



**ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE**

# NEWSLETTER

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This half-term has seen another display of outstanding sports performances from our talented students. As the season closes with school football and Netball, we have seen success with several of our teams winning citywide and county cup and league competitions. There have been further competitive opportunities in Cricket, Tag Rugby and Athletics, which have seen a wide range of students trying new sports and experiencing a competitive environment. This was also enhanced with our students visiting Wembley stadium this month to watch a record breaking Vitality WFA Cup final.

On the theme of competition and success, we were delighted to have the opportunity for our students to meet one of the nation's most successful Olympians, Max Whitlock OBE. Max is a British artistic gymnast and the most successful in the nation's history, with three Gold and three Bronze Olympic medals. His visit to St Mary's College was a great success in inspiring and motivating our students, listening to his remarkable journey.

He provided personal anecdotes, sharing the challenges he faced on his path to Olympic glory, emphasising the importance of resilience and highlighting that setbacks and failures inevitable in any pursuit of greatness. Max emphasized the significance of success not being solely measured by gold medals or accolades but by the journey itself. He stressed that each individual's pursuit of excellence should be rooted in personal growth, continuous improvement, and the joy of the process.

One of the key messages was the importance of reducing the fear of failure. He encouraged students to embrace failure as a stepping stone to success, urging them to view it as an opportunity to learn, grow, and push their boundaries further. Max Whitlock's visit left an indelible mark on the students, instilling in them the belief that they too can overcome any obstacle to achieve their dreams.

**MR D WILSON  
HEAD OF PE**



## KEY DATES

2023

- Friday 26th May – school closes for the May Half Term holiday
- Lourdes pilgrimage 26th May – 2nd June
- Monday 5th June – school re-opens after the half term
- 7th June – Y12 study visit to Chester Zoo
- Wednesday 14th June – 'Evolve' SM6 Performing Arts celebration at Middleton Hall
- 29th June– Feast of SS Peter & Paul masses
- 20th July – last day of school before the summer break



# Year 7 Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 7 students recently embarked on an enriching adventure to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. This educational field trip proved to be a captivating experience, blending learning with fun and fostering a deeper appreciation for wildlife conservation.

The excursion to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park offered an immersive encounter with a diverse range of animal species, providing the students with an opportunity to witness the wonders of the natural world first-hand. As the students explored the park's vast habitats, they encountered majestic lions, playful meerkats, graceful giraffes, and a plethora of other captivating creatures. Expert guides led informative sessions, engaging the students in interactive discussions about the animals' behaviours, habitats, and conservation efforts.

Beyond the animal encounters, the visit to the park offered invaluable lessons about environmental stewardship. Students learned about the park's dedication to conservation and the crucial role humans play in preserving biodiversity. They gained a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by endangered species and explored sustainable practices to protect their habitats.

The excursion to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park not only enriched the students' knowledge but also fostered teamwork, curiosity, and a sense of responsibility. The experience instilled a passion for wildlife and environmental conservation, inspiring the students to become advocates for change in their own lives and communities.

St Mary's College's commitment to providing meaningful and engaging enrichment opportunities continues to empower students to explore, learn, and grow beyond the confines of the classroom. The excursion to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park undoubtedly left an indelible mark on the Year 7 students, nurturing their love for nature and igniting a lifelong appreciation for the wonders of the animal kingdom.





