

Shine

Issue 2



Steven King in 8R achieved his black belt in Martial Arts in November. He worked extremely hard in the lead up to this, practicing regularly and then completed his 5 hour training/assessment. Massive congratulations, we are all very proud!

St Mary's 'A' and 'B' chess teams have both reached the second stage of the National Schools Chess Championships. They faced teams from Newcastle School for Boys in a local qualifier and achieved some fantastic results. Congratulations to both teams! Team 'A': Mark Broughton, Ciaran Macdonald, Morgan French, Mrugaya Mula, Feitong Wu, and Lucas Grillot Team 'B': Mikey Block, Nick Lin, Partheev Manoj, Daniel Gazerani-Lopez, Jonathan Jativa-Calle, and Joel Dyter

I am delighted to welcome you to the second edition of St Mary's Shine Bulletin. Once again, it was an absolute pleasure to read about so many of the fantastic accomplishments of our students across such an array of activities, both within school and outside of school. It is wonderful to see that so many of our students are making the most of their God-given gifts and talents. The students and staff at St Mary's have enjoyed a fantastic first term and they should feel very proud of their achievements.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas with your families and friends and I look forward to us all returning in January, rested and refreshed, to begin the spring term, with all of the opportunities that will bring. Many good wishes for the festive season.

Miss Patterson, Head of School



Lucy Crow sang in a choir at the London Global Gift Gala where she met various celebrities, including Victoria Beckham and Olly Murs..



Some of our students attended 'The Source' at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 5th December. This is an event for young people from all over the Diocese which is led by YMT. The students had a great evening and were really positive, enthusiastic and got totally involved in all parts of the evening. They were an absolute credit to our school.

Georgia Simpson, Anna Watson-McKenna (Year 9)

Alexus Missick and Deborah Adje (Year 13)
Chloe Ravie, Ebony Bell, Ariana Giselle Barrera Villafuerte, Fiona Baby, Dilyar Ali, Lily Knox (Year 10)



YEARS 7 & 8

YEAR 7 RAISED £287.43 IN THEIR ADVENT FAYRE

Daniel Trojanovskis trains 6 days per week in gymnastics and competes across the country to a high standard.

Mason Shield-Graham has made great progress in PE and has learnt how to score baskets in basketball, Keep up the great work Mason!

Hannah McLaughlin played a netball match where her team won 31-0. An excellent score, well done Hannah!

Hilary Owen achieved grade 1 in Coronet and a distinction grade. A wonderful achievement, well done Hilary!

Charlotte Hobbs has performed exceptionally well in the year 7 Netball 'A' team so far this season and has also provided lots of support for the team in her role as captain.

Fintan Noon is a member of Blyth lifeguarding and swimming club. In the summer months he does duty on the beach and through the winter he trains in swimming and life-saving skills. Great work Fintan!

Hope Neal and Megan Dugdale

Niamh O'Reilly

is an excellent ambassador for St Mary's. Niamh puts 100% effort into everything she is asked to do!

Lucy Morrison

recently produced a high quality still life drawing in Art. Keep up the hard work!

appeared on the television with their netball team.

Daniel Morosan (7T) competed in the Northern Area Judo Festival on 9/12/18. Out of over 100 competitors Daniel achieved 1st place. An amazing achievement Daniel, well done.

Macey- Jean Russell showed honesty and integrity when she found £10 and handed it into the office. Well done Macey-

Niamh

Boothroyd has played extremely well in the year 7 girls football team and should be commended for her dedication to both training and fixtures.

Well done to Libby Gardiner who had a clear out and donated 9 bags of clothing and other items to charity.

8A are preparing for the advent fayre when they will be letting students try to win their delicious bakes by holding another 8A Form Bake Off. Some students will be baking Trench Cakes in commemoration of the Centenary of WW1. (Trench Cakes were traditionally baked by families and sent to soldiers.)

Sonny Hastie has showed excellent leadership skills as captain of his football team this year and has been recognised with the player of the month award two months in a row. Keep up the excellent work Sonny!

