



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 2023

WELCOME FROM MR THOMPSON

Hello and welcome to our new look St Mary's newsletter!

We will be publishing a newsletter at the end of every half-term, and hope to fill it with updates on pupil achievements and activities, a spotlight on individual departments, as well as useful information for you, as parents and carers.

Hopefully our first edition will give you a flavour of what's to come, but if there are any features or news items you would like to see covered in the newsletter, then please do get in touch and, as ever, we'll aim to act on your feedback.

Thank You!



OUR HEAD BOY & GIRL



TWINS TAKE THE LEAD

We congratulated our new Head Boy & Girl, Tom and Izzy to their new leading roles. Tom and Izzy are the first twins to take this fantastic responsibility on. They are supported by the deputies Ethan and Charlotte.

Tom, Ethan, Izzy and Charlotte have already excelled in their new roles and have been actively involved and supportive to our St Mary's community.

We have also enlisted a hugely supportive Y11 leadership team to continue to promote our school values lead by Mr Walsh. Thank you to all pupils who are involved in this imperative role in school. We hope they wear their leadership ties with pride.



CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES

CHAPLAINCY GARDENING CLUB

As part of our ongoing response to Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si, our Chaplaincy gardening team have commenced work on the peace garden. We focused on tidying borders and footpaths in preparation to plant wildflowers and various bulbs to attract bees and butterflies. As we know, "Laudato Si" calls for a renewed sense of ecological responsibility and emphasises the interconnectedness of all life on Earth. We can all make a difference, so well done team on 'letting your light shine!'



FAITH IN ACTION - BISHOP TOM NEYLON

Special thanks to St Mary's Community Centre for inviting our Faith in Action members to participate in the CAFOD FAST Day. Our students had a truly enriching experience, learning about the impactful work that CAFOD does. Meeting Bishop Tom Neylon and Fr. Joe Bibby was an extra treat, and their insights added depth to our understanding of supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. As always, we are so grateful for the warm welcome from our local community and the opportunity to be part of this charity event'

CAFOD FAST DAY

Special thanks to our Charity Ambassador for organising this years CAFOD FAST Day. Students raised the awareness of CAFODS latest campaign by hosting a 'soup day', inviting staff and students to swap their usual meal for soup and bread for a small donation. This symbolic act helped raise awareness about hunger and poverty within our world. All soup was sold within 20 minutes and over £50 was raised! Well done everyone!

NUTURE POEM COMPEITION

This half term the Nuture team ran a poem competition in celebration of National Poetry Day.

The winner was Lukas W in Year 9, whilst Mia and Liv in Year 7 achieved runners up spots.

Well done to all that entered! you can find Lukas' winning poem on the last page of the newsletter!

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

EduLink One is the online platform that parents/carers can use to manage your child's details online. By using Edulink, you can access and update your child's medical records, give parental consent for school activities and report any absences easily and securely. It is essential that you sign up for Edulink as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already.

All parents/carers have now received an email with instructions on creating your account and accessing the platform. If you have any questions or difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact edusadmin@lsmchs.com

Please note, that if you do not sign up for Edulink, you are at risk of missing out on important information and updates from the school, as well as opportunities for your child to participate in extracurricular activities.

We strongly encourage you to take action as soon as possible

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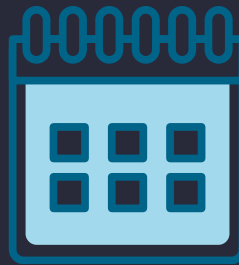
AUTHOR DAY - RUTH EASTHAM



We were thrilled to host Ruth Eastham, a celebrated and award-winning children's author, on Wednesday 10th October. Years 7 and 8 were fully focussed for her engaging presentation and some pupils were even able to take part in a really successful writing workshop and book signing!



