



ST MARY'S
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NEWSLETTER

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Image: My Berry

Hello and welcome to the October edition of the St Mary's College newsletter. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself - my name is Andy Turner and I am Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). I have been very proud to work at St Mary's College for many years. Whilst safeguarding children is a responsibility of all staff, in my role as DSL I work with an experienced team to ensure that all staff work collaboratively within the school and with other agencies so that we can keep children safe, happy and able to learn.

You may have seen in the national news that in June last year Ofsted published a report into sexual abuse within schools. In the report Ofsted stated that a culture of harassment and peer on peer abuse unfortunately existed in several schools across the country.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges>

At St Mary's College we strongly believe that this should never be tolerated, accepted or condoned. In September we launched the **#My Pledge** initiative where we shared our common view on how we should behave towards each other. This can be found in the student planner and is displayed throughout the school.

In September we formed a partnership with National Online Safety - a global leader in supporting parents and teachers to navigate the challenges of social media. Through our work we have achieved Certified School status for Safeguarding and Online Safety. We would strongly recommend that as parents and carers, you access the online training portal (updated weekly) where you can receive advice on how to keep your child safe as they use social media and the Internet. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/login>

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#MyPledge

Pledge 1
I will not spread rumours about other people

Pledge 2
I will treat others with empathy & respect & use respectful language to resolve problems

Pledge 3
I pledge not to take and share images of others which violates their privacy and wellbeing

Pledge 4
I promise to challenge sexist, homophobic and transphobic comments

Pledge 5
I will educate myself on gender-based issues and how to beat oppression

St Mary's College operates a zero tolerance policy to sexual harassment and works proactively with staff and students to eliminate sexual abuse in the college.

We ask everyone in the college to commit to these 5 simple pledges to make our environment safe for all.



CATHOLIC LIFE - THE CHURCH YEAR AND ITS COLOURS

The colours of the Liturgical Year were introduced almost a thousand years ago, when most people who attended church were illiterate and all services were celebrated in Latin, which most people didn't speak.

The colours are a simple visual clue to everyone, showing which time of the liturgical year we are in.

This is why pupils and teachers should notice different colours in our Collective Worship slides, in the Chapel and in our Reception.

WHY GREEN?

Green is the colour of Ordinary Time, the time of the Church's year that we are currently celebrating.

The clue is in what else is green: grass, leaves, trees, moss. Just look outside your window on any Spring or Summer day to notice that we live in a green and growing place. So, that's why green: this is our growing time. This is a time to learn more about God's plan and listen more carefully to God's Word.



FUTURE LEADERS

Well done to six of our SM6 students, who are part of the Coaching and Leadership Academy that recently completed the 'Managing and Organising Events' qualification as part of their Coaching Education pathway. The staff from the Street Games company, who ran the event, were really impressed with the students' attitude and enthusiasm.



SM6 Sport

A massive well done to all our SM6 students who have signed up to the membership scheme and are participating in regular sports activity within college. Almost 150 students have taken up the offer and have been actively participating in Netball, Basketball, Football, Badminton and Rugby.

STUDENTS IN THE HEADLINES!

Year 8 student Cydney Newlove has been nominated for the Hull Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. The 12 year old started her business during 'Lockdown 2' in December 2020 to give herself something to focus on, starting with arts and crafts to sell. She has now moved on to develop crocheting cat hats and sold them to friends and on the national site Etsy.

Sales slowed down at the start of the summer holidays 2021 but she's now gearing up for seasonal sales, getting involved in Christmas fairs and promoting her Etsy sales.

So far she has made a profit of around £300 and is ready to increase that with the up and coming opportunities.



Year 11 student Aniela Jablonska has received a commendation for student of the month from World Class Schools for October 2021 and will go on as a nominee for the national World Class Learners characteristic award to be announced in Oxford in December.



GOOD LUCK TO BOTH !

Former Year 13 Health & Social Care student Madison Taylor has set up her own Student Midwife Instagram account. She left SM6 in July to start Midwifery at Sheffield University and has just hosted a really useful session for Year 13 Health & Social Care students all about their upcoming placements and UCAS applications.