Moises Mateus had left his lunch money at home and his friend Aaron Kamanga showed kindness by lending him some money for his lunch

Moises Mateus in Year 7 has shown great commitment to Dance Club, sharing lots of interesting ideas and creativity as well as making an excellent start to Mary Poppins rehearsals by practising all of the dances at home in preparation.



YEAR 8 RAISED
£332.20
IN THEIR
ADVENT FAYRE

YEARS 7 & 8

Cameron Nesbitt won a boxing trophy. Well done Cameron!

Ben Swinburne showed great leadership skills when he captained the school rugby team.

Ella Jackson, Eunice Lau, Chloe Titterton and Abigail Simpson have shown great dedication

Fei Tong Wu achieved a distinction in grade 5 piano. Well done.

to their studies at all times.
Excellent work girls!

Well done to Libby Gardiner who had a clear out and donated 9 bags of clothing and other items to charity.

Freya Gallagher achieved two personal best times at a swimming gala.
Congratulation Freya!

Ruby Wilkinson won an award for first aid training and now knows how to do CPR.
Really impressive work Ruby!

Fintan Starkie has been working hard to develop his sailing skills. Keep up the great work Fintan!



St Mary's Year 8 Boys Rugby team took part in the County Cup Vase Competition and were looking to build on what had already been a very successful season. St Mary's were grouped with Ponteland, Newminster, Kings Priory, RGS and Churchill Community College. It was a fantastic effort on the day from the team remaining undefeated with 3 wins and 2 draws. The attitude of the team was excellent throughout who never gave up and remained determined. Thanks to the 2 draws St Mary's finished the day group winners, winning the Vase competition with a total of 11 points from 5 matches, a terrific achievement. Solomon Mak, Sam Jubb, Ross MacDonald, Torin Innes-Menzies, Jack Hetherington, Dan Clark, Fenton Mitchell, Woody Wilson, Ethan Henderson, Malachi Duff, Tomas Boothroyd, Finlay Old, Joshua MacDonald and Dan Moroson were all part of the winning team.

Sam Martin managed to send microbit messages, showing a great advancement in his coding skills. Well done Sam!

Moaed Abugchem was awarded fixed brown belt in Karate a couple of weeks ago, he attends classes at Eldon Leisure. Congratulations Moaed!

Fiona Kunjumon is taking part in a project with girl guides in which she has offered to do activities with elderly people in a care home in Forrest Hall. Well done to Fiona for dedicating her time so selflessly!

Luke Herbert, Luca Gamesby and Enock Lakpe Gogoua all play football for various Heaton Hawkes teams and have had mixed successes lately. They train and practise in order to continue their success. Keep up the great work!

Elle Welsh has been recognised with a number of badges at Brownies recently including cooking, chocolate, first aid and health and safety badges. Great work Elle!

Jessica Stewart received her white belt in Kick Boxing, well done Jessica!

Chloe Graydon completed a charity run for Alzheimer's with her Grandma. A great achievement and excellent cause, well done Chloe!

Katie Buggy passed dance exams in Tap, Ballet and Modern dance. Great achievement Katie!

Miss Lamb has been extremely impressed by the hard work of her Year 9 History classes. They are a pleasure to teach and are making fantastic progress due to their dedication and effort.



The Geography Department have been very impressed with all Year 9 students' conduct while out on a local field trip. The students have collected excellent data which will be used in lessons.

YEAR 9



Year 9

Year 9 students going on the ski trip tried out their techniques on a trip to the dry ski slope last week. They had a great time and had lots of fun. Now they are looking forward to the ski trip even more. Ciara Devin: The dry ski slope was fab! I didn't fall down and I'm excited to go real skiing now! Tia Batey: It was really fun and got easier as it went on. Hopefully it is that easy when we're on real snow! Alexander Johnson: It certainly improved my skiing skills!