IMPORTANT DATES



- Monday 30/10/23** - School reopens after half break
- Thursday 02/11/23** - Y7/11 Blackpool Illuminations Visit
- Monday 06/11/23** - Y11 Humanities, MFL & Travel Parents Meeting
- Wednesday 15/11/23** - Y8-Y11 Interim Reports Released
- Thursday 16/11/23** - Presentation Evening, 6pm
- Wednesday 22/11/23** - Careers Fair, All Hallows High
- Thursday 23/11/23** - Non Uniform, Bingo Donations
- Thursday 23/11/23** - Y11 National Apprenticeships Trip
- Friday 24/11/23** - SCHOOL CLOSED, INSET DAY
- Thursday 29/11/23 & Friday 30/11/23** - Y8 Geography Fieldwork Visit
- Wednesday 29/11/23** - Y8 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 07/12/23** - Community Bingo, 6pm
- Friday 08/12/23** - Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 13/12/23** - Christmas Concert
- Friday 15/12/23** - Y7 Celebration Assembly
- Friday 15/12/23** - Y11 History Trip
- W/C 18/12/23** - Celebration Assemblies
- Friday 22/12/23** - Celebration Mass, Church. School Closes at 1.30pm
- Monday 08/01/24** - School reopens after the half term break

NAME: Mrs Wade

SUBJECT: Curriculum Leader of English

HOBBIES: I love to dance, spend time in nature, reading and travelling (I want to visit all 7 continents and the 7 new wonders of the world).

INTERESTING FACT: I am a twin, I am a ballet teacher (yes, I can dance on my toes) and I lived in Beijing, PR China for 2years teaching in the British School of Beijing.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS AT ST MARY'S: The best form of education is travel; travel the world, learn new cultures, make new friends and READ (it helps and you can get lost in many new places through reading).



ENRICHMENT AT ST MARY'S



Enrichment September – December 2023

Building the foundations to "Let our light shine"



	Before School	Break Time	Lunch	After School
Mon			Music – Whole School Choir - 23M Art – HSH – Year 9 Art 118A Art – KS4 Drop in - CED 117A PE – KS3 Badminton	Year 10 Boys Football – 3G – 3.00 - 4.00pm (PRI) Year 9 Boys Football – 3G – 3.00 - 4.00pm (DBO) Year 9, 10 and 11 Girls Netball – Courts – 3.00 - 4.00pm (LRI) Music – KS3 Band Night 3M 3:00-3:45pm Year 7 Dementia Café 02.10.23 from 2:30pm until 4pm
Tues	Music – Performance and Composition Clinic 8:15am 23M	Chaplaincy: Faith in Action and Charity meeting.	Music – Ukulele Club – 24M Music – ensemble practice - 23M Art – KS4 Drop in - CED 117A Art – Year 10 Club – SHM 118A PE – KS4 Badminton	Music – Theory club – 23M – 3:00 – 4:00pm Year 7 Boys Football – 3G – 3.00 - 4.00pm (MWA) Year 10 GCSE PE Intervention – rm 107i – 3.00 - 4.00pm (PRI) Yr. 7 and 8 Girls Netball – Courts – 3.00 - 4.00pm (LRI) Art – Specialist Art Workshop Year 7 3:00-4:00pm 118A Art – KS4 Art Club – CED 3:00-4:00 117A RS- KS4 drop in's Room 6 Chaplaincy: Gardening Club 19.09.23 at the Chapel 3pm until 4pm Humanities Club 3pm – 3:30pm (Hums)
Wed			Music – Year 7 Choir 24M Music – KS4 ensembles – 23M Art – KS4 Drop in - CED 117A Chapel: Weekly Wednesday Word and Rosary PE – All Years Dodgeball	Music – KS4 Band Night 3M Year 8 Boys Football – 3G – 3.00 - 4.00pm (AMC)
Thu	Music – Performance and Composition Clinic 8:15am 23M		Music – Lunchtime Jam – 23M Art – KS4 Drop in - CED 117A Art – Year 10 Club – SHM 118A Chaplaincy: Y7 Faith in Action meeting. PE – All Years Girls Football	All Years Girls Football – 3G – 3.00 - 4.00pm (JAJ) Drama – KS3 Drama Club 3:00-4:00 – Drama Theatre Creative Club (DT, Food and Computing on a rotation) 3:00pm – 4:00pm Latin Club Rm 101 – 3:00pm-4:00m (KWA / CWA) Debate club Rm 102 – 3:00pm – 4:00pm (CCA) Newspaper club – Rm 105 3:00pm – 4:00pm (HWA) Games club – Rm103 3:00pm – 4:00pm (SMC) Chaplaincy: Faith in Action BSL 21.09.23 Chaplaincy: Cleaning of the beach/cemetery/Church (As advertised) Yr. 11 BTEC Travel & Health Resit (MWE/STA/CHO)
Fri			Music – Lunchtime concerts (as advertised) Drama Theatre Music – Vocal Harmony Group - 23M Art – Year 7 & 8 Club HSH 118A Art – KS4 Drop in - CED 117A Chaplaincy: Prayer games and prizes! PE – KS3 Mixed Basketball	Sports Studies Year 10– Rm 108i 3.00-4.00pm (JAJ/DBO)

