



**ST MARY'S
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Progress 8 score +0.73

For Summer 2023 GCSE entries

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An exceptional outcome - well done all!

First of all, can I take this opportunity to share with all families and students our 2023 Progress 8 score, which is a fantastic +0.73. This means that on average, at our school, students achieve almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a grade higher than their KS2 results would predict. Well done to all!

The start of any school year brings with it excitement, nerves and a new focus for all students as they move into a new school year. Every year it especially amazes me how well the Year 7s settle into our school. Despite coming from over 70 primary schools, once again the new Year 7 have quickly established a real sense of community, new friendships, new experiences and new subjects have all been part of their first half-term experience. As always, all the amazing staff at St Mary's will support your child at whatever point they are at in their SMC journey. It is a privilege to support them in any way I can.

I look forward to the year ahead! God Bless, Mrs Stead.



As we settle into a new academic year, I'm delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Assistant Vice Principal for SM6 Quality of Education. Our class of 2023 achieved some of the best ever results this summer and moved on to some incredible destinations, and I'm keenly aware that I join St Mary's Sixth Form at a very exciting stage in its journey. I'm passionate about improving the life chances of young people, and supporting them to achieve their career goals, through outstanding teaching and learning and exceptional personal development which enables them to progress to their next steps with confidence, whatever these might be.

Although I've only been at SM6 for a few weeks, I have nevertheless been hugely impressed by the commitment and care extended towards the students by my new colleagues, and the incredible and extensive range of wider support they are able to offer. Although we rightly set high, and professional, expectations of our students, the team are with them every step of the way to help them meet and exceed those SM6 standards. I'm also extremely proud of the young people themselves who have started the academic year with enthusiasm and motivation - they embody the qualities which characterise St Mary's students and as parents and carers I hope you are extremely proud of the compassionate, conscientious, confident and culturally-accepting young adults they are already proving themselves to be.

Together with the SM6 team and our community of amazing teachers and young people, I'm looking forward to bringing my extensive skills and experience at post-16 level over the coming months to ensure that, as well as achieving outstanding academic outcomes, they continue to receive a truly world-class student experience. To our students, especially those new to St Mary's who have joined us for the sixth form, I warmly welcome you, and I hope that your time with us will prove to be a happy, fulfilled and successful experience.



MRS LAURA HORTON
QUALITY OF EDUCATION SM6/
SENIOR ASSISTANT VICE PRINCIPAL

KEY DATES

2023

- Thursday 26th October - Year 10 Steps to Success evening
- Friday 27th October - school closes at 3.30pm for half term
- 1st November - All Saints Day
- Monday 6th November - school re-opens
- 8th December - Founders' Day
- Thursday 21st December - public Carol Service
- Friday 22nd December - School closes for the Christmas break
- Monday 8th January - Return for the Spring Term



Yellow Day

We took part in Young Minds
#HelloYellow event for World
Mental Health Day 2023



Core Enrichment: Year 9 tackle the assault course !



Taking The Knee Exhibition

Four SMC students recently attend the opening of the 'Taking the Knee' exhibition to mark Black History Month at the Streetlife museum in Hull City Centre.

The students had a wonderful time and really engaged with the event and its themes. After the opening we were all invited for Jamaican food at Wilberforce House where student Kiahna got talking to Stella one of the keynote speakers. They had a long about about positive pathways and how doing well in school is so important. The students left with a huge takeaway tray of curried goat. The event was a huge success and the group of students were very keen to be involved in similar events in the future!



A summer of exam success



Trust Mission Launch



The St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Academy Trust has begun the academic year with a new Mission Statement. Launched at a service of dedication on 14th September at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel in Hull, the new mission and vision has been developed with input from the Board of Directors, Staff, and Members. The Trust's new mission is rooted firmly in the Bishop's Vision for education in the diocese.

Students and staff representing all fifteen schools were joined in prayer and song by the local clergy and representatives of the Board of Directors. Father William Massie led the congregation in prayer and contemplation.

