



Welcome to the latest edition of the Shine bulletin. Once again, it was an absolute pleasure to read about the fantastic achievements of our students, both within school and outside of school. It was particularly pleasing to read about so many students receiving high numbers of praise points for their excellent effort within lessons throughout the year. Over the next few weeks, students are involved in a wide range of educational visits, as well as many end of year activities in school, and therefore we look forward to sharing good news about all of these events within the final Shine bulletin of this academic year. Finally, well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are coming to the end of their final examinations and an immense thank you to our wonderful teaching and support staff for all of their hard work in supporting our students.

Best wishes, Miss Patterson, Head of School.



Abby Kelliher had huge success recently competing in tennis at a national level. She reached two semi-finals in the singles championships and magnificently won both the national doubles titles.

Abby was selected to travel to La Manga in Spain to train as part of the national team. This is a huge privilege and valuable experience as it is an exclusive camp and only happens once a year for a select few. Abby has also been accepted in to the main draw of a Tennis Europe event which is to be held in Halton, Buckinghamshire from Monday 10th-Friday 15th June 19. An event that provides the opportunity for Abby to compete against other European players of the same age.

Abby has been selected to play for Great Britain again in Queenswood international invitational team trophy 2019. This is a team event with two GB male and two GB female teams competing against the Czech Republic, Croatia, Netherlands, Belgium, France and Switzerland. This is an outstanding achievement for Abby and is all down to her daily hard work. We are extremely proud of her and wish her the best of luck in her upcoming matches.

Joseph Shinto from 8A has been awarded his 100 Achievement Points Gold Certificate. Joseph has been commended by his teachers for being a dedicated, hardworking and friendly student. On particularly outstanding piece of work he produced was an amazing booklet homework in Maths, which was beautifully presented and really accurate. Keep up the excellent work Joseph.

Erin Ruscoe, Hayley Chan, Ellen O'Brien and Mary Delariarte in Year 12 have been selected as the winners of an 'Outstanding Contribution to STEM' award from Newcastle University STEM. This fantastic achievement recognises the winners as inspirational young females who have led the running of a hugely successful STEM lunch club here at St Mary's.

A huge well done to all students who took part in the year 9 and 10 French exchange. You all showed great courage and resilience in travelling to France to stay with a host family. Ms Mullan, Miss Lamb and Mr Gamesby were all delighted and proud to watch you become friends with your partners and develop your French skills. We know that you have made friendships and memories that will last a lifetime and we really enjoyed sharing this experience with you.



# YEAR 7

Ross Macdonald was voted Player's Player of the season by his rugby club Percy Park. A fantastic achievement Ross.

Scarlett Butterfield has achieved her certificate for 50 Praise points. Cameron Forster and Liv Nikolaidi have achieved their certificate for 25 Praise points. An excellent achievement, well done.

Wisdom Jerry broke the Year 7 school record in the shot putt. The record had stood at 9.4m since 2005. Wisdom broke it with his last throw of the lesson, throwing a huge 10.13m. An amazing achievement Wisdom, well done.

In Year 7 Thomas McTernan got 100% on his map skills test for Mr Cosgrove. Well done Thomas.

Chantelle Namata recently spent two weeks in Orlando, Florida representing Newcastle at the 'Summit of the World' Cheerleading Championships. She helped her team finish 8th team out of 68 teams from various nations. A fantastic achievement Chantelle, well done.

Dance Club is well attended by Year 7 students and they are currently working hard on a group piece, which will feature in the joint Drama and Music show 'We Will Remember Them', which will be performed in June. Keep up the great work everyone.

Zuha Sheikh and Emma O'Doherty helped the Art department to sell gift cards. This raised £40 for a school in Zambia. Thank you for your great work girls.

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 students who attend languages club each week to learn about a variety of different cultures and traditions from around the world.

Josh Kunjumon and Samantha Bernasol in 7A1 have are really keen readers. They have both completed the Great Reading Race Half-Marathon Challenge and are keen to try to complete the Marathon if they can. This involves reading lots of different styles of texts. They also have both been taking part in the North East Book Awards, which involves reading 6 nominated novels and voting for the best one. They love reading and sharing their love of books with others. Well done!

Mrs Kidd would like to praise Kira Douglas and Thomas Joshi for their consistent hard work and excellent progress in English and Alfie Devine, Chloe Lin and Frankie Scrowther who have shown great focus and engagement in lessons. Excellent work everyone, well done.

Charlie Moore achieved his 50m swimming badge. Congratulations Charlie!

Ibu Oluwole-Oni and Max McGhee in 7I have achieved their certificate for 50 Praise Points. Eva Moran-Adams and Nshwa Kejman in 7I have achieved their certificate for 25 Praise Points. Mr O'Connell is extremely impressed by your hard work and effort, well done.