## Enterprise Education at SMC

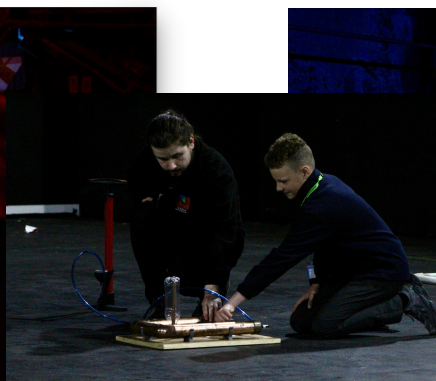
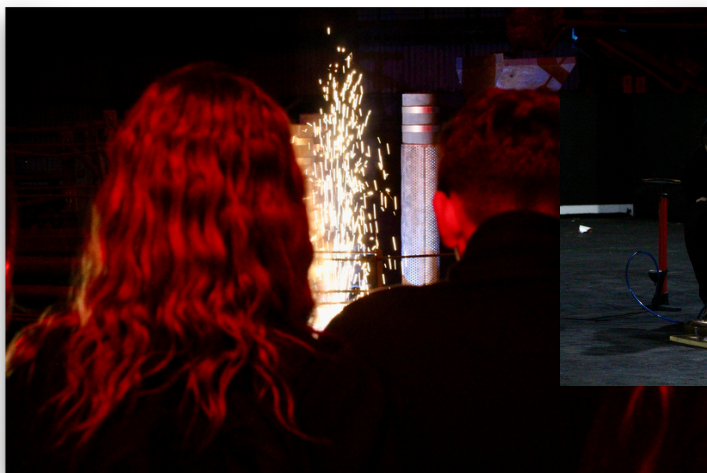
Enterprise is important for all students at all educational stages. It can encourage young people to learn and develop in a way that meets their needs and develops skills for learning: skills for life and skills for work. Enterprise surrounds our young people in their everyday life, whether they are aware of it yet or not, equipping them with these skills is essential for economic development, problem solving, job creation, and investment opportunities in the future.

We live in a rapidly changing world, for students to be equipped with skills for life we have to develop and build these skills now. Preparing our young people for their future and the economy's future, at some point in time they will be employees or employers and enterprise skills are an essential requirement for their progress.



## Y8 Science Trip to Magna

Year 8 had a very exciting visit to Magna on Monday 15th May which involved exploring the various exhibits – students loved the 'water' section where it rained at various points and watching 'The Big Melt' which involved a big fire display. There was also a fantastic workshop about forces which was extremely engaging. The year group were impeccably behaved and really enjoyed such an interesting day out.



# Remarkable revision resources

Now that the exam season is in full swing, it can only mean one thing – revision, revision, revision!

Earlier this year a group of A Level Biology students in Year 12 got creative and devised inventive ways to retrieve subject knowledge!

Revision doesn't have to be boring or 'one size fits all'! Finding the learning style that best suits you is crucial in getting you the best possible outcomes. Why not test your knowledge with 'Revision Chess' where correctly answered questions facilitate movement of particular chess pieces, or 'Revision Snap', where upon seeing a match between question and answer, a resounding 'SNAP' is heard!

For further revision resources [click here](#)



## Supporting student placements

This year we have been working with York St John University as well as Hull University to support their students with placements. This includes placements for preregistration Master's level students in Occupational Therapy and Dietetics alike.

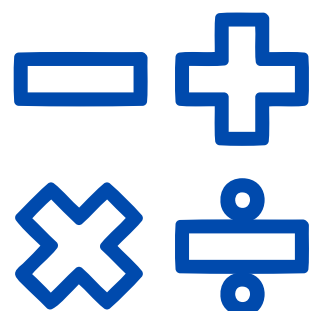
This has been a ground breaking programme to further our partnerships with our local Higher Education providers and support students with training locally and hopefully gaining future jobs in our local community.



## UKMT success

Well done to the students below who have qualified for the Kangaroo Round which will be held Wednesday 14th June (Score 88+)

- Best in Year 8 & School: Bryan Su
- Best in Year 7: Nikola Tylek





# The Next Generation



We have just finished a four-week course with a group of 15 young sports leaders in Year 9 and 10 who were part of the Street Games 'Next Generation' coaching programme. Each of the two-hour sessions they took part in covered both theoretical and practical lessons where the students gained knowledge and experience of sports coaching whilst gaining some introductory qualifications.

Once the four-week programme ended, students

then completed a minimum of one day volunteering in the Easter holidays at various local sporting organisations such as Tigers Trust, Hull Active Schools and Joe Duffy Sports to demonstrate the skills they had learnt. Well done to all the students involved, who were a credit to the school.



## Year 10 Work Experience July 10th-14th 2023



Work Experience is a key part of our careers programme. Please encourage and support your child to make the best of this opportunity.

If you are an employer and can support with a placement, please contact: [kkirby@smchull.org](mailto:kkirby@smchull.org)

WORK EXPERIENCE

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