Jesus wasn't joking

Jesus wasn't joking when he said "Blessed are the....."
He wasn't joking when he passed to us, responsibility for:
The poor in spirit,
The sorrowful,
The meek,
The ones who hunger for justice.
Jesus wasn't joking.
Jesus wasn't joking when he said, "love your enemy".
He wasn't joking when he said, "do good to those who hate you".
Jesus really wasn't joking.
So, we ignore them, we ignore Jesus and
Mohamed and Nanak and Buddha.
We ignore them all.
Because it's too hard.



It's hard to care for the people we don't know,
It's hard to love the people who don't think like we do,
It's hard to rise up and shout, "this is not right!".
But still, Jesus wasn't joking.
Jesus wasn't joking,
He wasn't joking when he said "love them",
So,
When they argue with you over just about everything,
Love them.
When they wake up late and won't get to school on time,
Love them.
When they walk away from you when you're talking,
or swear at you,
Love them.
Jesus really wasn't joking,
And yes, it is hard,
But still.....

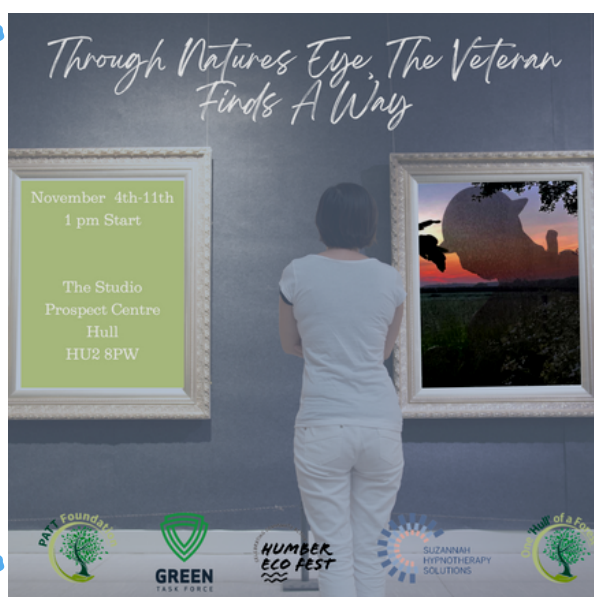
News Bites

The Eco-council is thrilled to announce that St Mary's College will retain its Green Flag status as an eco-school this year. So much hard work and effort went in to developing a more environmentally conscious school last year and this will continue into this academic year too.



Upcoming Events

SMC students are taking part in this exhibition



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Our Successes



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Exceptional Exam Outcomes for our 2023 cohort.
- 'Going for Gold' at the UKMT
- Our Autumnal Stars!
- Election results are in!
- Sporting Success

Outstanding Results



We are officially the best performing school in Hull and the East Riding for our 2023 GCSE outcomes and are celebrating a Progress 8 score of +0.73.

This means our students achieve 3/4 of a grade higher than they are expected to and this is down to the hard work of our phenomenal students, staff and wider community - including you as parents/carers.



Going for Gold



Our Sixth Form mathematicians have achieved exceptional success in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge with 80% of entrants achieving either a bronze, silver or gold certificate.

Special mention goes to our three Gold award winners: Ben, Bishop and Jeevan.

