



The newspaper for St Mary's transition week

Friday July 12th 2019

Yr 7 advice



Although you've had a fab first week here at St Mary's, there is no doubt that the nerves may kick in on your return. Isobel in Year 7 says that she thought coming back was 'refreshing' and 'it was good to be full time at the school.' She also said that she was 'thrilled to be studying the creative lessons.' We asked Isobel if she wanted to come back here and her response was, "I couldn't think why anyone wouldn't come back here, especially after how engaging I thought transition week was; I couldn't wait to come back." When we inquired about any advice for the year sixes, she said that when they return to St Mary's, they shouldn't worry about all the size of the place as they will get used to it in no time, and they should 'focus on enjoying themselves and making the most out of their time here at St Mary's Col-

Goodbye year 6

We hope you had a great week at your new school, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Emily

Your fabulous transition week is sadly at an end, and your first day as a fresh faced, enthusiastic year 7 is drawing ever closer. We hope you have had a fantastic introduction to your time here at St Mary's and have enjoyed some great lessons such as English, Maths, P.E and Art. Having interviewed a fair few of you this week, you all seem to have enjoyed yourselves and the staff have said you are looking like one of the best year 7 groups ever!

Everyone here at St Mary's has had a brilliant time welcoming you to the school and cannot wait to welcome you back to our warm community.

As you embark on the transition to your St Mary's future, remember to take time to complete any summer homework and ensure you take time to have all your equipment and P.E kit ready the night before.

In addition to this, make sure you check your transport to and from school in September to avoid any confusion.

Another thing to think about over the summer is to return with a positive attitude. Whatever your previous school record was like, we welcome you with a fresh start here at St Mary's, so it is important to start as you wish to go on. This means coming in with a thirst for knowledge and a respectful attitude. It is also a great idea to try and learn where your lessons are as quickly as possible to avoid being late for lessons when you return in September. Sticking with the theme of the cricket world cup, bring the same focus, dedication and teamwork to your studies. We cannot wait to make some everlasting, incredible memories with you all. Enjoy your summer, stay safe and we'll see you all next year.

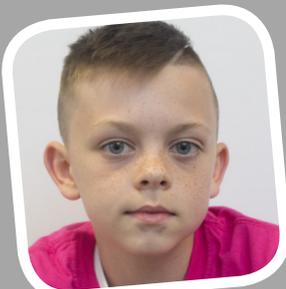
**it's
you!**



Eamonn YM-
"I'm looking forward to coming back and doing PE, also meeting new people."



Tilly YT-
"I am looking forward to everything. I am going to learn and make new friends."



Jayme YR-
"I really enjoyed going to netball club and also taking part in all of the sports I did in PE."

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INTERNATIONAL



**It's
out
of this
world!**

Come and experience our International week

Kaycee and Zhaleh

Here at St Mary's, we are very lucky to have a hugely diverse community and we feel that it is very important to celebrate this. One way we do this is by holding an 'International week' every summer. International week is organised by Mr McIntosh, our resident musical marvel. We asked him why we have international week, and he told us, "We have a lot of diversity here at St Mary's; International week gives us a perfect opportunity to promote all of the different cultures we have within our community." You may be wondering who gets involved in international week, the answer is everybody! International week is celebrated with various different activities, celebrations and sporting events which everyone is able to take part in. During this year's international week, we would start

our lessons in the usual way by saying the sign of the cross. However, it would be said in a different language every day! All students would watch a video of a member of our community doing the sign of the cross in their language, then repeat it. What an amazing way of promoting all of the different nationalities we have within our St Mary's community! Indian cooking lessons were also available for anyone who wanted to have a go. You should also look forward to many different sporting events throughout international week, where countries will be represented through sport. Throughout your time here at St Mary's, remember how amazing it is to go to a school with so much diversity and individuality - all of which we celebrate to form our amazing community.

Polish School

Most Saturdays, a Polish school is held in the Storey centre from 10am to 1pm in which over 150 students take part. The school is available from ages 3 to 16, teaching not only the Polish language but also the history and geography of the country. It is not free so you will be expected to pay but you will be able to find the cost of the fee by asking Miss Keogh or Miss

Ankudowicz. In all its activities, the school is guided primarily for the good of the student by having classes for preparing students for GCSE exams and also develops students' identities which awakens their patriotism for their country. They also celebrate traditional Polish events by celebrating occasions such as Christmas or Easter by hosting assemblies for the students to participate in.

Let's get resourceful

Enhance your learning with a visit to the LRC where you can expand your horizons.