# YEAR 8

Megan Dugdale has started Cheer-leading. Good Luck Megan.

Tomas Boothroyd has been selected to represent Northumberland and play for Northumberland County Cricket team this Summer. Great work Tomas.

Anya McCarrell has produced her first piece of digital art. Great work Anya.



A huge thank you to Honey Slasor who gave up an evening to support our Partnership Mass, offering support to staff and raising money for charity by selling our gift cards. What a wonderful, kindhearted student!

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Mrs Kidd would like to praise Year 8 students for their excellent hard work in English. Joshua Quinn has shown superb focus and attention to detail in English. Joshua Macdonald has shown great work rate and focus in English. Diya Kapoor showed great engagement with Animal Farm. Sophia Marshall is always compassionate, caring and helpful with other students in English lessons. A huge well done to you all, keep up the great work.

Mason Shield-Graham took part in the Horse Riding Regional competition with the Morpeth Hunt last week. He qualified 1st in Dressage, Countryside Challenge and Show Jumping. We are very proud of this fantastic achievement. He also competed in an Equestrian event at the Peagus Centre in Morpeth. He has qualified for a Championship Event in Hartpury. Here he is on his horse Maeve.

Nicole Kardoza in 8I has tried really hard this year to get involved in some extra curricular activities at St Mary's, never previously having been involved in any clubs. In form she helped towards our bake sale, collecting and counting money and promoting the event. She is also one of only two girls to attend the Computer Science Club and she has attended the Literature Club.

Well Done Nicole!

Mr Clark would like to praise Joseph Shinto and Matthew Veitch for their engagement with and understanding of a 19th French poem on Spring composed by Théophile Gautier. Mr Clark had studied this poem at university! Fantastic work boys, well done.

Year 8 took part in some Geography fieldwork and several members of the public complimented the students on their excellent behaviour. Well done everyone.

Cameron Nesbitt raised £1,128 with his mum for a charity called 'A Gift of Kindness'. They zip wired off the Tyne Bridge. An excellent achievement Cameron, well done.

8A3 have been working on some challenging poetry in English lessons during the summer term. The students have risen to the challenge with a sensitive and insightful approach. The class also enjoyed learning a little bit of Latin when studying 'Duce et decorum



Amelia Minto moved up a level in horse riding. Congratulations Amelia.



Katie Hunton recently completed her Bronze award for the Duke of Edinburgh. Congratulations Katie.

Georgia Hull and Anna Watson McKenna displayed their rapping skills on the subject of plate tectonics in a Geography lesson.

# YEAR 9

Stephanie Riley's Football Club won the Cup Final 14-0 recently. An absolutely incredible score, well done Stephanie.

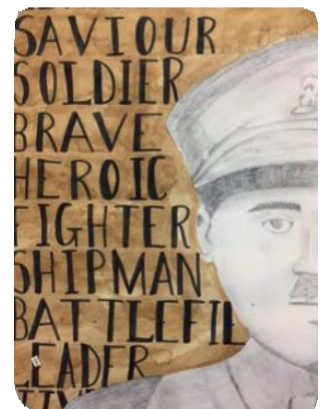
Thomas Knighting-Wykes has shown himself to be an extremely helpful and kind member of 9R. No task or instruction is too much for him, with him often supporting other students within his Form Group. Well done

A huge congratulations to Lawson Da Costa and Ben Gilmour who were recently Year 9 'Students of the Month' for April and May, due to them both being fantastic ambassadors for St Mary's. They are both enthusiastic and committed members of Year 9. Well done to you both.

Year 9 Art classes produced the most fantastic greeting cards for a Charity stall. Their beautifully cards have already made £40 for charity. Thank you very much for all your hard work and creativity.

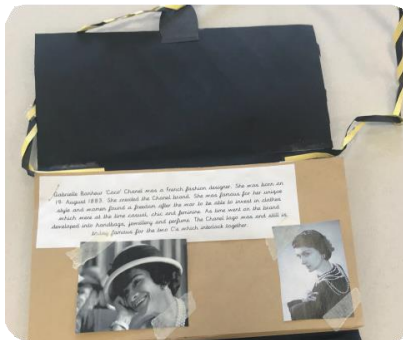
James Brown has impressed the English Department with his incredible dedication to reading. James completed The Great Reading Race in which he has read 27 books! This is fantastic James, keep up the great work.

Year 9 Fine Artists are working on Armistice portraits to celebrate the lives and bravery of service men and women from WW1. Here's a sneak peek of the fantastic work so far.



