



Shine

Issue 4



It gives me great pleasure to once again welcome you to St Mary's Shine Bulletin. The God-given gifts and talents demonstrated by our students on a daily basis really are a delight to see. The wealth of contributions across so many different areas of school life are tremendous, whether this be achievements in different subject departments, artistic or sporting endeavours or acts of kindness and charitable work from our students.

It was particularly lovely to read about so many students taking part in opportunities for spiritual development, whether that be the 220 Year 7 students who attended an overnight retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village, Year 10-12 students attending the 'Flame' Congress in London, students from Years 7-11 taking part in a Lenten 'Simple Lunch' or the many students from all year groups leading aspects of our Ash Wednesday and Lenten liturgies in school. We are very proud of the contributions of all of our students.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break with your families and friends.

Best wishes, Miss Patterson, Head of School.



Well done to everyone who voted in the Youth Council elections. St Mary's cast more votes than any other school in the city.

On Saturday 2nd March, 33 students and staff made the pilgrimage from Newcastle to Wembley Arena for the National Youth Congress event FLAME. Over 870 young people and adults from across the diocese of Newcastle and Hexham also made the journey with us.

The theme of FLAME 2019 was 'significance' and students and staff alike were able to celebrate moments of significance in our own lives and the opportunity to think about our own great uniqueness. Pope Francis recently celebrated World Youth Day in Panama and called on young people

to be 'the now of God' and invited us to realise the dream the Lord God dreamed for us. A profound thought which we started to explore at FLAME with over 8000 other young people.

This experience came through an eclectic mix of performances and speakers. We enjoyed dance, drama, song, music, spoken word and prayer.

In particular Multi-award-winning rapper Guvna B and the inspirational guest speaker Robert Madu were a huge hit with the students. Some of our students were lucky enough to chat with Bishop Seamus on what was

one of his last events as Bishop.

It was an incredibly uplifting experience which enabled us to recognise how special and significant we are to God. It provided us with a great deal of food for thought and it became apparent that our adventure to London was only the start of an exciting journey on the path to discovering a deeper relationship with God. It was in fact an experience which encouraged us to dream big and make a difference in the world.

A huge thank you to the Just.Is students who organised and ran a very impressive conference on the theme of Climate Change for the Year 5 students from our feeder primaries.

Every student involved took on full responsibility for the success of the conference and the feedback from the primaries showed that it was a huge success, everyone loved the day and took away the key message that we all have to do our part to save our planet. Each student was an excellent ambassador for the school.

The students created their own entertaining drama with a strong message, they prepared and gave presentations on the theme and helped out in the workshops. They also wrote and led the groups in a quiz, led a trail around the school and a thought provoking liturgy. They looked after all the technical aspects of the day and looked after the pupils and teachers who came with great care.



St Stephen's Primary School came to visit the Art Department at St. Mary's on Friday the 15th of March.

The pupils had looked at the work of the artist Mr. Finch. This artist creates sculptures of animals, using old fabric and yarn, and he humanises them by adding clothes, buttons and hats. Mrs. Devin ran the afternoon with pupils from Year 5 and Year

6. They had a wonderful time creating beautiful creatures of their own using fine liner pens. The children learned how to use Brusho inks, and how to create a textured collage for the background of their animal drawings. Old book pages, and tissue were also incorporated, resembling vintage style of fabric which Mr. Finch likes to use.



YEAR 7

Emma O'Doherty has achieved an amazing total of 50 praise points. Well done Emma!

At a recent Primary Headteacher meeting held in school, Niamh O'Reilly, Esme Cleeve, Cole Caven and David Carr greeted our visitors and welcomed them to St. Mary's. Thank you to these excellent ambassadors of our School.



Before February half-term, Year 7 had the privilege of spending time with the Youth Ministry Team, at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. The theme of the retreat was 'Re-Connect'. Year 7 spent important time reflecting on how they can make a difference in the lives of others and also how they can themselves come closer to God.

The following students are really close to achieving their silver certificate for receiving 50 praise points: David Carr, Chelsea Coleman, Andrew Davies, Charlotte Hobbs, Charlotte Johnson, Ava Mcenayne, Dominic Mohan and Patrycja Sikora. Keep up the hard work everyone!

7B4 Spanish class have been praised for their fantastic effort and hard work. Sofia Risi, Amber Crawford, Alfred Lane, Lillyella Rowe, Daniel Sadi, Joe Lowes and Gretchen Ottoway all have an excellent attitude to learning. Keep up the brilliant work!

