



The newspaper for St Mary's transition week

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## NEPAL- TRIP OF A LIFE TIME

**Sixth formers experienced helping less privileged children in a local school in Nepal**

St Mary's College is a place full of opportunities. During your time here, you will have the chance to go on many amazing trips. For example, the trip to Nepal. Nepal is a small country just below China and, unfortunately, it doesn't have the amazing conditions we are used to here in the UK. Mr Haworth and his team run a yearly trip to help out here. We spoke to him about what the students going on the trip will have to look forward to. He said "the trip will give older students an opportunity to see and experience a different way of life because the people living in Nepal will be much less privileged than our students. They will be able to help these people in whatever way, whether it be by taking things over there or actively making and building things, or even by simply providing the people they meet with different experiences and things they will have never encountered before." The Nepal trip is completely free for the students taking part, meaning that some fundraising has to be done. When asked about this, Mr Haworth said "last year, we

did lots of things to raise money. There was even a horse racing event. Everyone was able to get involved in the fundraising-we even had a 'Where's Wally' themed non-uniform day. This year there will be a concert held at school, which I will be singing at! We'll also have school quizzes and raffles for anyone who wants to get involved." In addition to the trip benefitting those in Nepal, it will hugely benefit the students going over there. Mr Haworth said "they'll be able to learn how less privileged people live. Hopefully this will make them for thankful for what they have. It will be challenging and some may struggle not sleeping in a comfortable bed every night! However, everyone will benefit in some way, whether it be from gaining teamwork skills or from learning to appreciate what you have." With a cash injection from our charity 'Hull Help for Refugees', it proves communities really do help each other.

**Eve**

## At the musicals



We are lucky at St Mary's to have our own outstanding theatre with equally phenomenal productions, including West Side Story, Sister Act, School of Rock, Billie Elliot and The Lion King - all of which welcomed waves of praise and applause from the large audiences who came to see them. Even with the talented team behind the scenes made up of director of performance Mr Wood, Miss Fox and our enthusiastic and professional drama teachers, the show could most certainly not go on without the help of the students themselves. There is always an annual production that features all years, giving you a chance to get involved. If you are interested in this soon to be revealed mystery production, the auditions will come up around September/October and the production itself will be put in place in March.

**it's  
you!**



**Ellie - YM**  
"My favourite  
subject is D & T."



**Harry - YR**  
"I am really look-  
ing forward to  
making new  
friends."



**Olivia - YT**  
"I am finding St  
Mary's amazing.  
I'm enjoying PE  
and Maths."



*We caught up with the MFL department to find out what they do.*

## MFL - Speaking the universal Language

**Emily**

At St Mary's, you will take part in Modern Foreign Languages classes which will open up great travel opportunities such as the Paris trip, Berlin trip and the Alicante trip in Spain for the higher years. There is also the European day of languages in which you can participate. If you want to be more involved in MFL with the cultural side, there is always the films clubs on Friday that lets you watch popular films in their natural dialect, such as Coco and Potiche. You will study French if you're in the X half or in Spanish if you're in the Y half. Further on in the school, you can be offered the chance to do the alternative language as well as your current one depending on your progress in MFL. I spoke to Ms Scott about the importance of MFL

for students and she said, "Learning a language can also let you learn about the culture, food, art, music and people from these parts of the world. It also gives you the chance to make friends and travel with confidence- you could even live in a different country with the skill of knowing the language!" You are expected to be enthusiastic in lessons and be open to new things. It is important to try your hardest and excel in your MFL class; after all, you will have to tackle speaking, listening, reading and writing assessments throughout the year to test your knowledge! However, once you've mastered these, the world is your oyster, and will give you a little 'je ne sais quoi'.

### Here to help - Learning Mentors

If you go to see your head of year and they are not there, don't fear. Each year group is ably aided by two learning mentors. These are your key point of contact when you are lost, have lost a dinner card, or just need a quick chat. We spoke to Y10 mentor Mr Clarkson who loves his role in the school. He thinks the role of a good mentor is to bridge the gap between the students and teachers and feels he is there to add a positive role model to those who

are struggling in school. He also thinks that St Mary's students are some of the best in the country. He said ' In my time here at St Mary's, I've had the absolute pleasure of working with some lovely individuals who will go on to achieve great things'. The learning mentors are often a good link between you and your teachers, so if you are struggling, or if your teacher feels there is a problem, they are the first port of call.