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The DT department would like to praise Hollie Robson for the excellent homework that she produced on Dior. It is a fantastic bit of research and demonstrates excellent presentation skills. Other students who have produced an excellent booklet are Esme Swann, Jasmine Fenwick, Tanisha Ahmed, Ben Gallon and Rehan Iqbal. Well done to you all.

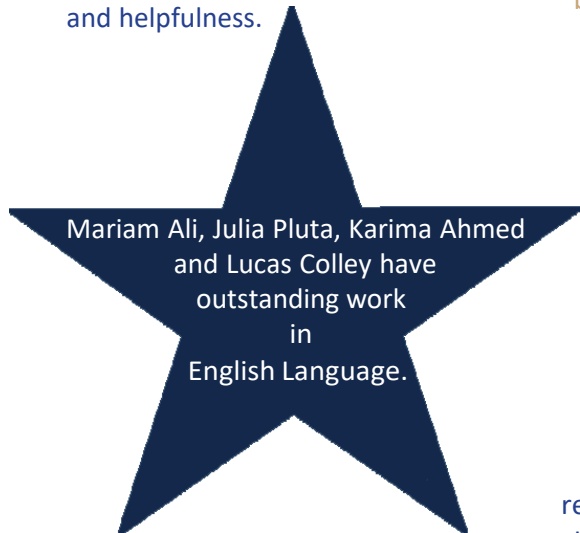


Mrs Mason would like to say a huge well done to all students from 9B5 who participated in a recent speaking presentation based around the theme of, 'There are no lessons to be learned from the past'. Students developed their communication skills while presenting their arguments to the rest of the class. Well done

In Year 10 Morgan French, Hassan Hussain, Luke Vasey, Ethan Wadsworth and Logan Richardson have really impressed Mrs Clough with their maturity, good manners and helpfulness.

# YEAR 10

Molly Rutherford, Megan Low, Elise Titterington and Megan Darwood have shown consistent great effort and progress in English Literature.



Mariam Ali, Julia Pluta, Karima Ahmed and Lucas Colley have outstanding work in English Language.

In Year 10, students have been studying Macbeth and have really impressed Mrs Clough with their mature and thoughtful responses to the play. Isaac Howell wrote a fantastic essay on the theme of power in the play and should be commended for his commitment to English Literature.

Mr Boyle continues to be enormously impressed by the large number of Year 10 students who have an outstanding attitude towards others. He would like to say a massive thank you to those of you who look out for others and who make sure that people are included in things that you do. It is a great source of pride to see so many of you act with such maturity.

Dance Club students Ruby Wilson and Holly Robson are currently working on group pieces, which will be featured the joint Drama and Music show 'We Will Remember Them', to be performed in June. Keep up the great work girls.

Mariam Ali has been recognized as a 'Physicist of the Year' by the NUSTEM. This is a network consisting of all Science departments in North East secondary schools. An amazing achievement Mariam, well done.

Recent Year 10 Achievement data has been excellent and we have been really impressed that 96.7% of all effort grades are 1 or 2 showing outstanding and good effort. Keep up the fantastic work everyone.

Our Year 10 Fine Artists have created the most amazing ink drawings. Here are just a few of them:



Katie Stanger- Leathes



Erin Jackson



Mehek Hathriramani

Logan Richardson and Freddie Marshall have just completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition at Hadrian's wall. Congratulations boys, well done.



Molly Rutherford



Kate Lievesley



# YEAR 11

We would like to praise the following Year 11 students for their commitment to their coursework in Design and Technology. They have all spent hours of their own time to produce some fantastic design and practical work. Well done to Kathryn Holmes, Mia Collins, Jess Stephenson, Georgia Wiseman, Manyong mayan and Arianne Rico.

Jessica Stephenson was awarded the Carroll Atkinson Chemistry Bursary, A prize kindly donated by former student, Michael Carroll, for outstanding contribution to chemistry. She is always ready and eager to learn during lessons and was an exceptional member of the Year 9 Leading Edge team of scientists who gave an inspirational talk surrounding their research into the field of parasitic infections of garden birds. She has attended all the revision sessions put on after school and during the holidays and she is an all-round exceptional chemist

Liam Smith was involved in the recent Rugby Festival in town. Representing the Sea Cadets he was a flag bearer at the beginning of the competition. Well done Liam.

Amie Mance has joined Cadets and recently took part in a litter picking event in a local area. Great work Amie.

50 Year 11 students took part in the GCSE Physics Challenge as an extra-curricular event. 25 students achieved the Bronze Award. 13 students achieved the Silver Award. John Carr and George Atkinson achieved the Gold Award. This was in the top 5% of the country. John's result was so high, he was awarded a book from Oxford University as he was in the top 100 students who sat the examination. An amazing achievement by all students, well done.