Sofia Risi, Amber Crawford and Molly Bawden have been excellent in RE so far this year. Their assessed work has been very high quality and they have also been very creative in different tasks which has been fantastic to see. Keep up the great work girls!

Thomas Cruelly has been praised for always being so lovely and very polite. He always has such good manners and says 'thank you' and 'have a nice day' every morning in Form class.

Year 7 took part in a range of fun workshops based around drama, art and dance. This culminated in a fantastic presentation at the end of the retreat, celebrating all of the brilliant activities they had participated in. Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, their behaviour was exemplary and many are already planning to return next year!

Our Year 7 'A' team performed exceptionally well, winning 3 out of their 4 matches in the Newcastle City Netball Tournament. This allowed the girls to progress to the semi-finals against Dame Allans. Unfortunately, the girls lost 3-2, with a last minute goal scored. However, the girls played superbly and were a real credit to the school. Fantastic effort displayed by all: Charlotte Hobbs (Captain), Sophia Risi, Libby Walsh, Sarah Marley, Patrycja Sikora, Jessica Bramhall, Lily Ella Rowe and Hannah Swinhoe.

Our B and C teams also represented St Mary's in this tournament winning and losing some matches against some very tough opposition. All the girls played excellent and worked really well as a team.

B Team: Jennifer Song, Kate Banks, Molly Bawden, Anna Brent, Eva Mae Moran-Adams, Scarlett Butterfield, Niamh Boothroyd and Aaliyah Johnson.

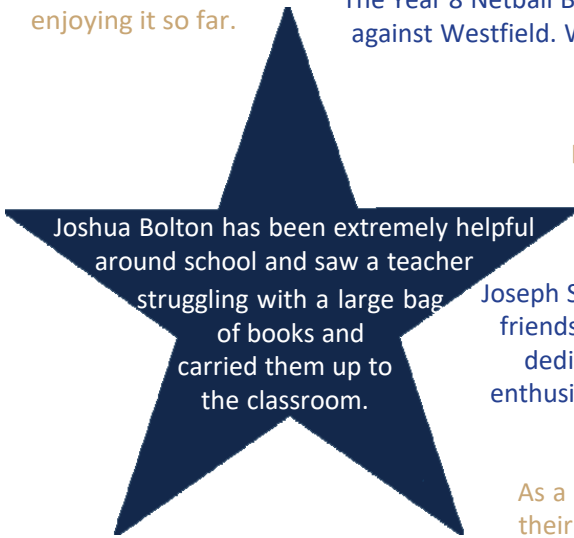
C Team: Mia Johnson, Becca Johnson, Charlotte Johnson, Ava McEnaney, Emma O'Doherty, Alisha O'Doherty, Vallari Parab and Georgia McDonnell.



YEAR 8

Cobey Davis received his medical badge at Cadets.
Great work Cobey!

Matthew Nicholl recently joined Gosforth Cadets and is enjoying it so far.



Joshua Bolton has been extremely helpful around school and saw a teacher struggling with a large bag of books and carried them up to the classroom.

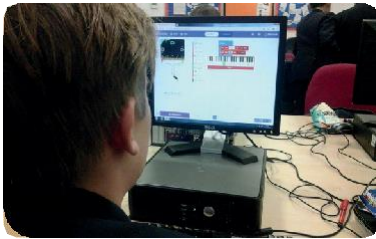
The Year 8 Netball B Team won their match against Westfield. Well done to the team!

Chloe Titterington has been putting in a lot of extra effort with her RE work which is really impressive.

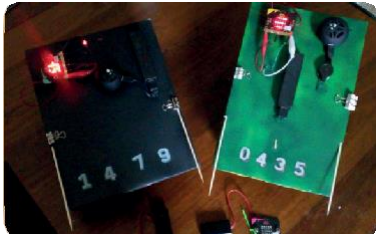
Joseph Shinto has been commended by friends in the form for his continued dedication to his studies and his enthusiasm for helping others in their learning too.

Benjamin Reid received a gold medal for breast stroke in the Gosforth Swimming Gala. Well done Benjamin!

As a group of enthusiastic bakers with a sweet tooth 8A recently held their Form Bake Off with a Valentines Theme. There were magnificent heart shaped cakes, wonderful icing and inventive use of love hearts sweets for decoration.



Year 8 students have been attending a lunch-time Code Club since September. They have been learning to programme BBC Microbit processors using a combination of a block-editor, JavaScript and Python. The projects they have worked on include creating a 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' game, a 'Flappy Bird' style game, wireless communication between multiple Microbits, lighting LEDs sequentially, controlling motors, responding to motion and composing music.



