experience and all the great movie songs will be played.

Last of all, please keep in your thoughts and prayers all students who are facing real exams in the coming weeks, they have worked extremely hard and richly deserve to achieve fantastic outcomes.

Thank you to all families for their ongoing support for all we offer your child at our school.

MRS STEAD
HEAD OF SCHOOL



SAVE THE DATES

2023

- 13th March- Y7-9 attend a symphony at the City Hall
- 22nd - 25th March - Annie the musical (tickets on sale from 1st February)
- Friday 31st March - school closes for the Easter holiday
- Monday 17th April - school re-opens after Easter



www.ticketsource.co.uk/smchull

A Cultural History



St Mary's College has been incredibly privileged to be loaned an exhibition from the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation (WISE). The exhibition is installed downstairs in the SM6 area and beautifully captures post-war Sierra Leone. Through multiple rare photographs, students have been able to explore and engage with village life, working life and the life of children during this period of time. All History classes from Years 7-9 have accessed the exhibition using clipboards to wander around and research like true historians!

Year 7 and 8 Core Groups were given the further opportunity of being visited by Siddi from The Freetown Society and members of the Wilberforce Institute. The session was bursting with life and culture, students were thrilled to experience traditional dancing, customary dress and relished an opportunity to ask questions about the exhibition that they had been to see. Look out for these students in an upcoming film from the University based on the exhibition!



SMC SKI 2023

The SMC Ski Trip to Cerler in Northern Spain set in the beautiful Pyrenees mountains with 40 students, was a resounding success! The group had a blast on the slopes, with many of them experiencing skiing for the first time. The highlight of the trip was the stunning scenery, with the snow-capped mountains providing a spectacular backdrop for the skiing. The kids were exhausted but happy by the end of each day and the trip was a great opportunity for them to bond and make new friends. Overall, it was a fantastic adventure and a fantastic experience for all students to learn a new skill in up high in the Pyrenees.

Mr Berry





We have received an award from FFT for our attendance! We are in the top 10% of similar secondary schools in England.

Thank you to all of our families for your support.

MFL TRIP TO BERLIN



During the February half-term, students of German took a trip to the country's capital - Berlin. The students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about Berlin's rich history, experience some of its modern culture and of course, practise their German. Highlights included a visit to the top of the German parliament building where students were able to see the whole city, walk along a section of the Berlin Wall and visit the Museum of Espionage which told the secrets of spies across history; students were able to try a range of interactive activities, including escaping a room of lasers. Of course, we also made time to stop and enjoy some traditional German bread and cake.

Still in the running

We are still cheering along our former SM6 student Megan on this year's BBC search for Alan Sugar's next 'Apprentice' who has survived 11 dismissals so far!



Award Success

Congratulations to SM6 student Thomas who has been celebrating his recent achievements on the Duke of Edinburgh award.



More Award Success

We are now proudly flying our Eco Schools flag after receiving our award from them in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy.



A LENTEN PRAYER...

In this Lenten season, Loving God, you call us to a time of reflection and contemplation.

A time to ponder where our wandering steps have separated us from you.

A time to consider all of who we are and where you want us to be.

A time to confess our sins and establish a proper relationship with you.

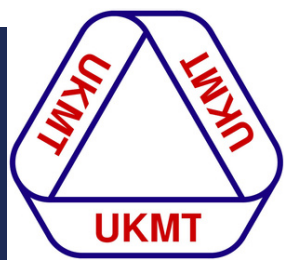
O Lord, we so want to be upright in heart.

May your comforting spirit allow us to unburden our souls.

Amen.



Details of weekly lunchtime masses for this half term can be found on the Calendar page of the school website

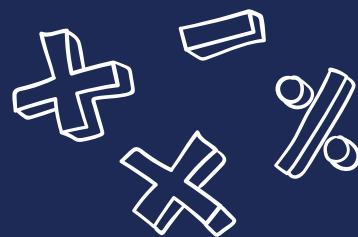


AND FINALLY... CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WONDERFUL 'MATHLETES' !

Please join us in congratulating these SMC students on their achievements in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Competition.

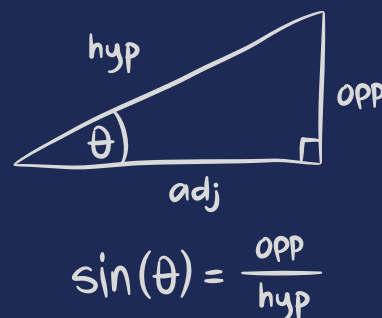
UKMT Awards:

- Year 9 Best in Year - Hanna Raczynska
- Year 10 Best in School - Sebastian Sutkow
- Year 11 Best in Year – Benjamin Brunning



Students who have got through to the Kangaroo Round in March:

- Bishop Fintan
- Madeleine Ryan
- Charlene Ting
- Benjamin Brunning
- Sebastian Sutkow




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