

Shine



I am delighted to welcome you to St Mary's first Shine Bulletin of the 2019-2020 school year. We will be sharing this celebration of St Mary's students' achievements with you throughout the year. It is lovely to read about so many of the fantastic accomplishments of our students across such an array of activities, both within and beyond the school. As you will see, this includes contributions to the spiritual and charitable life of the school, as well as in Sport, Music, Drama and in the whole range of subject lessons. It is, as always, great to see that so many of our students are making the most of their God-given gifts and talents and we know that this bulletin only includes a very small selection of the many achievements of our students during the first term. Thank you to all of our students and staff for their hard work and efforts since we returned in September. We really are very blessed at St Mary's to have such a tremendous student and staff body.

Mr Foster, Headteacher

A HUGE well done to all of the students who supported the opening of 'Conaty House'. You all represented the school so well!

A fantastic well done to the 14 students from St Mary's who took part in this year's Junior Great North Run. Well done for raising so much money for charity

A total of 80 students auditioned for a part in this year's whole school musical of 'Phantom on the Opera'. Well done! We can't wait to see the show!

Thank you to all of the student helpers who supported our Y5/Y6 Open Evening on Wednesday 25th September. It was a fantastic event and we could not have done it with you!

YEAR 7

Eva Squires has passed her grade 3 performing arts exam.

Lola-May Delaney has already achieved 5 praise points – the most in 7Y so far. She also won an award for most improved player at her football presentation evening.

7S Avin touched the Taj Mahal for the first time this summer.

Georgia Perrin saved an injured hedgehog, looked after it for a few days and then gave it to the 'hedgehoggy people' (which I assume was the RSPCA!).

Ethan Williams and his swimming team competed in a junior league and won the competition for the first time.

Ibrahim Ali cycled from Edinburgh to Glasgow, 45 miles in 8 hours. A real achievement of endurance and willpower!

Callum Duncan- for contributing to the R.E Department for Open Evening and really helping the get the Primary students involved.

Adeline Bourgenot-Lewis beat her personal best to score her fastest ever time in the Great North Run this year.

Towards the end of last year, Oliver King won competitions for engineering. Hopefully he can continue this talent here at St Mary's.

Anya Graham took part in a show with her dance group and she is also about to get her white belt for boxing.

Emily Elder-Smith was interviewed by Andy Kershaw on the One Show as part of a boat restoration project called 'the bluebird' which her dad has conducted.

Mr Gamesby would like to congratulate 7I on a wonderful start to the school year.

Anya Scott – did the junior Great North Run.

Daniel Vallye - for stepping up without hesitation to help another student who was very poorly get home safely.

7S Jack got some great feedback on his Art homework – well done!

Emily Holburn and her family look after guide dogs before they go off to do their duty! And they've had one this week!

7S Alfie made some new friends at St Marys.

Tamsin Dale - in November she will be part of the ensemble for Wind in the Willows which is being performed at the Tyne Theatre.

Noah was awarded a distinction in his ukulele grade 2 exam.

7S Lucy and Charlie did a children's cancer run in the summer.

7S Molly was awarded 3 praise points in French.

Billie Slasor - has taken part in country trials for girls' football.

Olly Johnson - had a photoshoot for his acting.

7S Francis helped the homeless by donating some money and biscuits last week.

7S Reilly donated some money to the cat and dog shelter.

7S Grace Smith achieved a good mark in her first Maths test.

Toby Thorpe and Tomas Souza-Monteiro - taking part in a rugby festival with Northern FC.

Cellina Guan - has recently reached gold level in gymnastics.

7S Lucy T was awarded a brown belt in Karate.

Liv Ashcroft was named netball captain.

7S Tariq, Chris and Alfie got 100% on their first Hegarty Maths task.

7S Lince passed her grade 4 violin exam.

Newton is proud that he made the front cover of the Open Evening Prospectus.

Seevan is proud that he swam 25 metres in a swimming lesson.

Lola-Rose Wilson helped a struggling member of the public to buy a Metro ticket, and gave them directions to go to the right station.

Summah is proud that her Art teacher told her that her homework is GCSE standard.

7S James Q started rugby at Novos and won his first match.

Finn Koepl for his Open Evening contributions- making an excellent first impression of the students at St Mary's.

Since starting at St Mary's, Joe Rickeard has been inspired to read a challenging new book, George Orwell's '1984', which warns of the dangers of a totalitarian society.

YEAR 8

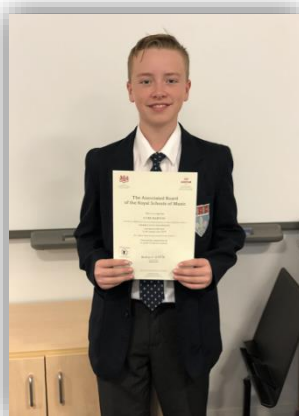
David Carr won the Low Fell races during Summer holidays. Yann Grillot won a carting race coming first.