Grace Kirkland came second in a cheerleading competition at Northumbria University. She is part of the Fallen Angels team at Heaton. Well done Grace!

The students have also created interesting graphics using the Python 'Turtle' library. For Halloween, they made pixel-art Jack-O-Lanterns in a webpage. For this activity they needed to write HTML, CSS and JavaScript code.

8R students Karandeep Sadhra and Daniel Berec testing motor responses to button presses and the accelerometer (motion sensor).

Since January the students have been using all the skills they have learned to design and construct battle tanks for a 'Robot Wars' style game. They replaced the circuits from old RC cars with a "Kitronik" motor controller and a Microbit for radio communication. They are currently working on a project to track the International Space Station and find out when it next passes over St Mary's.

8B5 Science class have been working really hard and have an excellent attitude to Science lessons. They are a pleasure to teach.



Joshua Quinn received his blue belt in Taekwondo on 2nd March. Congratulations Joshua!



Jake Routledge has passed his most recent shooting test with Cadets. Well done, Jake!

Charlotte Berry received 100% in her most recent Maths assessment. This is absolutely fantastic and well deserved!

James Britton showed how polite he was by holding a door open for an elderly lady. Fantastic to hear, James!

YEAR 9

Laura Nicholson, Jacob Nelson, Mikey Block and Ryan Crawford have all qualified for the next round of the UK Maths challenge. Well done and good luck!

Four Year 9 girls have been selected for the U15 Girls County Football Team. Congratulations to Katie Motion, Rebecca Ferguson, Aurelia Penman and Phoebe Sanderson.



It was very impressive to see so many Year 9 students supporting the Lenten Simple Lunch on Friday 8th March. The money raised will be used to support three charities across three different faith groups: Muslim Aid, Khalsa Aid and St Cuthbert's Care. Well done to all who helped!



Students in 9A wrote letters to students who attend Jolaurabi School in Kenya. They are expecting a response to these letters in the next few weeks. It is fantastic to see the photos of the Kenyan students receiving them in their school.

Three Year 9 students nominated themselves for roles in the Youth Council, presenting their manifestos to the entire year group. Well done to Jacob Nelson who was elected on to the Youth Council, and Filipa Moreira and Luke Swinbanks who both got a place on the Youth Assembly. They will all be excellent ambassadors of St Mary's.

DXC is one of the biggest tech firms in the world and their UK Delivery Centre is at Silverlink. They held a 'Stemettes Hackathon' to celebrate International Women's Day. The event took place on Sat 2nd March and Sun 3rd March between 10am-5pm on both days. Five of our students attended and had a great experience learning some new coding skills and seeing what life is like in a big tech company. Katie Dodds, Josie Bunce and Caitlin Morrison attended and represented our school. Well done girls!



Lily Lee recently competed for the North Shields Polytechnic Club for Athletics in Sheffield, achieving a PB in the 200m. This is excellent – keep up the running!

YEAR 10

Nell Wilson continues to achieve so much in her rowing classes outside of school, and has a wonderful attitude to sports and so many aspects of school life. Well done Nell!

Emily Cass continues to do well in not only her school work, but her extra-curricular sports that she does outside of school including handball, netball and climbing.

Lucas Colley impressed us all with his fabulous piano playing during his recent Form Class assembly. Lucas is currently playing at grade 6 and will be taking his grade 7 exam in the coming weeks. We all wish him luck and I'm sure he will do really well.

Year 10 students work ethic and attitude in biology lessons has been excellent, Laura Kouadio, Vitalis Nyekila, Morgan French and Lily Urwin are working particularly

Thanks to everyone for voting in the Youth Council elections. The results have been announced and Jack Rickeard has been elected onto the Youth Council. I'm sure Jack will do an excellent job of representing the views of young people in the city.

Lauren Herbert continues to work hard at everything in school. Lauren has a wonderful calmness and kindness about her and is such an asset to the school.

Miss Lamb, Mrs Clough, Mr Cosgrove, Mr Boyle and Year 10 students visited the land mark sites of the First World War, centred around the town of Ypres in Belgium. They visited a number of cemeteries on our first day, including Field Dressing Station, which contains the body of the Canadian soldier and poet, John McCrae, who wrote the poem In Flanders Fields. They also visited Tyne Cot cemetery, which is dedicated to the greatest number of British soldiers of all the cemeteries. On the second day of our visit they visited the Somme battlefield and went to the nearby battlefields and trenches and learned about the nature of trench warfare, how armies rotated forces at the front and how armies were kept supplied. It was a life changing experience for all students and staff and Mr Boyle would like to thank all the students for their excellent behaviour and respect shown throughout the trip from the start until the finish.

