



**ST MARY'S
COLLEGE**

NEWSLETTER

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The last 2 days at St Mary's College have been extremely special. We have been able to return to the Marist church in year groups to take part in our Lenten Service. Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter and is a season of reflection and preparation. In the services we were finally able to experience the spiritual joy of being together as a community, praying together, listening to readings and thinking about our individual journeys with Christ which is a very special, personal thing.

None of this would have happened without our amazing Chaplaincy Team who spent a long time planning the service, ensuring it was perfect and would reach everyone. Music was provided by staff and students, creating a reverent atmosphere and the staff choir lifted everyone's hearts.



It was truly wonderful for me to speak to year groups at the service, to welcome them into the church and congratulate students on the way they listened so carefully, reflected so peacefully and responded so thoughtfully. For me, as Head of School, having the opportunity to experience a service as special as the Lenten one is what our school is all about and I know the students thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this: even down to the walk to and from the church!

When Lent ends Easter begins and I know that amongst the Easter eggs, the excitement and bank holidays there will be joy in families being able to celebrate together, just as we were able to do these last 2 days, as a family, at our parish church.

**MRS STEAD
HEAD OF SCHOOL**



SAVE THE DATES

- Monday 25th April : school reopens after the Easter break
- Monday 2nd May: school is closed for the Bank Holiday (one day only)
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June: Half Term holiday
- Sunday 12th June: Team SMC run the Hull 10K
- Tuesday 14th June: An evening of cabaret at Hull Truck Theatre by SMC students
- Friday 1st July : Year 11 prom
- Saturday 2nd July : Year 13 prom
- 13-15th July : Matilda the Musical, Key Stage 3/4 production
- Wednesday 20th July (1pm) school closes for the summer break

REST IN PEACE

We were sad to hear of the passing of Mr Philip Dalton last month, a much loved and respected former English teacher at St Mary's College.

Eternal rest grant unto him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen



HEADERS & FOOTERS: SPORTING HEADLINES!



Table Tennis

Under 16 Boys, Under 16 Girls and Under 19 Boys Table Tennis teams all reached the Table Tennis England/ESTA National Schools Team Championship Finals at Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton

Netball

The Year 9 Netball team reached the quarter finals of the 'Sisters in Sport' National Plate Competition after beating Bradford Grammar School 26-25 in sudden death extra time, they lost to eventual finalists Bury Grammar School,

Indoor Cricket

Under 13 Boys and Under 15 Girls Indoor Cricket teams both finished as runners up in the East Yorkshire Indoor Cricket Championships and progressed to the Yorkshire Schools Finals. Both went out in the groups stages but had a fantastic experience playing at the Indoor Cricket School, Headingley, Leeds. Being one of the top 8 teams in Yorkshire is an outstanding achievement.

Cross Country

Well done to Kian (Year 13), Amy (Year 12) and Seb (Year 9) who represented Humberside Schools in the English Schools Cross Country Championships at Hop Farm, Kent. Kian and Seb both won their respective age group category races at the Humberside Schools Cross country Championships to qualify.

Football

The Football season continues with outstanding league games to play in the Summer Term and district and county cup competitions still in progress.

Well done to the Year 8A, Year 8B, Year 9A and Year 9B football teams who both reached the quarter finals of the ESFA National Cup. Outstanding!

Well done to Rosie (Year 10), Alice (Year 10) and Finlay (Year 11) who have all played for the Humberside Schools FA Under 16 Girls and Under 16 Boys representative teams respectively this season.

Well done to Anthony (Year 11) who has been awarded an academy scholarship with Hull City following in the footsteps of ex student Keane Lewis-Potter.

Rugby League

Year 11 Rugby League team have reached the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Plate after victories against St Wilfrid's Catholic High School, Featherstone and Archbishop Sentamu Academy.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Rugby team on reaching the last 8 teams in the country. Recently the team were selected to play the top seeded team from North East/Newcastle area after finishing fourth within the Yorkshire league. The team travelled the 2.5 hours up to Newcastle on the coach, feeling a little groggy on arrival. However, the opportunity to play on the Newcastle Falcons/Thunder's ground was enough to raise their spirits before kick-off.

SMC certainly were determined and focused from the minute they arrived. After a solid start and some very tough defence from SMC, they took the lead through some smart moves and quick thinking and scored close to the posts to settle their nerves. The first half finished 12-0. In the second half Ponteland High school put a lot of pressure onto St Mary's forcing errors and tackled with intensified vigour, however SMC held firm and managed to score again late on to end the game 16-0. Huge congratulations and looking forward to the next round.



If you want to share your son/daughter's sporting achievements within the community, please email SMCSport@smchull.org

HOLD THE PAGE !