Stephen Husband took part in a 5 mile sponsored walk from St Mary's lighthouse to Tynemouth priory to raise money for his football team.

Luke C Barton completed ABRSM Grade 2 in Alto Saxophone and passed with Merit.

Mr McDonald would like to thank David Carr and Charlotte Hobbs for their excellent speeches at our Y5/6 Open Evening. Both students read so well and were a credit to themselves and our school. Well done!

Abby Kelliher has been successful in the LTA selections and has been awarded a NATIONAL AGE GROUP PROGRAMME SCHOLARSHIP. This is absolutely huge for Abby as it secures support for 12 months in funding, coaching, national camps, trips and international tournaments. Abby was one of only a few girls nationally to receive this scholarship and the upcoming opportunities for her are amazing.



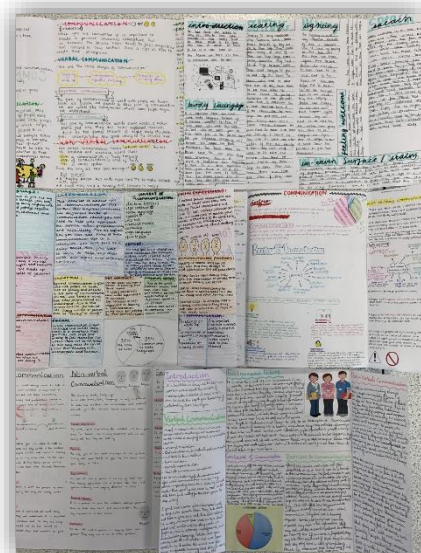
Ted Old (8R) and Niamh Boothroyd (8T) were mascots at St James' Park for the England v Italy World Cup Warm Up match on Friday 6/9/19 (pictures included). Ted and Niamh were both selected for their excellent commitment to rugby and their performances in fixtures last year.

The following students from 8Y ran the Junior GNR 7/9/19: Alfred Lane, Brian Granada Hincapie, Charlotte Hobbs and David Carr.

Yann Grillot completed ABRSM Grade 1 Piano and passed with Distinction.

Patricia Guillen completed ABRSM Grade 2 Clarinet and passed with Merit.

Mrs Mullan would like to thank the members of 8N who supported her in the collection of loose change in foreign currency in aid of Action Foundation. Their help was very much appreciated (see photo).



YEAR 9

A huge well done to every student in Year 9 for the amazing start they have made to the year. As a Head of Year, I have been inundated with praise for students by members of staff. It fills me with immense pride to be able to share the fantastic achievements of the individuals celebrated in this edition of Shine.

The students who have been recognised are only a small number of examples of all of the marvellous accomplishments of the Year Group since the start of this year. I am very excited to see what else can be achieved by Year 9 this year.

Year 9 attendance this year has already improved significantly compared to last year – huge well done everyone!

A huge congratulations to 9S. Your From Class assembly showcased their amazing God-given gifts and talents, their hard work and dedication. Your commitment was clear for all to see. Thank you for all the incredible efforts that went into planning such a fantastic assembly.

Well done to 9B/RE1 for their excellent start to the year – well done!

Tabitha McKenzie 9I has achieved her Bronze certificate for 25 praise points.

Joseph Shinto has shown fantastic attitude across all subjects – well done!

Congratulations to Ben Reid who has made brilliant progress recently with his swimming as he continues to represent Gosforth Swimming Club!

Congratulations to Jinwoo Lee who has continued to make excellent progress with playing the piano. Keep it up!

Fintan Starkie continues to develop his love of sailing with the photograph below showing Fintan with his team mates who are all part of the Royal Yachting Association.

Jan Kolanowski 9N has received his 2-star cadet award.

Eunice Lau has shown a brilliant attitude within Mrs Harper's DT lessons – huge done!

Moaed Abugchem was awarded his next Karate belt recently. Congratulations Moaed!

Well done to 9Y who came out on top of the praise point total for the first half term in Year 9!

A huge thank you and well done to all of the Year 9 students who went to Thurston. You all did great!

Katy Twizzell 9T got her Plastic Pollution Badge at Girl Guides.



YEAR 10

Mikey Block and Igi Gudel were awarded a grade 4 in saxophone by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music recently – well done to both students!



Two very helpful students, Caisey Dixon and Katie Hardy, undertook some gardening tasks recently. I'm sure it looks fantastic!

Teachers have been praising Romalli McKellow for her fantastic start to Year 10, with her achieving 6 praise points so far! Romalli also helped teachers at the Year 6 Open Evening recently – well done!

