



# Shine

## Issue 9

Welcome to the latest edition of the Shine bulletin. It was an absolute pleasure to read about all of the wonderful achievements of our students and to read about how enthusiastically our students take part in the wider enrichment opportunities in school. Furthermore, it is so impressive to see how well our students are progressing in lessons, demonstrating their incredible God-given gifts and talents across the full range of subjects in school. Our students are an absolute credit to the St Mary's community and we know that the Shine bulletin celebrates just a small sample of our students numerous achievements this year.

We still have some lovely activities for our students to take part in before the break, with the Christmas Music Services at the end of this week. Thank you so much to our fantastic teaching and support staff team for all of their hard work in supporting our students this term and thank you also to our students for all of their excellent efforts. I hope that all of our students, staff team and parents have a joyful and happy Christmas.

Miss Patterson, Headteacher.



The St Mary's 'Just.Is' Group produced a brilliant COP26 lesson that all students in Year 7-11 thoroughly enjoyed during their Pastoral Programme lesson on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This lesson was a remarkable achievement, showing the amazing gifts and talents of our students at St Mary's. The COP26 lesson explored what COP was, what its key aims were and whether it was successful in its objectives. The lesson also included lots of different views from a range of teachers, support staff and students. Thank you so much to the 'Just.Is' Group for all of your amazing work. Well done!

# YEAR 7

I am incredibly proud of the way in which Year 7 have made a start to their St Mary's journey. After two challenging years, Year 7 have adapted to and coped with the new routines of secondary school remarkably well.

Their care for each other and helpfulness towards staff has been noted by many members of the St Mary's community, and I am so proud to have them as my year group. I continue to be impressed by the random acts of kindness they demonstrate on a daily basis – holding doors open, inviting other students to play with them, reporting incidents of concern, picking up litter, a cheery 'Good Morning, Miss', or 'Hello Sir!' in passing, and much, much more.

St Mary's is a school with very high expectations of behaviour and attitude to learning and Year 7 have recognised this, met these expectations tremendously, and have done so without fuss. Not only have the year group adapted to St Mary's learning and behaviour climate; they have also taken full advantage of the huge number of extra-curricular opportunities offered here as well. It is always excellent to hear from the various members of staff how enthusiastic Year 7 are about the activities they are a part of. A huge thank you to everyone for the excellent effort and commitment they have shown.

I look forward to seeing how the cohort continue to flourish – I have high hopes for a fantastic five years for this group of young people.

**Daisy Rutter**

PE

Year 7

For a fantastic start to PE at St Mary's!  
Daisy is enthusiastic in all sports and is making great progress.

Miss Fawcett

**Jessica Butler**

7Y

Jessica has made an excellent start to Y7 at St Mary's. She is always one of the first to offer to help with task in tutor time.

**Amber Gould**

Art

Year 7

For being a very talented artist, producing high quality class work and homework.

**Gracie Scott**

Physics

Year 7

For an excellent effort in the subject.

**Dominic Johnson**

Music

Year 7

Excellent start to Music at St Mary's

**Samuel Simpson**

7A

Brilliant start to Y7 at St Mary's, displaying excellent effort and attitude in all lessons and pastoral time.

**Michael Abrehe**

7I

Michael has made a brilliant start to Year 7 at St Mary's and is always fully engaged in all of his lessons including contributing to pastoral time. He has also been chosen to play for the Y7 football team!





Daisy Rutter

7A

For having an excellent attitude and effort, brilliant start to St Mary's.

Jensen Gallagher

Biology

Year 7

For his enthusiasm, consistent hard work and willingness to help others in the class.



Dylan Profit

French

Year 7

For always ensures he speaks in the target language in class, really making the most of his language learning experience!

Anna Carr

7A

For helping with the Remembrance Service and has made a super start to Year 7 at St Mary's.



Joseph Brown

7I

Joseph is a keen cyclist and since joining St Mary's in September, he has achieved third place in a regional cycling competition!

### Violet Martin

7Y

Violet is incredibly supportive of other students during pastoral programme group discussions, encouraging everyone in her group to express their opinions.

