



**ST MARY'S
COLLEGE**

NEWSLETTER

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Cultural Delights !



International Week at St Mary's College proved to be an extraordinary and vibrant celebration that brought together the entire school community in the Catholic spirit of unity, appreciation, and participation. The motivational talks by Chiedu Oraka and the refugee Arafa (both local well-known people) served as powerful reminders of the strength of the human spirit and the importance of empathy and solidarity. The food stalls, French cinema club, and parental involvement all contributed to the rich tapestry of cultural experiences, fostering a deep appreciation for the diversity that exists within the St Mary's College community. Cultural exploration was a key element of International Week, with a multitude of activities and experiences designed to showcase the individuality of our school and the special role we all have to play. Food stalls featuring cuisine from various countries delighted taste buds and the school canteen offered a daily culinary journey around the world.

A truly heart-warming aspect of International Week was the involvement of parents who contributed to the festivities by bringing food from their respective heritages. This act of sharing not only showcased the diverse backgrounds of St Mary's College families, but also provided an opportunity for students to experience authentic homemade dishes from around the globe. The food exchange created a sense of connection, appreciation and inclusion for the cultural heritage of classmates, fostering a deeper feeling of unity and understanding.

Our commitment to creating an inclusive environment where students can learn, grow, and appreciate the world's vast array of cultures remains unstinting. International Week served as a reminder that our differences are what make us stronger as a community, and by embracing them, we can build a brighter future together, reminding us of how God wants us to live with others.

KEY DATES

2023

- 20th July – last day of school before the summer break
- Y13 A level results day: Thursday 17th August from 9am
- Y11 GCSE Results Day: Thursday 24th August from 9am
- School re-opens after the Summer , week commencing 4th September- please watch for further communications on which year groups return on which days

**MRS STEAD
HEAD OF SCHOOL**



SEND put on a SHOW!

On Wednesday 28th June, staff from the SEND department and students were treated to a fantastic talent show performed by Year 7 and Year 8 Core Group students.

The students had prepared their performances for weeks in advance and they were wonderfully polished and professional.

The audience enjoyed a showcase of talents including group songs, individual songs, gymnastics, football skills and rugby skills!

It was inspirational to see how confidently our students performed their acts and the magnificent support and encouragement they gave to each other.

The SEND talent show was a great start to our Wednesday morning and a huge achievement for all involved in preparing or performing – well done and thank you!



Unveiling of the Coronation Bench

Students from SMC embarked on a remarkable journey to the iconic Tower of London last month to unveil their creation - one of the 15 King's Coronation Benches. This unique Coronation project showcased the creative talents of young people from across the country. SMC was chosen from over 3,000 entries.

Inside the stone walls of the Tower, the students gathered with excitement and a sense of pride as they revealed their creation to the public whilst being filmed for a TV documentary. They were also treated to a VIP tour of the Tower including exclusive viewpoints of the Crown Jewels collection.

The project fostered a sense of unity and teamwork among the students, with each one contributing their unique skills to bring the vision to life. The bench will be transferred to Hull into the grounds of the school in the Autumn term.

A trip on the London Eye and on the Thames Rockets speedboats completed this once-in-a-lifetime experience for these lucky students.



A Garden of Delights



Thank you to everyone who has planted, watered, problem-solved, built, raked, weeded, potted, carried, dragged, cut, mowed, trimmed, harvested, eaten, dug, composted, created, sold, bought, relaxed, contemplated, laughed, played, cried, encouraged, nurtured, supported and smiled in our self-created garden.

This peaceful space has brought so much to so many children and adults across SMC. Every day brings some learning and some challenge. Through each season, nature has given us so much.



Congratulations to these pupils on creating and maintaining all the plants, trees, beds and compost bins during our first year. We are pleased to recognise them for their endeavours:



Year 10:
Robbie Lumb
Eric Sulim
Gabriel Tejo
Elis Arif
Kayden Sciberras
Dylan Spencer

Year 9:
Szymon Wieclaw
Cameron Jordan
Harley Robinson
Ashton Orvis
Ashton Lilley

Year 7:
Alex Beech
Logan McCarthy

Mr Lowe



Congratulations to our Y11 student who debuted a brand new musical on Saturday at NAPA in the city centre last month, written with two other local young people, all three aged 16-19 !

'Kebab Store: the musical' sold out the theatre on both nights that it was performed.
Incredible talent from one of our pupils.



As part of their Core Enrichment activities, Year 9 students recently took part in a charity walk. As a whole year group, they completed a 10.6km walk around Cottingham and completed it in just over 2.5 hours. The monies raised have been donated to Ataxia UK which affects one of the students in the year group and to the Kingston Junior Academy, Kenya, a school we continue to support to sponsor students to be able to access education.

SMC Students recently took part in the UK Maths Trust Junior Kangaroo competition.

Well done Nikola for achieving a Merit Award (90+ marks).
This is the first time a Year 7 student at SMC has achieved this!

Y7 - Nikola Tylek 123 points: Merit
Y8 - Bryan Su 69 points: Qualification



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