Miss Largue would like to wish her Year 11 Spanish class the best of luck in their upcoming exams. They have worked so hard over the past year and have been a pleasure to teach.

Adrian Atkinson took part in the Northern Stage Production of 'Where do we belong?'. This production explored the many issues faced by young people today and Adrian played the part of Oscar. He performed to an excellent level, demonstrating his confidence and talents in Drama. Well done Adrian.

Good luck to all of Year 11 who are sitting their GCSE exams. Your effort and dedication to revision so far has been fantastic.

# SIXTH FORM

Drama club continues to be very popular and Jack Ward, Ruby Taylor, Maddy Brown and Sarah Mulgrew are such fantastic leaders of the weekly club. The students are working on their own version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Great work everyone.



Jess Morton in Year 12 has been supporting our Inclusion Department, helping students in some of their lessons and developing her experience of working with children. The support staff have been so impressed with how Jess has hit the ground running, adapting to the situation extremely well and using all of her common sense and people skills to good effect. Jess now intends to support on a regular basis and the support team are thrilled to have working with them again, given the maturity she has shown.

Year 13 students planned an excellent leavers' service and delivered prayers in their final school Liturgy on May 17th. Students started their study leave in a wonderful fashion as all of Year 13 reflected on their time in the school, their spiritual journeys and the exciting times ahead. We wish them the very best of luck for their exams and in the years to follow.

Stacey Simpson and her choir, the Swingbridge Singers, delighted the audience at The Sage this month, with a wonderful evening of song. The group performed three songs, two of which were acapella, before joining the Kingdom Choir for another performance. This was quite an honour for Stacey and friends, as the Kingdom Choir recently made headlines by performing at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Princess Meghan. Well Done Stacey.

Matthew Chapman was awarded the Carroll Atkinson Chemistry Bursary. A prize kindly donated by former student, Michael Carroll, for outstanding contribution to chemistry.

He has consistently scored high marks 2 years studying chemistry as well as scoring the top mark in the final March mock exams in preparation for the summer exams. He has expressed a keen interest in pursuing chemical engineering at university.

Over the course of the last 2 years he has successfully met all deadlines and he has always attended revision sessions after school and in the holidays. He is an exceptional chemist who always strives to give of his best during lessons or completing assignments.

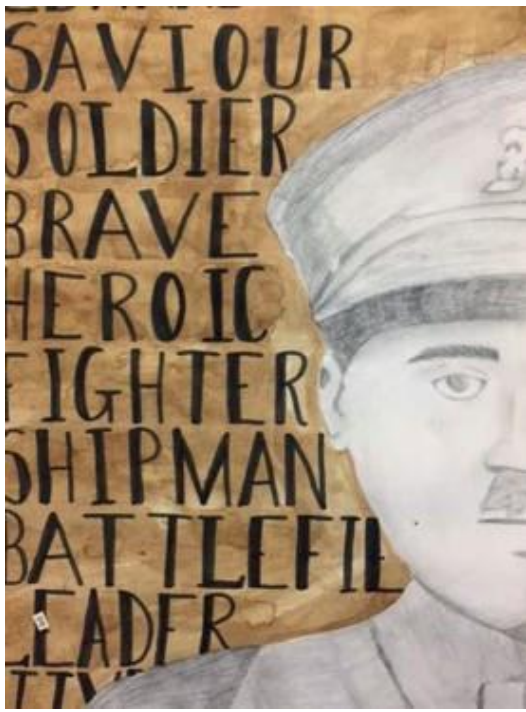
Georgia Richardson and Megan Carmichael in Year 12 have supported Year 7 students in their Science lessons this half-term. They were both fantastic and used their initiative well. The younger students benefited greatly from this extra support. At the end of their first lesson, the Sixth Form students gave up more of their time and discussed strategies that could help the Year 7 students in future lessons. Great work girls.

27 Year 12 students took part in the A-Level Physics Challenge as an extra-curricular event. 18 students achieved the Bronze Award. 4 students (Lucas Grillot, Mrugaya Malay, Anisha Smith and Erin Ruscoe) achieved the Silver Award. Achieving the Silver Award placed them in the top 8% of the country. Well done to you all.

Lucas Grillot won an online competition where he submitted an article about quantum mechanics. His article has subsequently been published by a website for all to read as it was of such a high standard. Amazing work Lucas.

KS5 students of English Language have been preparing especially hard for their A level exams. In particular, Hana Walsh has made fantastic progress and has worked so hard in her revision. Bronagh Leneghan, Ewan James and Natalie Waites have also shown huge dedication in their revision. All students in the class deserve the greatest success.

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Alanis Robertson



Alvin Anthony



Katie Dodds



Year 9 fine artists  
Armistice portraits.

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