# Uniform Expectations

Appropriate dress is very important at St Mary's

By Emily

St Mary's gives us a chance to feel part of the school's community through its uniform, allowing us to be noticeable by our characteristic blue polo shirts. Our behaviour and recognisable uniform also brings us praise from outside visitors by our neat attire. However, it is important that we don't abuse this dress code since St Mary's holds a firm leash on their uniform and hair policy. The results of inappropriate dress wear can lead from stickers in planners for guardians up to the exclusion of students as the worst-case scenario. For skirts, we make sure that they are below knee length and are recommended to be bought from the school uniform shop. Pencil skirts are a definite no-no. Hair for the boys should also be graded into a cut and of an even length. For girls, they are not allowed scrunchies on their wrists and any form of jewellery is prohibited except for a discreet crucifix. Whilst these rules may seem steadfast, we feel that an appropriate uniform makes us a positive ambassador for St Mary's and allows everyone to feel like a part of our special community. Our safeguarding officer Miss Booth feels that a smart uniform leads to pride in yourself, but also in your behaviour. Additionally, when we go on school visits or outside of the grounds, our distinctive uniform helps to keep us safe, as well as bring great comments from the public for our superb standards



**Looking the same is a uniform idea!**

of behaviour. We are all part of a large community, and our uniform is key to this, so wear it with pride.

For the winter months, you need to remember that it is only SMC uniform which is allowed in school, so if you have fancy puffer jackets or even a giant Parka you'll need to put it in your bag for the day. Also, your shoes need to be black and plain, so as lovely as pink flashing Converse may seem, you'll just have to wear them at home.

If you are cold in the winter, there's also an option of a jumper, but we're kind here at St Mary's and notch up the heating, so hopefully you'll be toasty throughout the chilly months.

## Meet the staff



**Miss Jackson -**  
"Make as many friends as possible and be kind to everyone you meet."



**Mr McIntosh -**  
Don't worry about what anyone else is doing, focus on yourself."



**Miss Wright -**  
"You may be bewildered but make sure you stay organised by using your planner."

**HA! HA!**

Q. Did you hear about the cheese factory explosion?

A. All that was left was the de-bre

- Thanks Mr Johnston



# go for gold!



Ruby tells us about her passion for Rugby.

Ruby from 8YC plays netball for Kingston and Leeds. Ruby presents a determined attitude towards her sport and shows her dedication by travelling to Leeds every Monday night after school to train for her netball team. In addition to this, she also travels far for her netball matches. Ruby says her overall greatest achievement so far is playing for Leeds and Ruby says her older brother Charlie inspires her to play as much sport as possible, do her best and work extremely hard in sport in order to achieve. One of her main goals is to carry on sport throughout and after school and make sure she has a job which will utilise these skills. We're sure she will 'score' her dream opportunity with such focus and drive.

Eve

# the Daily DELIVERY

## Transform your design

### Kaycee

One of the many exciting lessons you will be experiencing during your time here at St Mary's will be art and design. We have an excellent Art and Design/ Design and Technology department which is located on the bottom floor of the sixth form building (the C corridor). You may not have had the opportunity to do much art and design in primary school but you'll be able to get a feel for it during transition week. Today we took a look at a transition week art lesson and spoke to Mr Cook, an amazing art teacher, about what you should expect from these lessons as you go into year 7. He said, "you'll be learning lots of basic skills which will help you gradually build up your confidence. Practise makes you better; we hope for your personal best, not perfection.



Bumblebee was made as part of the year 8 team challenge day.

Remember to never give up." His advice for being successful in art and design was to "practise", and remember that "you can do amazing things if you put your mind to it." As well as art and design, you will also have design and technology lessons.

## Be ready, be equipped!

### Kaycee

Here at St Mary's, we expect the very best from all of our brilliant students. This means that, upon your return to school in September, it is important that you are prepared and organised. You may have already been given a list of all the equipment you will need. This will consist of: 2 pens, a pencil, a pencil sharpener, a rubber, a calculator, a protractor, a compass, a reading book, your dinner card and your planner. Your form tutors will check equipment and planners every Monday morning. Every week, your planner must be signed by a parent or carer; this will be checked at the same time as your equipment. If you fail to bring all of your equipment or have your planner signed, you will have to go to a



ten-minute detention at lunchtime. It is vital that you bring all of your equipment to school every day so that you are able to make the most of your lesson time and achieve your full potential.

The best tip is to make sure that you use your planner appropriately by logging all the homework you get. Using your planner well and organising homework will mean that you have nothing to be stressed about-you should be on top of all your work and able to complete it to a very high standard. Organisation is a key attribute to being a successful learner, and this will help you grow and reach your potential throughout your time at St Mary's!