Everyone at SMC and our Medical, Health & Social Care Academy is very proud of Madison.



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STAY SAFE!



Key reminders:

- Please do not park in the disabled parking bays, on the double yellow lines and blocking driveways around the school neighbourhood.
- The speed limit on the streets surrounding the school is 20mph.
- Lights, locks and helmets for students cycling to school please !
- Bike locks are available to purchase from school at a subsidised price of £10 (rrp £25) - please email adminesmchull.org if you would like to purchase



Covid Safe:

- Don't forget to continue lateral flow tests at home **every** Wednesday and Sunday and seek a PCR test if you have any of the main Covid symptoms.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

If you want to find out more about the lunchtime and after school enrichment activities and clubs at SMC, visit the page on our school website with details and timetables at: <https://www.smchull.org/secondary-school/extra-curricular>

HEADERS & FOOTERS...

In Sports News: we are challenging students and parents/carers to complete the 26.2 mile Hull Marathon distance either by walking, jogging, running or cycling in as many stages as you wish. This can be done by calculating miles covered over a day on fitbits or tracking distances on apps such as STRAVA.



For all those who complete the distance, please e-mail SMCSportesmchull.org for a certificate of recognition!!



A MESSAGE TO YEAR 7 FROM MRS WILLIAMS

"Congratulations students on a successful first half term at SMC and for being so mature and resilient in the face of adapting to bubbles disbanding, navigating the site, CAT tests and so many of you are attending so many clubs which is amazing! I am really proud of how maturely you have handled this half term so far."



WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR TWO YEAR 7 STUDENTS WHO PRESENTED A LIVE WELCOME AT OUR VIRTUAL YEAR 6 ADMISSIONS EVENT, WHAT A DISPLAY OF PROFESSIONALISM AND ENTHUSIASM!



SM6 ACTING COMPANY IN FULL SWING !



We are extremely thrilled to have over 30 SM6 students attend our new acting company - we have a number of students with us from across different subject areas too with a passion and interest in drama and performance. The company has launched with some devised drama pieces and is currently celebrating 'homegrown theatre', looking at local playwrights, theatre makers and exploring extracts of published texts from writer Tom Wells, and Middle Child. Next half term a vibrant piece of theatre is planned that will include original lyrics, poetry and dialogue written by the company themselves. We can't wait to hear what our young people have to say.

Mrs Cooper and Miss Fox

MUSIC NOTES...



It's great to back in business preparing for concerts and live events - we can't wait to see our students performing to enthusiastic audiences again soon!

Dates for the diary

- Tea Time Concert series no. 2 - Thu 8th Dec at 5pm in SM6
- Autumn Music Concert - Wed 10th Nov at 7pm in the Theatre (tickets on the door)
- Carol Service - Thu 15th Dec at 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel (Marist) church



And finally.....

THE YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHERS HAD A GREAT TIME ON THEIR FIELDWORK TRIP TO MORECAMBE IN SEPTEMBER. VARIOUS METHODS WERE PRACTISED TO INVESTIGATE COASTAL PROCESSES AND REGENERATION PROJECTS. ALONGSIDE FOOD AND LAUGHTER APLENTY, EVERY STUDENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR DATA COLLECTION FOR THEIR OWN COURSEWORK PROJECT.



WE MARKED WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY IN OCTOBER WITH 'TEA AND TALK' SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS ACROSS THE YEAR GROUPS. WE HOPE THIS WILL BECOME A PERMANENT FEATURE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR !



#RESTARTAHEART DAY 2021 SAW STUDENTS LEARNING ESSENTIAL CPR , LED BY FORMER STUDENT AND GRADUATE PARAMEDIC DANNY COOPER AND COLLEAGUES FROM YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE.



A PRAYER...

Heavenly Father,
We are here in the name of your son,
prompted by the Holy Spirit,
to thank you for your great love
for the world and each one of us.
We believe that you speak through the
scriptures, through the Church
and through each other.
We ask you to help us and be with us when
we reflect on what it means
to believe in you and your teachings.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



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