Advent Fayre took place on Monday 10th December. The students raised £218.50 for St Vincent De Paul Charity, which is a fantastic amount for an excellent cause. 9R showed particular great team work working together to organise their stalls and hampers. Well done Year 9!

The charity committee visited Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter to see the fantastic work they do and to see how their fundraising will make a difference. Great work to all of the team!

Lucy Elder-Smith has been developing her photography skills and recently her photographs were published in a magazine. Well done Lucy!



Daniel Saba and Ethan Chappell showed respect and excellent manners on the journey home when they allowed a blind lady and her dog to board the metro train before them. A lovely act of kindness, well done!

YEAR 9 RAISED
£218.50
IN THEIR
ADVENT FAYRE

Nathan Nkunku has been asked by Newcastle Academy to play Blackburn Rovers for U15s. This shows his amazing talent as a footballer.

Heidi Molloy received an award for December's Student of the Month for outstanding effort and consistent commitment in all lessons. A huge well done to Heidi!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



Year 7 Advent Fayre



Year 8 Advent Fayre



Year 9 Advent Fayre



Year 10 Cake Sale



Year 11 Advent Fayre



Sixth Form Advent Fayre



YEARS 10 & 11

Students in Y10 were visited by Rebecca Costello from Oxford University to “demystify” what it is like to study English at university, and at Oxford in particular. The session explored if it was acceptable to ban certain books, and students explored issues to do with censorship, thinking initially about the advantages and disadvantages of forms of censorship. Students then looked in particular at the novel Farenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury and explored the theme of book burning. There were some fantastic ideas and contributions from the students involved. Paris Warden said “I though the lesson was really interesting – we really got into the ideas and I liked the group work and I’d love to read Farenheit 451”. Aleksandar Vuletic sad “The session was fun and interesting and gave me a new insight into books”.

Vitalis Nyekila, Abbas Mohammed, Emma Harwood and Olivia Mooney were awarded prizes for being Science Stars for the first half term in KS4 were. They have all been awarded this for consistent hard work in Science and making excellent progression across all 3 subjects.

Milan Nguyen has now achieved full marks in both of her Computer Science assessments to date. This is an excellent achievement considering the exam demands are exceptionally high. Well done Milan!

The CAFOD young leaders in year 10 have shown kindness and willingness to help by volunteering to support Sandringham Court in Longbenton. They have planned a fundraising bake sale and organised an activity day for the residents. In our CAFOD young leaders team we have Chloe Ravie, Ebony Bell, Ethan Wadsworth, Sophie Bouchard, Ariana Giselle Barrera Villafuerte, Fiona Baby, Dilyar Ali, Lily Knox, Lauren Grice, Faye Mitcheson and Aya Daraji. Keep up the great work everyone!

YEAR 11 RAISED £122.46 IN THEIR ADVENT FAYRE

Joy Eze competed in a competition in Sheffield against runners up to university age. She came 4th in her race which was the 60m sprint. She ran it in a time of 7.96 seconds. This is her personal best and the fastest time in the North East for under 17s. What an amazing achievement Joy!

From mid-November, Year 11 experienced their second formal examination process, sitting mock 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!

Anna Dennison will be dancing at the Arena as backing dancer for Channy Thompson on Monday 17th December

Julian Gibson, Ridwan Choudhary, Natalie Watson and Lily Hall were awarded prizes for being Science Stars for the first half term. They have all been awarded this for consistent hard work in Science and making excellent progression across all 3 subjects.

Toby Caisley played the Last Post at the Remembrance Service this year, it was very moving and showed excellent musical talent. Thank you Toby!



Jessica Cullen has the lead dance role in her Christmas performance.

Some of our Year 10 girls who play for Novos Netball team appeared on television on Look North News as their coach has been nominated for an Unsung Heroes Award. Nell Wilson, Ria Caven, Josie Bramhall, Megan Darwood, Kate Lievesly and Emily Cass continue to have great success playing for the Novos Team. Well done girls!