We've just received some last minute, fantastic news about our recent entry in Hull City Council's Neurodiversity Week Celebration Image competition.

Our image made the Top Five of overall entries and as such has won £75 from the John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank!

A framed version of the print will also go on exhibition at the Ferens Art Gallery sometime in the next year and some students will be invited to attend afternoon tea with Councillor Lynn Petrini the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull. Congratulations to all involved.



EXCITING ENRICHMENT

For many of us, it is the school memories we make outside of the classroom that stay with us for the rest of our lives. That is one of the reasons that we value enrichment so much at SMC. Our pupils deserve to have a wide range of experiences at their time at school and we aim to offer them the chance to take part in as many different activities as possible. From Irish dancing to science experiments and discussing nature documentaries, there is a whole host of enrichment activities available at SMC waiting for our pupils to try.

That is why we are happy and excited to announce that we will be kicking off next term with our first ever enrichment fair! This will be an opportunity for every pupil in Years 7-10 to learn about all of the different clubs and activities we run. Pupils will be given a chance to try out many of these activities and then sign up for the clubs that interest them the most. We hope that pupils will seize this opportunity to sign up for an activity which allows them to pursue a passion or push themselves out of their comfort zone.

In addition to this, we are going to be running a core enrichment offer that will ensure that each one of our pupils gets to experience something new, whilst also developing awareness of key concepts such as community and culture. This involves all pupils taking part in a range of activities such as learning sign language, visits to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and working with groups in our local community. This is a unique and distinctive experience that will give pupils a chance to develop their learning and character outside of the classroom, while having a chance to spend time with their peers in new settings.

We cannot wait for all members of the SMC community to learn more about our exciting enrichment opportunities and for pupils to expand their experiences!

Miss N Steele - Director of Personal Development & Enrichment



SOCIAL JUSTICE

At St Mary's we believe that the Personal Development of our students is one of the most important aspects of education. This incorporates our teaching of British Values and the 9 protected characteristics which you can find here: <https://smchull.org/secondary-school/curriculum>. Therefore, next term we will be focusing on Respect and Tolerance. To begin with, this week we have been discussing and examining Social Justice and how not everyone is able to have the same equality as others. Students have explored many different elements of Social Justice, including racial equality, poverty and gender equality. It has been extremely thought-provoking! From next half-term we will hold special assemblies, use tutor time, enrichment and specific lessons to focus on our Personal Development theme moving forward. In a world where there is not justice for all we are proud to be helping our young people to understand this and be ambassadors for change.



FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

In addition to the fundraising success of Wear Your Trainers Day and the efforts of a group of Year 7 students, the DT club have also raised almost £500 making bunnies for the charities supporting people in Ukraine. The care for others in need over the last few weeks has been heartwarming.



CENTRE STAGE

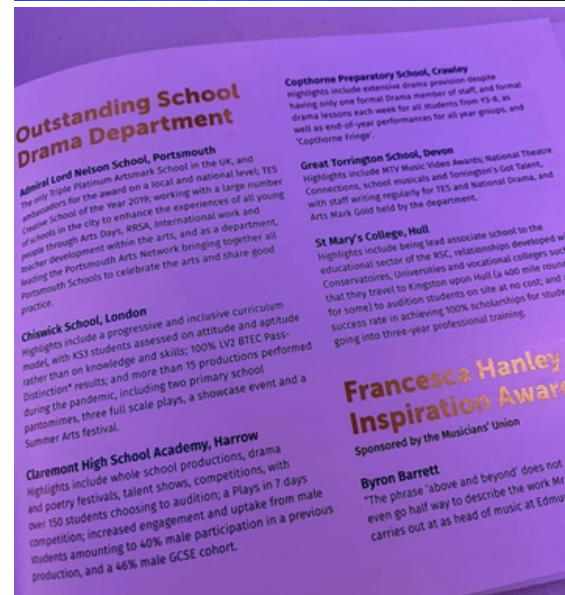


St Mary's College Performing Arts department and their amazing students were back with a bang after a Covid-enforced absence with a formidable list of successes over the past few weeks.

Their four-night run of Chicago played to almost sell-out audiences who were treated to a show of professional standards, filled with panache, vigour and excitement, tremendous song and dance routines and music ably led by our student MD Victor alongside a superb orchestra. Every performance was nothing short of sensational, from the lead performers to the ensemble, this really was a show to remember.

The day after the show closed, many of the same Performing Arts students were involved in the La Volta Dance Festival at Hull College where they came away with the silver medal, 2nd prize for their commercial dance piece which was choreographed by SM6 student Molly!