Miss Owen would like to say a HUGE congratulations to all Year 10 students for their fantastic start to Year 10. Students have risen to the challenges set by teachers as they begin their GCSE journey. Well done and keep it up!

A great display of compassion from Ella McCartney, Luisa Sanchez, Melak Al-Ani, Lily Porter, Courtney Whoriskey and Tasneem Warayet when they saved a bird which had flown into a school window. Luckily, the bird was quickly taken to the vets and should hopefully make a full recovery!

There was excellent representation from Year 10 students at the recent Phantom of the Opera auditions. Well done to all of the Year 10 cast – we cannot wait to watch you perform!

Georgia Simpson continues to focus on the importance of charity work by raising an impressive £600 for Cancer Research recently. Well done Georgia!

Mr Boyle has passed on how happy he has been with his Year 10 class so far, with him being particularly impressed with Charlotte Johnson, Evie Jesson and Harry Lucan. Well done!

Jacob Nelson was awarded a grade 5 in flute by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music recently – congratulations!

Ciara Gallego and Jasmine Fenwick have been working very hard in all of their lessons this year, focusing on staying organised! Great work!

Mr Richardson wanted to tell 10R how impressed he has been with 10R since joining as their Form Tutor in September, and believes they have all made a fantastic start to Year 10.

Congratulations to Alex Sinclair, Ed Holland, Alistair Gibson and Georgia Darwood, who all competed in the North East Premier League Football Final and won!

Mr Donnelly has been particularly impressed with Ali Rasul so far this year – excellent organisation and neat classwork!

Tom Nicholson has been working really hard at the RAF Air Cadets this month. This hard work paid off, with Tom achieving a 'top effort' award! Well done!

Ciara Weddle was recently selected for Eagle's Academy Basketball Team. This is an excellent achievement – Congratulations, and good luck!

Great effort by Lawson Da Costa in a recent Football tournament in Wales where his team won against 6 other teams!

Congratulations to Ellie Jones whose Gymnastics Team became the 3rd best in Britain in Team Gym this summer.

Alex Hawes won 'star baker' recently at a McMillan charity event at St Gabriel's Church. Everyone was impressed with his Chocolate Fudge Cake with Smarties!

An excellent start to Science for Anna Watson-McKenna and Ben Gallon! Mr Gray has been very pleased with how focused you both have been.

A huge well done to Harry Murphy who has been praised as making a fantastic start to GCSE RE this year.

The Maths Department were very thankful and impressed with the first Maths Mock during lunchtime. Well done Year 11!

YEAR 11

Well done to all of the Year 11 students who are currently working hard in advance of their Mock Exams!

In Year 11, Morgan French, Hassan Hussain, Luke Vasey, Ethan Wadsworth and Logan Richardson have really impressed Mrs Clough with their maturity, good manners and helpfulness.

Mrs Woodley would like to praise her Year 11 English class for fabulous progress this year and a fantastic attitude to learning.

Mrs Bailey is delighted with the progress that her English class are making.

Alex Walters has been successful in being selected for the English National Youth Folk Ensemble. This is a fantastic achievement as only 20 students in the country have been chosen. Alex is one of only three from the north east and the only student from Newcastle. Alex will be attending residential meetings throughout the year, practising, performing and composing with other young people and established folk musicians. This is a fantastic reward for all his hard work and effort. Well done, Alex.

Huge well done to all of the GCSE Geographers for their recent field work outside of school. Students were a credit to themselves and the school.

Mr Tait has been incredibly impressed with the excellent speeches that his Year 11 classes have delivered during English lessons. Well done to all involved!

Miss Gray is so pleased with the start to the year that her English class have made! Well done!

Huge congratulations to the excellent start that Year 11 have made to the year. The commitment that Year 11 are showing is absolutely amazing. Thank you, Mr Boyle.

Mr McDonald is hugely impressed with the start to the year that his RE classes have made in Year 11.

Samara McDonagh has impressed with her GCSE Art portfolio. Some of the work produced recently has been amazing.

In History, Miss Owen is hugely impressed by the start to the year that both her Year 11 classes have made. They are engaged, interested in the work being studied and really keen to take part in discussion.

A huge thank you to everyone, but special mentions go to Abby Loughlin, Jamie Collinson, Louis May, Daniel Hall, Divine Lakpe and Alanna Watler-Wade.

Mr Boyle is very thankful and impressed with some of the excellent thoughts that some Year 11 students have already shown in regards to our annual Hamper collection. Well done!

Mr Turnbull is delighted with the start that Year 11 science classes have made to this new school year! Keep it up everyone!

Excellent Form Class assemblies have been delivered so far this year. Thank you so much for everyone's help and support.

