



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the final Shine Bulletin of the year. We have enjoyed many wonderful occasions in school over the last half-term, including our Awards Celebrations for Years 7 to 10 students, our Sports Day and our Activity Day. All of these events allowed us to celebrate the many God-given gifts and talents of our students. We also enjoyed a wonderful end of year 'Summer Showcase' this week. This event was the culmination of our whole school focus, this academic year, commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War. The musical and dramatic talent on display from our students was outstanding! We also have an English Schools Champion at St Mary's, Joy Eze (Year 10), and this weekend, Joy will be representing England at a Home Nations Competition. An incredible achievement and we wish Joy much good luck this weekend! We are so proud of all of our fantastic students. I wish everyone a lovely summer break with their families and friends and thank you to all of our students and staff for their tremendous efforts this year.



Year 7 and 8 students took part in a performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in Drama Club led by Jack Ward, Sarah Mulgrew, Ruby Taylor and Maddy Brown. They created the drama themselves and had spent a lot of time practising and preparing. Around 50 people came along to watch and really enjoyed the performance, which was really comical. Great work everyone!



Best wishes, Miss Patterson, Head of School.

Joy Eze won the Inter Girls 100m title at the English Schools Championships on Saturday.

Inter girls is a Year 10 and 11 combined competition, so her achievement is all the more remarkable. Her time of 11.93 is the fastest time in England and only marginally 0.03 behind the leading GB time, achieved by a Scottish athlete with a more favourable wind speed. Joy has been selected to run for England School's next Saturday in Swansea at the Home Nations International. An incredible achievement Joy, Well done and good luck for your next race!

All students in Year 7 to Year 10 attended Awards Celebrations in school to celebrate all of their wonderful achievements this year. All students were presented with awards which included form tutor awards and subject related awards. There were some fantastic musical performances during the celebrations from Jacob Nelson, Hilary Owen, Igi Gudel, Mikey Block, Patricia Giullen & Feitong Qu. Three students in each year group were presented with Shine awards for excellent participation in extracurricular activities. The Father Conaty award was awarded to students who embody the ethos of the school, The Father Kellett award was awarded to students who have made an outstanding contribution to the spiritual life of the school, The Governor's award was awarded to students for outstanding academic achievement and the Headteacher's award was awarded for outstanding progress. Congratulations to all students for their fantastic achievements this year!



Padraig  
Middleton won  
Fr. Conaty Award

Year 7 Science Stars

Elliot Francis  
Luke Kelly  
Scarlett Clarke  
Hannah Morrison

Over 100 students attended the Year 8 Retreat at the Youth Village. The theme was 'voices' and students spent time reflecting on the positive influences in their lives. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly 'the voice' performance.

Malachy Moorman, Marco Sardone, Caitlin Morrison and Mollie Taylor won the Science Star awards as they have an excellent work ethic and they are progressing very well in all the subjects of Science for this term. Well done to you all!

Well done to Alex Malia and Niamh Spoors who went out litter picking in their neighbourhood and collected two big bags of litter. Great work girls!



Year 5 students from our feeder primary schools joined us for the day on 11th June and 17th June. During the day they did a questions and answer session, sampled a taster lesson, had a tour of the school and then had a fun filled sports afternoon.

Year 7 students led primary school group on the day and were fantastic ambassadors of the school. They were so mature and responsible and showed amazing leadership skills.

Thank you so much to Jerusalem Amaeshi, Kimberly Mugabe, Charlotte Hobbs, Daniel Morosan, Lilyella Rowe, Fergus Whittaker, Haniah Rafique, Manasse Kertho-Binen, Evan Underwood, Eva Mae Moran-Adams, Cameron Harrison, Neha Thoppil, Lucy Baker, Molly Douglas, Kacper Olenchno, Maisie Sinclair, Lewis Owens and Georgia McDonnell.

Esme  
Swann won  
Fr. Conaty  
Award

Mrs Woodley would like to praise her Year 9 & 10 English classes for fabulous progress this year and a fantastic attitude to learning.

Isaac Howell  
won  
Governors  
Award

Honey  
Slasor won  
Fr. Conaty  
Award

Oran Savage, Joshua Bolton, Zina Arsic-Wells and Samantha Backhaus won the Science Star awards for this term as they have an excellent work ethic and they are progressing very well in all the subjects of Science. Well done to you all!

Aleksandar  
Vuletic won  
Headteacher's  
Award

Paul Caragay  
won  
Governors  
Award

Aidan O'Toole, Lovedeep Sadhra and Adam Tinning have been in lessons supporting a Y8 class. They are actually really helpful. They have been really helpful with the students, and the students love them being in the lessons.

Abby Kelliher won the Tennis Europe Consolation Event which was superb as she beat some very strong GB and European players. Last week saw her compete for GB and again Abby performed with consistence strength and a great attitude.

Such fantastic learning opportunities banked during both weeks. Abby has now been selected as part of a small group of players by the Lawn Tennis Association to display her tennis in an exhibition type demo during this year's Championships at Wimbledon. The players will grace the grass courts on the middle on Saturda, 6th July followed by a day on the grounds to watch the pros and exclusive access to Centre Court and other areas.

Great news Abby, keep up the amazing work!