By Kaycee

We are lucky to have many amazing resources here at St Mary's, one of which being our Learning Resource Centre. Today, we spoke to Mrs Bedworth, who is the LRC manager whilst also managing the school's social media and communications, making her a very busy lady indeed! You'll always be able to find her in the LRC. You may also find teachers in the learning resource centre with their classes. We asked Mrs Bedworth how she would describe the LRC, and she noted how it is a "Warm, friendly and inviting space. It is a peaceful quiet area where you can get on with any work or just read for pleasure." As you may have seen, the Learning Resource Centre is full to the brim with almost every book imaginable. You will find non-fiction, fiction, graphic novels, resource books...the list goes on. As well as the fact that it is bursting with books, the Learning Resource Centre provides many more resources for learning such as computers and printers which are free for all students to use at any time. They could come in useful for homework tasks and projects. It is also home to student supplies so if you ever fall short on equipment, you can purchase whatever you need from Mrs Bedworth for very reasonable prices. The LRC is available for students at any time, whether it be before school or at break and lunch. However, you may also spend time in here with your class



You need to read to succeed

and subject teacher. It is also likely that, throughout your time at St Mary's, you will visit the LRC several times to complete an accelerated reader test which will determine your reading age. You may also be interested in using sites such as SAM learning or taking a few accelerated reader quizzes which you can take on books that you have read. Moreover, we asked Mrs Bedworth about the importance of reading and why we have the LRC. She replied "You need to read to succeed! It is important for every subject you take-not just English." Why not follow her advice and spend some time in the LRC.

Meet the staff



Mr Crane - "Be kind, make new friends and enjoy yourself."



Mrs Paddock- "Don't worry; ask if you need help and make sure no one is left on their own."



Miss Barber - "From the first day back, just get stuck in."

HA! HA! HA!

Q. What's orange and sounds like a parrot?
A. A carrot!!!
- Thanks Mr Hussey!



go for gold!



Kian tells us about his passion for middle distance running.

Kian is a student here at St Mary's in year 10. He is a very talented middle distance runner who has competed at national level several times. When questioned about his greatest achievement, Kian informed us it was running the 'mini-marathon' which was held at the same time and place as the London Marathon this year." Kian also said that Mo Farah 'inspires him to be the best performer he can be' because he shows how important hard work, a training plan and eating nutritious food is. Kian's advice for all year 6's is to "make the most of the amazing facilities available here at St Mary's." For those wishing to get a little fitter and follow in Kian's footsteps, you are more than welcome to join 'team fit' on a lunch-

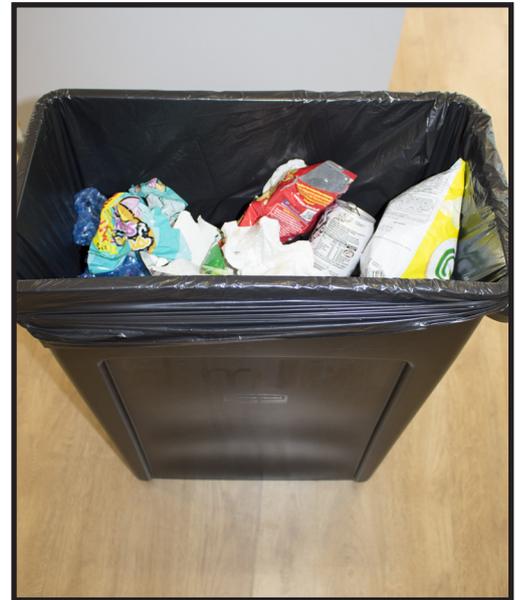
Kaycee

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Don't be a litter bug!

Emily

At St Mary's, we pride ourselves on being a clean, litter-free school. We heavily encourage recycling and develop the importance of it during PSHE lessons, so that students have an understanding of the impact of plastics to our world. You will find bins covering all corners of the school grounds to ensure that all rubbish is disposed of correctly, and in order to sustain such a clean environment, we make sure everyone lends a helping hand. If you have a soft spot for saving the planet, you can always join the Green Society, which meet together to discuss ways in which we can be more environmentally friendly in school, such as reducing electricity or finding more efficient ways of recycling. Even if you don't want to join the Green Society, you can



Respect your community and let's work together to make St Mary's a litter free zone. always take your part in the school community by binning your litter, turning off empty class room lights and preserving our planet one bottle at a time. Even though recycling is literally a load of rubbish, the idea behind it most certainly is not!

To be or not to be... that is the question

Eve

Here at St Mary's, we are lucky enough to have a partnership with the RSC.

The RSC, for those who may not know, is the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Its goal is to increase young people's enjoyment of Shakespeare in order to increase the enthusiasm of those studying his plays in school, as well as giving them more opportunities to perform. The Royal Shakespeare Company has a huge impact on our school because the drama department staff are able to get the best possible training. In addition to this, students get the fantastic opportunity to see many Shakespeare plays performed live on stage. This is a privilege that most schools are not lucky

enough to have.

Our students also get the chance to perform in Shakespeare plays as well as studying them. This gives them the chance to feel more involved and connected with the play's whilst they are studying a Shakespearean play for their English Literature GCSE. It is an amazing opportunity for the students! As a member of St Mary's College, you will be able to get involved with the RSC in many different ways. For example, in

November the RSC will be giving us the chance to see the play 'The Merchant of Venice' being performed. Alongside other great opportunities to explore stage design and acting, this is one partnership which continues to grow and benefit our students!

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