CAREERS

- Cardinal Newman College - Saturday 11th November 2023 (10am - 1pm)
- Runshaw College - Tuesday 21st November 2023 (4-8pm)
- Preston College - Saturday 18th November 2023 (10am-2pm)
- Myerscough College - Saturday 18th November 2023 (10am - 1pm)
- Wigan & Leigh College - Monday 13th November 2023 (4.30pm - 7:30pm)
- Careers Fair - All Hallows Catholic High School - Wednesday 22nd November (6.00pm - 8.00pm)
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More information regarding these tasters day can be found the their college websites.

Within St. Mary's we are have a full time and highly experienced careers advice to support the pupils. If pupils have any questions regarding their potential career choices and/or subject choices at College, please visit Mrs. McVey to book an appointment.

All pupils at St Mary's now receive careers guidance through our new Morrisby careers platform that has been embedded into our Personal Development curriculum.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Nurture

A Poem by Lukas W, Y9

Nurture is a nice, cosy place,
A relaxing area to play and be free,
It can be a sweet, safe, sheltering space,
It's truly the place to relax and to be.

At Nurture, you can have fun and make various friends,
Or play games, puzzles, draw and liberate your creativity,
Personally, the wholesome sanctuary recommends...
...maybe even try and inviting, exciting activity!

Every Tuesday and Thursday break,
You can have some hot chocolate or juice and a biscuit,
Listen and relax to a book being read with every calming breath you take,
At book n' brew, you really can take time to think and savor it,

Or come to Nurture at dinner and bring your lunch,
Where you can watch many films and movies,
Harry Potter, Disney, a whole lot more in the bunch,
And eat, sit back and watch the unfolding stories,

Sometimes there are even other things to do,
Play games like said before, such as Uno, Checkers and jigsaws,
Participate in competitions (ironically), maybe you can too.
Such as have events like quizzes and bingo and settle the close scores,

Speaking of bingo, it's one of a kind,
Everyone's ecstatic to hopefully win a free prize,
Make sure to not lose your mind and get stuck in a bind,
And maybe... just possibly, you'll successfully rise,

At Christmas you wouldn't want to miss out,
Games, plays, parties and charades,
A hearty Christmas meal, Christmas crackers, fun without doubt,
Have a good time, win presents and make friends.

Any worries, take a piece of paper,
Write your problems, secretive if you wish,
Put the paper in the worry box and you'll feel super,
The uplifting, gentle teachers will fix your stress in a swish!

In my opinion, I see it as a hangout to relax,
A place to see my pals and talk to my favorite teachers,
Sit back, watch a film, talk it out and chillax,
Play games and be chaotic, stupid or quiet at the leisure,

A tranquil, pleasant oasis in a harsh desert,
No need to be scared or shy,
It really doesn't struggle or hurt,
So why not give it a try?

Nurture, a place which invites you dearly,
For what fun it is sincerely,
Come try it out!
You won't regret it for eternity!