Joseph Kirkland has achieved higher grades in Geography and continues to approach school life with a positive and fantastic attitude to everything he does. Keep up the great work Joseph!



Holly Bartlett has auditioned for the National Youth Theatre and her performance in Mary Poppins play was great. Well done Holly!

Year 10 students continue to impress subject teachers and Heads of Department with their excellent attitude towards their subjects so far this year. A big thank you from Mr Boyle.

A large number of students from Year 10 took part in the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Challenge and they did fantastic. This competition is open to students from Years 9, 10 and 11 and is a very highly regarded national competition. Seven students won gold awards and they will go forward to the next round of competition. They are; Isaac Howell (who scored 91 points and achieved the highest mark in the school), Alex Walters, Alex Vuletic, Lucas Colley, Matthew Song, Muhammad Anss and Roman Shah. A huge well done to everyone! In addition, a further eight students won Silver Awards and fourteen won Bronze awards. Given that only a 20% percentage nationally achieve an award, the students have done themselves proud.

10T3 had an assessment on Monday 18th March and Miss Gray was incredibly impressed by their hard work and enthusiasm for doing their very best.



YEAR 11

Seth Williams, Joe Jobling, Jan Lourie, Anya Swalles, Rebecca Letich, Ben Jubb, Georgia Wiseman, Daniel Young and Matthew Dyster all impressed staff with their maturity, professionalism and setting a good example to the younger cast with their backstage and technical support work on Mary Poppins. They navigated tricky scene changes with more set and props than we have had before in our musicals, and produced seamless scene changes and lighting/sound cues. We were very impressed with their approach to the jobs and we are very proud of them.



Ben and Sam Jubb won a competition to meet 3 current England players (Joe Launchbury, Ollie Devoto and Jamie George) and visited the England training centre in Surrey at the end of February. What an amazing experience!

Well done to 11A for creating such an excellent assembly. All students contributed really well and delivered some meaningful messages. A special mention to James Devine who read out fantastically. He read very clearly and confidently.

Miss Owen is thrilled with the progress made by Jake Davison, Ellen Clarke, Chloe Swinbanks and James Devine in the Year 11 History mocks.

Toby Caisley won two gold and two silver medals beating 350 people in the recent Air Cadet Swimming competition. He was the youngest in the competition and came first place. What an impressive achievement! Well done Toby!

Lots of students have been working extremely hard in Year 11 History, but in particular there have been some students who have been striving to improve their grade, engaging fully in lessons, revising independently and consistently attending study support sessions. Students include Holly Robson, Lily Hall, Finlay Harper Stevens, Precious Aribisala, Emily Maggs, Aurelie Dinga, Riyadh Islam, Ellen Williamson, Matthew Clark and Seth Williams. Keep up the great work!

Kathryn Holmes and William Metcalf both successfully undertook parts in the Walkergate Amateur Dramatics Society performance which was a mixture of singing, dancing and comedy. The show was a great success and both performed brilliantly.

Gabi Nagy wrote a fantastic letter about her decision to attend school on the same day that many around the world were striking to protest climate change. Great work Gabi!

During February and March, Year 11 experienced their third mock process, sitting exams over a three-week period. The behaviour and conduct students demonstrated during these three weeks was excellent. Students have evidently spent time preparing fully for these mock exams and I am proud of the academic progress and achievement Year 11 continue to make this year. Well done!

Liam Smith as part of his Sea Cadets training came 2nd overall in a recent shooting contest and his team came first place overall. Congratulations Liam!

Alice

Robinson has had an excellent year. Alice's teachers have shared that she has consistently demonstrated exceptional effort and a brilliant attitude towards all subjects. Well done.

SIXTH FORM

Anisha Smith, Mrugaya Mulay and Matthew Sheerin in Year 12 have been accepted onto the highly successful Reece Scholarship. The scholarship aims to develop a love of engineering, with students encouraged to enter a career in the areas of science, technology, maths and engineering. Students will complete an engineering based investigation and project before compiling a report and presenting their findings to a panel of experts.

Alex Daag in Year 12 volunteers and supports at Maths clinic on a regular basis and other students have spoken of his fantastic attitude and service to others.

Charlie Kain was Awarded Player of the Month at Northern Rugby Football Club. Charlie regular features for the

Lucy Hobbs in Year 12

has been volunteering at Moorfield Care Home (for the elderly) every week, in her spare time. This is an incredible commitment from a young person and we are extremely proud of Lucy's desire to help others.

seconds, playing back row and is hoping to break into the first XV in the near future.