Year 9 students were fantastic ambassadors of the school on the two Year 6 transition days. They led groups of 30 students for the entire day, taking them from lesson to lesson and helping them get used to St Mary's and school routines. They made the younger students feel extremely welcome and were so helpful and kind. Thank you so much to Ben Rogers, Tom Knighting-Wykes, Louie Hamilton, Harvey Thompson, Jade Elliott, Courtney Whoriskey, Kodie Davison, Ciara Weddle, Rosie Jenks, Aleesha Tariq, Charlotte Brown, Tanisha Ahmed, Lucja Swietoslawska, Lily Lee, Megan Davis, Daniel Saba and Sam De Jager. We were so proud of you all and you all showed incredible leadership skills.

Emily Cass won  
Fr. Kellett Award

The Year 7&8 Boys Cricket Team travelled to Stocksfield CC for the County Finals of the ECB Chance to Shine competition. The boys played against Berwick Middle School, Ashington School, Ponteland School, Ovingham School and Valley Gardens. The team played fantastic and deservedly finished second in the competition and progressed to the North of England finals, which will be held in Doncaster. Players of the Day was Tomas Boothroyd as he was the top scorer on the day, retiring on 3 out of 4 games. He batted brilliantly, hitting some fantastic shots and helping St Mary's to post big scores in most games he played in. Findlay O'Brien also bowled a fantastic line and length in every game, taking several wickets but more importantly limiting the score with his accuracy and pace. Well done to the team!

All students in Years 7 to 10 attended Activity Day trips on 17th July.

They went to a variety of places including Beamish, the beach, Jump 360, Infataspaces, Battlezone Laser, Lightwater Valley, bowling and the cinema. All students' behaviour was outstanding and they all had a fantastic day.

A massive thank you to the following Year 10 Artists who supported our whole school mass workshops and worked behind the scenes preparing artwork for the End of Year Mass. The work you produced is outstanding. Thank you to Daniel Mnykh, Matthew Song, Nell Wilson, Lucy Sagar, Emily Else, Becky Else, Scarlet Brown, Abby Clarey, Gabby Allen, Noor Ibraheem, Kate Lievesley, Molly Rutherford and Ella Graham.

50 Year 7 students went on a trip to Normandy in France. During the trip they visited La Val market, Disneyland, a chocolate factory and Mont Serrat. They all were fantastic ambassadors of the school and had an amazing time.

Hollie Robson  
won  
Fr. Kellett Award

Seven of our Year 12 students volunteered with the St Bernadette Club which was recently awarded the Queen's Award in recognition of its work with adults with learning difficulties.

Ava Irving won  
Fr. Kellett Award

Jack Brent won  
Headteacher's  
Award

Year 8 Science Stars

Oran Savage  
Joshua Bolton  
Zina Arsic-Wells  
Samantha Backhaus

Adi Adams  
won  
Headteacher  
Award

Arianna  
Barrera  
Villafuerte  
won  
Fr. Conaty  
Award



Ciaran MacDonald  
won  
Governors Award

Honey Slator has been attending Lang club every week and built this Eiffel Tower all by herself. Great work Honey!

David Carr won  
Governors Award

Joseph Shinto won  
Headteacher Award



Year 9 Science Stars

Niamh Boothroyd  
won  
Fr. Kellett Award

Malachy Moorman  
Marco Sardone  
Caitlin Morrison  
Mollie Taylor

Ellen O'Brien was nominated for the Dorothy Day Award. This is an award which recognises the contribution a person makes to their community. Each year, Ellen volunteers to lead various elements which contribute to the spiritual life of the school. Her commitment to this area of school life has been outstanding.

Jess Morton has been helping out with 7BSc5 and we cannot praise her enough. She has been really proactive in her approach to working with some of the very vulnerable students and has been a real asset in lessons.



Yann Grillot has just received his black belt in Taekwondo, well done Yann!

The Year 12 STEM club students Ellen O'Brien, Hayley Chan, Erin Ruscoe and Mary Delariarte won the award for 'Outstanding Contribution to STEM' from the Northumbria University NUSTEM network at the STEM awards on June 20th. This network consists of 15 secondary schools across the North East. This is the first time St. Mary's have won the award and it was the most prestigious award at the event. The lead professor of the faculty of Engineering at Northumbria University gave a speech praising their inspirational work during the event, as did the doctor in charge of the NUSTEM network.



On the night of the award, the students produced a presentation highlighting their work. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and the professors at Northumbria University were singing their praises all evening. It has been a pleasure to see all of their hard work pay off and for them to get the



Mason Shield Graham competed in a national horse riding competition. He came first in countryside challenge, third in show jumping and a fifth in dressage which is absolutely amazing. Well done Mason!

40 Year 8 students went on a trip to Barcelona. During the trip they visited Sagrada Familia, Casa Battlo, Mont Serrat and a water park. They all behaved impeccably and took the opportunity to practise their Spanish.



Alex Sinclair, Edward Holland and George Darwood represented Newcastle in the County Cup Final. While the boys didn't win they represented the team with distinction. Alex in particular, who scored a quickfire 19 and took two wickets.



Nshwa Kejman in 7I was a fantastic representative of St Mary's on the Climate Change Lobby to Parliament. Other students in Year 7 who attended were Manasse Kertho Binen, Ruby Hamilton, Joshua Sorensen, Ben Dodds and McKendrick Gneba. They asked very mature and pertinent questions of MPs and behaved impeccably when visiting a very busy Houses of Parliament. Mrs Shields and Mr O'Connell were incredibly proud of all students who attended this important event.