And last but very not least, which will come as no surprise, the Performing Arts department were recently in attendance at the Music & Drama Education Awards at a glittering ceremony in London. Whilst not picking up the award, getting onto the national shortlist and being the only school from the north of England nominated for Outstanding School Drama Department was quite some achievement in its own right! Congratulations to everyone above.



MORE PRAISE...

Huge congratulations also to all of our students that participated in the inclusion indoor county cricket finals this month. The students showed great pride in their performance and behaviour.

Out of the five teams that participated in the tournament (and some teams a lot bigger than ours!) our students managed to finish in 2nd place bringing home a medal and a runners-up trophy.

They were nothing short of fantastic!

MORE ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDENT SUCCESS!



Year 12 student Leonor Canelo Walker has recently been accepted to participate in the MCM Comic Convention in London at the Excel Arena.



She will be exhibiting from a bespoke stall and selling her own prints - an amazing achievement given the thousands of applicants who vied for a spot.

MEDICAL ETHICS SESSION AT HYMS

Aspiring Medics from Year 12 Medical, Health & Social Care Academy represented St Mary's College during a visit to Hull York Medical School. The students, who are pursuing medicine as a career path, took part in a Medical Ethics session involving a debate regarding the prioritisation of treatment within the NHS.

Every student was engaged and made their voice heard. The staff and student ambassadors at HYMS (one being a former SM6 student), were friendly, but also happy to play Devil's advocate, which made the debate more enjoyable to observe.

It was a great afternoon at the Hull University campus, even with the wet weather.



FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE

A well-received Staff and SM6 Netball tournament was held last week to raise money for the humanitarian relief work in Ukraine organised by International School coordinator Mr Berry, £110 was raised at the event and will be added to the overall funds being raised by the school currently.



A group of Year 7 pupils are selling blue & yellow lanyard ribbons, sunflower badges and packs of sunflower seeds for a £1. So far they have raised over £150 for Cafod's Ukraine appeal but have ambitions to make a lot more. Thank you to the school community for their purchases !



CORE GROUP WORK

STEWARDSHIP

7Yn1 have been learning about stewardship in RE. The children wanted to demonstrate how to be a good steward towards the SMC community, so we decided to go litter picking!

They spent considerable time making our school grounds spick and span.



ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION

We recently had a visit from Gerard Baker, who leads expeditions to the Antarctic. The Core Groups loved listening to his stories and looking at some pictures from his 30 years of adventures to the polar region. They also had lots of fun trying on Gerard's polar clothing!





And finally...

HULL YOUTH PARLIAMENT

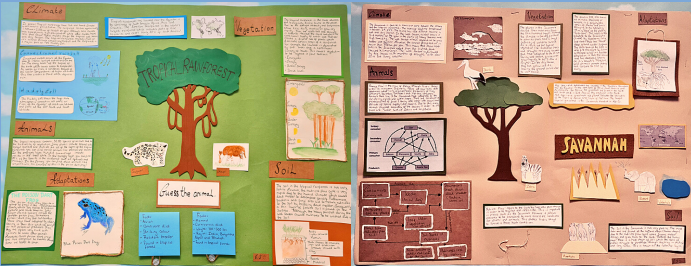
Hull has four new UK Youth Parliament youth representatives::

- Toby Thomson - Member of UK Youth Parliament, 16 years old from St Mary's College 6th Form
- Logan Richards - Member of UK Youth Parliament, 12 years old from Northcott School
- Scarlett-Victoria Rowland - Deputy Member of UK Youth Parliament, 16 years old from St Mary's College 6th Form
- Elizabeth Wilson - Deputy Member of UK Youth Parliament, 15 years old from The Marvell College

Congratulations to all the candidates who stood and thank you to all those who took part in the voting process.



GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



All Year 9 Geographers have recently competed in class competitions to produce the best posters to compare the differences between their two biome case studies - the tropical rainforest and the hot semi-arid grassland. There were lots of fantastic efforts so well done to all involved including Emily Salevich for her winning entry.

SPRINGTIME: A PRAYER

Thank you for Spring, the season of your expression of joy!

Let every bloom remind me of your grace.

Let each sunny day bring light to my soul.

As I spring ahead let these months give birth to warm thoughts and kind gestures.

Amen.



LAW VISIT TO LONDON

SM6 Law students visited the Supreme Court and Houses of Parliament on a recent educational visit to London.



MOOTING



A team of Year 12 students recently entered an inter-sixth form 'Mooting' competition at Hull University. Our team of Ellen, Phoebe, Deanna & Abi were outstanding and finished an impressive 3rd place in the competition with Ellen being awarded a separate prize for her performance.

The students worked very hard and their diligence and commitment to the preparation and performance was impressive. Grads Intern, Abby Southwick also worked really hard and offered invaluable support and advice throughout. The team were a credit to themselves and our college.

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