



ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Finally, it is beginning to feel as if Spring has sprung! The days are longer, the sun is beginning to shine and the flowers are slowly returning. Many of the students have told me how pleased they are that it is getting warmer, and they can be outside more. Although this time of year is about renewal and rebirth, it is also about the culmination of hard work and years of study for our young people who are on the cusp of sitting terminal exams.

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students have their GCSE, A-Level and vocational final examinations next term. It is never to be underestimated how stressful this time can be for many of our young people as it is the conclusion of many years of their educational lives. Therefore, at our school, we ensure that our students have the highest levels of support through their amazing teachers, year teams, personal tutors and vast revision offer. For the first time, this year we have offered "Super Revision" during the mornings, which has had a measurable impact on mock outcomes. As an "Outstanding" school we are always evolving, always striving, and always adapting to meet the needs of our students whilst thinking outside of the box.

Therefore, please do spare a thought and prayer for these young people who are going into final exams. Many of you are the parents/carers of these students and it is natural that you will also feel very anxious and concerned about your child at this time. Therefore, as we go into the Easter break, please do encourage your child to attend the revision sessions at school and/or work on their guided revision at home. We will look after them in school and ensure they manage this challenging time.

Last of all, please do spend time as a family, encourage your child to see their friends and spend time relaxing as this is also really important. I know they will do fantastically well!

I wish you a holy and happy Easter.

MRS M STEAD
HEAD OF SCHOOL



KEY DATES 2024

- Saturday 23rd March: Dance performance at the Rugby Union Showdown, London
- Monday 8th April : School re-opens after the Easter break
- Tuesday 16th April : Lourdes trip meeting, 6pm, Storey Centre
- Thursday 18th April: Awards Evening
- Wednesday 23rd April: Y7 Symphony, Hull City Hall
- Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday (school closed for one day)
- Friday 24th May: A Night at the Musicals (school theatre)
- Friday 24th May: School closes for the half term break
- Saturday 25th May- Saturday 1st June : Lourdes Pilgrimage

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Mock Bar Trial finalists !

SM6 students recently participated in the National Final of the Mock Bar Trial competition at the Royal Courts of Justice in London. After winning the regional heat, the excited students did an incredible job competing on this significant national platform and made accompanying staff incredibly proud.

The Bar Mock Trial competition, organised by Young Citizens:Smart Law, helps young people understand how the law touches every aspect of their lives, gaining an insight into how the legal justice system works. Schools are given access to resources, including specially written criminal cases, to help teams prepare legal arguments. After preparation, the teams take part in a regional heat and go head-to-head with other schools to prosecute and defend the cases. Winning teams then compete in the National Final. The experience helps students develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society.

We have a very talented bunch of future lawyers on our hands at St Mary's College Sixth Form. Congratulations to everyone involved.



A month of excellent performances

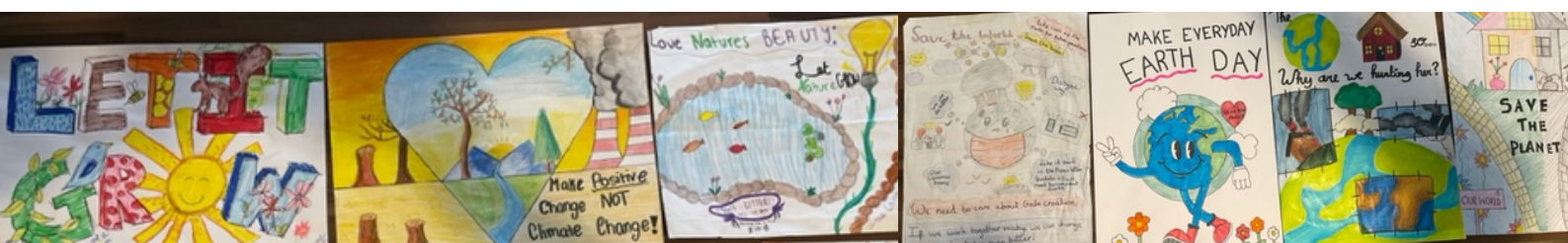


March has been an incredibly busy month for the Faculty of Music & Performing Arts at SMC with the annual school musical 'We Will Rock You', competing at the regional Music For Youth Festival, dancing at the world's largest dance event 'MOVE IT!' at the ExCel arena in London and putting on the play 'Orchestra' as part of the National Theatre Connections 24 programme.



Woodland walk art work

Students from St Mary's College recently participated in an art competition organised by Hull City Council University Ward for a new development on our neighbouring King George V playing fields. Over 80 pictures were submitted locally and were narrowed down to just 20, of which the 7 winning ones below were from SMC. These will be printed and displayed on the woodland walk from 22nd April.



Footprints Garden

Tended by Mr Lowe and students in Footprints, the SMC garden and allotment are beginning to spring to life at the moment.

The crocuses pictured were donated by Hull Rotary Club and the 200 bulbs planted by a Year 11 pupil to remember his grandfather.



UKBC Biology Olympiad

Five A Level Biologists in Year 13 recently undertook the UKBC Biology Olympiad exams.

As a result of gaining a gold, Gabrielle has now progressed to the next round.

Best of luck to her and congratulations to all who participated.



NEWSFLASH

St Mary's College has been selected as one of 190 schools in the country to send three experiments into the stratosphere.

Year 8 and 9 students will be designing experiments to be carried out in conditions which mirror the surface conditions of Mars.

The experiments will be sent in a balloon which will pop at an altitude of 30km and deliver the contents back to Earth.



As we approach Holy Week...

Holy Week begins every year with a celebration of Palm Sunday. Then the week builds up with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Saturday and finally, the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we are reminded that our forgiveness was bought at a price. We humble ourselves and recommit our lives to Jesus and to proclaiming His Kingdom come to our generation and the next.

Holy Week prayer is helpful to focus our thoughts and prepare our hearts during the time we mark the most pivotal events of our faith.



*Lord God,
You sent your Son into the world,
And before his hour had come,
He washed his disciples' feet.*

*You had given all things into his hands.
He had come from you, and was going to you,
And what did he do?
He knelt down on the floor,
And washed his friends' feet.*

*He was their teacher and their Lord,
Yet he washed their feet.
Lord God, help us learn from his example;
Help us to do as he has done for us.*

*The world will know we are his disciples
If we love one another.
Strengthen our hands and our wills for love
And for service.*

*Keep before our eyes the image of your Son,
Who, being God, became a Servant for our sake.
All glory be to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
Amen*

Fantastic work produced by Art & Design students in the last month




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