A group of Year 10 students led by Nell Wilson raised £135.82 in a cake sale. The money raised is going towards the Motor Neurone Disease charity “My Name’s Doddie”. Nell’s dad played rugby for Newcastle Falcons alongside Doddie Weir who suffers from the disease. A great act of charity for an excellent cause!



The Year 10 students raised £245.59 on Wednesday’s Christmas Fayre.

SIXTH FORM RAISED
£162.06
IN THEIR
ADVENT FAYRE

SIXTH FORM



Hanna Walsh (Year 13) was accepted on a Tyneside Cinema course to learn digital filmmaking, she started last night and is continuing on a weekly basis till into February.

Students from across the Sixth Form made a fantastic contribution to this year's Sixth Form Open Evening. Students were busy across a range of departments, celebrating all that the Sixth Form has to offer and answering questions from Year 11 students and their families. A particular well done to Daniel Sorenson and Rose Nicholson in Year 13, who spoke fantastically to all visitors about their Sixth Form experience.

34 students in Year 12 and 13 recently attended a trip to London, to take part in various activities relevant to their A-level studies. All students were incredible ambassadors for the school, conducting themselves with such maturity. The teachers on this trip felt particularly proud when a number of students offered their packed lunch to the homeless. Therefore, a special mention must go to Ruby Taylor, Tianna Blaize, Maddy Brown and Gianna Foster for their generosity and compassion.

Yousef Ahmed (Year 13) came along to speak at a Careers Ready meeting about his work experience and work with his mentor. He was superb and impressed everyone there. He also very kindly gave up his time after school to support students in younger year groups.

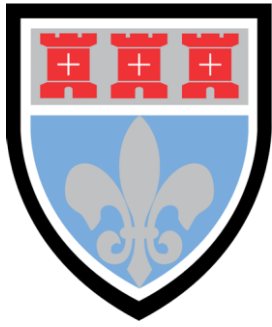
16 lucky Year 12 Business students attended a trip to London for the Career Ready Capital Experience. The trip involved a two hour show of motivational speakers hosted by the charismatic and engaging "Action Jackson", followed by a visit to the famous Gherkin building in St. Mary Axe, where students gazed at the astonishing views of the city and engaged in more lectures from experienced and accomplished speakers. Lovedeep Sadhra, Angus Clarke, Ben Nelson-Taylor, Joseph Darlington, Moise Gbaka, Hannah Knighting-Wykes, Nathan Burd, Ben Mbu-Letang, Tobin Togy, Rosie Robinson, Cameron Angus, Daniel Meyer, Levi Rowan, Hania Ilyas, Maks Kaja and Bethany Smith attended the trip and had a fantastic time, representing St. Mary's incredibly well with their maturity and enthusiasm.

Lucy Anderson (Year 12) has entered a squash competition and her team are now through to the Inter county Championships Final.

The following Year 12 students held a bake sale to raise money for the Charles Parsons Christmas Party and community afternoon tea events and raised almost £80: Lucy Hobbs, Martha McGregor, Hayley Chan, Ellen O'Brien, Erin Ruscoe, Caitlin Gray, Mary Delariarte, Callum McGregor, Adam Tinning and Ali-Raza Hanif.

11 of our Year 13 students have been invited to interview at Oxford and Cambridge. This is a fantastic achievement and testament to their hard work and dedication. In addition, 7 students have been given interviews for highly competitive Medicine and Dentistry courses. We wish all of our students who are applying to university the best of luck.





It has been wonderful to hear about all of the successes and achievements for all of our students in this month's issue of Shine. It is fantastic to see the huge variety in activities and events that you are all involved in and all of the ways that you develop your God-given gifts and talents. It is lovely to read that so many of you carry out small but important acts of kindness on a daily basis which make St Mary's such a fantastic place to be. Well done to you all for an excellent first term and keep up all of your hard work. I wish you all a safe Christmas holiday with your families and friends and a well earned rest.

Miss Largue, Assistant Head Pastoral



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