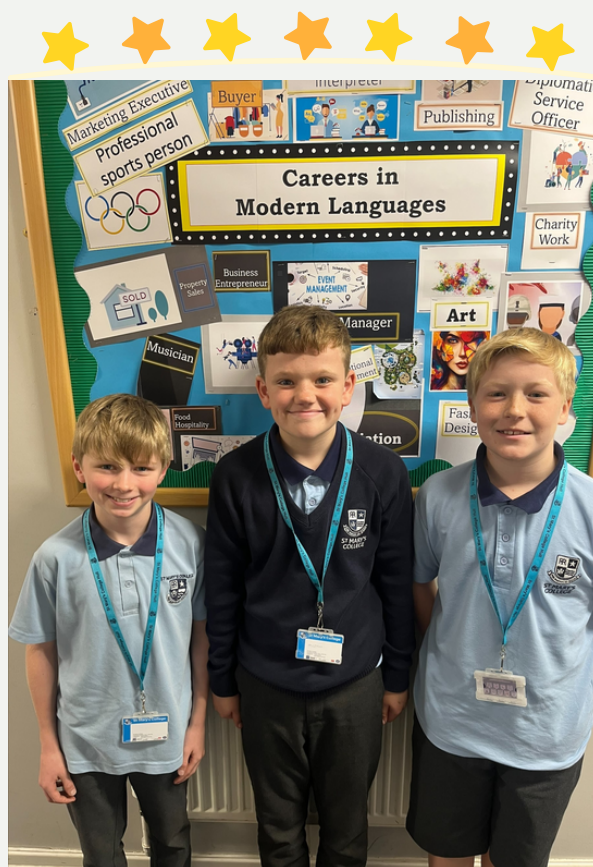


Autumn Stars

We are unbelievably proud that over 900 of our students have received Autumn Stars certificates this week to represent excellent attendance and conduct.

A special mention goes to these three students with the highest number of reward points in Year 7!

The year group as a whole have made an exceptional start in all aspects of their school lives and we couldn't be prouder.



Election results are in!

We can announce that Form and Year Representatives for the 2023-24 academic year have been announced - with all of these students embodying the SMC Standard. We look forward to the impact they will have this year as they represent the views of the wider student body.

Year 7 Year Representatives:

- Natalia B & Aoife K

Year 8 Year Representatives:

- Alisha M & Mason R

Year 9 Year Representatives

- Lennon T & Frankie F

Year 10 Year Representatives:

- Roza Z, Laurel A & Feiyang L

Year 11 Year Representatives:

- Hallie P & Daniel N.



Attendance across the school remains the highest in the city and significantly above national average which shows that our students feel safe and happy at our school. Thank you for your ongoing support.





Sporting Success



National Boxing Champion

Our Y10 student demonstrates sporting excellence, both inside and outside of school. She is national boxing champion and has represented the school in Football and Rugby League. 100% attendance and she is exceeding or exceptional in all subjects. A fantastic role model with an excellent behaviour record.

Congratulations to ex St Mary's College student Carla Nolan who scored a try in the Lions' Rugby League win over Serbia.



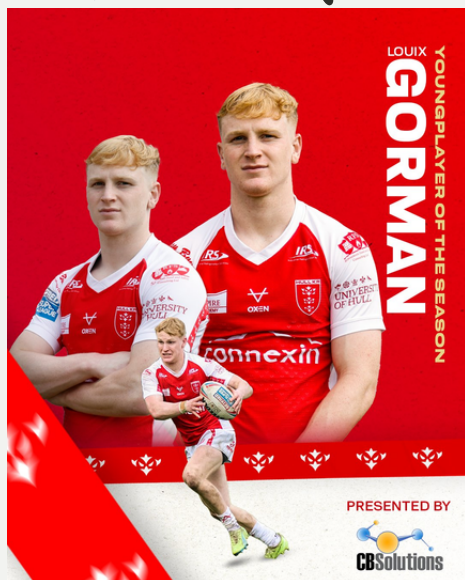
Super result for this student in the Yorkshire SENIOR Restricted achieving bronze in the ladies singles and reaching the quarter finals of the ladies doubles.

This sixth form student was offered an Academy contract ahead of the 2023 Academy Championship season after performing well throughout 2021 and 2022 with Hull FC's Scholarship.





Sporting Success



Well done to ex SMC student - Louix Gorman who won the Hull KR Young Player of the Season Award and has signed a First Team contract with the club.



Well done to our student who is the Hull Box Cup Champion 44kg 2023. This is fantastic achievement and we are very proud.



Great experience for our Year 10 student at St George's Park for England U15's emerging talent trials. He scored one and assisted for the second in a 3-1 win, playing in centre-midfield.

Well done to the 24 St Mary's College students who participated in the Hull Active Schools Panathlon Secondary Boccia Championships at Hull University.

Some outstanding results: of the 12 teams competing, SMC sport took 1st to 5th place in the tournament.