Jack Ward, Maddy Brown, Ruby Taylor and Sarah Mulgrew organised and held auditions for drama club students in year 7 and 8 to take part in a drama club production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory to be performed to peers in the week leading up to Easter. I was impressed with the organisation skills and the professionalism that they conducted the auditions without any help.

Hanna Walsh in Year 13 has been involved in a BFI Film Academy through the Tyneside cinema over the last few months. She has attended workshops weekly learning about production design, cinematography and directing. She has worked towards recreating a version of Lost in Translation which her group named Lost in Tyneside. She worked as producer and cinematographer on the fantastically creative project. The screening of the short film was on Wednesday 6th March and was a huge success.

Well done, Hanna!

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Joby Tennant in Year 13 has his own music compositions streaming on Apple Music, Soundcloud, Spotify and Amazon, he has five albums in total. He has produced some incredible work and we recommend you take a listen!

7 Year 12 Students played a key role in our Ash Wednesday services for the whole school community.

Ellen O'Brien, Stacey Simpson, Casey Smith, Martha McGregor, Erin Ruscoe, Mary Deleriarie and Courteney Cartwright.

The students read prayers, reflections and guided younger students in the services with maturity and enthusiasm.

Well done to all the Year 12 students who were awarded a place on the Career Ready programme. Our students were a credit to the school in the recent Icebreaker session where they met their business mentors and many comments were made about their maturity and positive attitude.

Students who are involved: Maksymilian Kaja, Daniel Meyer, Hania Ilyas, Ben Nelson Taylor, Levi Rowan, Nathan Burd, Bethany Smith, Lovedeep Sadhra, Angus Clarke, Ben Letang, Tobin Togy, Cameron Angus Hannah Mae Knighting Wykes Rosie Robinson, Joseph Darlington

Before half term Year 12 Biology students took part in this year's British Biology Olympiad competition. The students all did very well, but in particular Thomas Gray and Fiona Anto received a Bronze award. To put it into perspective, out of the 727 schools, giving a total of 9465 students who participated, only 15% received a Bronze award,

so a great result!

Matthew Brown, Charlie Kain, Isaacs Kain, Lucas Grillot and Tim Jones in Year 12 and Julian Gibson in Year 11 have a music gig on the 14th April at ThinkTank at Newcastle.

The boys are members of

the band The Distance and they play a mixture of modern rock and indie covers and their own songs.

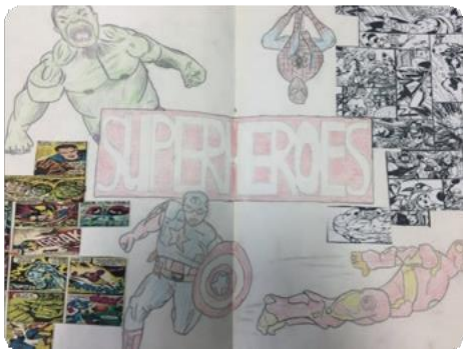


Year 7

Our fantastic Year 7 students have started their comic book Art project with a bang! Here are some of our favourite pieces.



Andreas Schoyer



Thomas McTernan

Year 10
Our year 10 fine artists are making an excellent start to portraiture. Some of our star performers this week are Oliver Miller and Lakhveer Singh Gold, showing they have an eye for detail!



Olivia Miller



Lakhveer Singh Gola

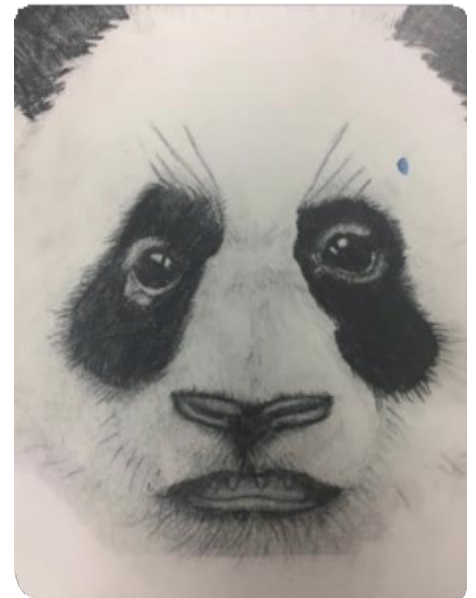


Year 8

Eunice Lau continues to impress us with her fantastic art work. Her research pages are incredible.



Benjamin Reid has created the most amazing pencil animal portrait. Well Done, Ben!



Our Year 12 and 13 Fine Art and Textiles students have taken part in life drawing workshops with artist, Bernadette Koranteng. They worked extremely hard in the sessions and the results were fantastic.

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