### Thomas Wynne

Music

Year 7

For making an excellent start to Music at St Mary's

7R

Mr Richardson is delighted with the wonderful start 7R have made to their time at St Mary's. It really has been excellent to see.

### Nat Gallagher

7R

For being helpful, polite and positive at all times

### Charlotte Burns

Art

Year 7

For showing excellent effort and attitude in Art, has shown real talent in the subject.

### Zach Gallagher

7R

For being helpful, polite and positive at all times

### Olivia Hodgson

DT

Year 7

For having an excellent overall effort and participation in lessons



### Shay O'Gara

French

Year 7

For making such a positive start to is French lessons, he is so enthusiastic and is making great progress

### Daisy Rutter

French

Year 7

For fantastic French homework this year as well as fabulous effort in class.





# YEAR 8

I have been really impressed by the start to the year that Year 8 students have made. Attendance has been excellent, behaviour is outstanding and the attitude to learning is brilliant.

I have been delighted to learn from form tutors and teachers about how well you are all doing and there have been only a very small number of behaviour incidents to deal with.

I continue to be impressed by your enthusiasm and energy and this is very clearly evidenced in your attendance and commitment to the various extra-curricular activities.

Keep up this level of enthusiasm and commitment and you will continue to excel.

Mr Boyle

Matthew Scott

8S

For always coming to form with a smile on his face and eager to learn.



Jennifer Whittaker

Maths

Year 8

Jennifer has been attending virtual Maths "masterclass" sessions; one of only a few hundred students across the whole country to have been invited to work with some amazing tutors on some challenging mathematical puzzles (see email for quote)

*"Jennie is a confident and innovative mathematician who makes helpful contributions to the group. She develops her ideas carefully before sharing them and is willing to consider the opinions and thoughts of others before using them to develop and refine her own theories. She is starting to realise the importance of developing robust strategies to solve problems rather than just finding a specific answer. I have been particularly pleased to see her confidence and depth of thought increasing over the last few sessions"*

Lena Batool

French

Year 8

For excellent work in French on the Future tense

Stella Rickeard

Physics

Year 8

Highest score on the physics

Jack Torley

DT

Year 8

For very high-quality classwork and homework, excellent attitude to lessons.

Erin Jones

PE

Year 8

For always being enthusiastic and willing both in PE lessons and after school clubs!





**Cillian Sears**

8S

For always being organised and prepare when he arrives at school.

**Ebony Westerby**

Art

Year 8

For showing fantastic effort and attitude in

**King Kimvula**

8I

For consistently contributing to thought provoking discussion during pastoral programme

**Nefeli Gerasimidou and Henry Wilkinson**

Biology

Year 8

For having an excellent attitude to learning and always being willing to get involved.

**Maya Clarke**

DT

Year 8

For great work in Graphics- her Cherry Blast drink

**Year 8**

Rosary Club

Amazing, heart-warming commitment and faith shown by the Year 8 Rosary Club. They are a credit to the school and the Catholic faith.

**Alexa Ritchie Sadler**

DT

Year 8

For great work in Graphics – her Lemon Ice drink

**Henry Wilkinson**

Drama

Year 8

For an excellent effort and contribution to The Sound of Music rehearsals

**Roshan Nnaji**

DT

Year 8

For outstanding effort and contributions to lessons and excellent homework



**Daisy D'Agostino**

Biology

Year 8

For always volunteering answers in class

**Rose Fairlamb**

Drama

Year 8

For excellent effort and contribution to The Sound of Music rehearsals

**Stephanie Guan**

8I

For positive contributions to her form class and wider school



**Taylor Blackett**

Maths

Year 8

Taylor's attitude towards his maths work is outstanding - he has made significant progress already this year and we are really pleased with how well her is doing - well done Taylor!

8BFr

French

Madame Fisher would like to congratulate 8B on their super French sound!

Kasper Jones

French

Year 8

Kasper is making excellent progress in French. His classwork and homework are always highly accurate, and he has a lovely French accent.

Lucie Robson

PE

Year 8

For having an excellent effort throughout PE lessons and extra-curricular activities!

Joel Mohan

Spanish

Year 8

A weekly attender of Languages Club who is always enthusiastic and makes new members feel welcome



Alice Haigton

French

Year 8

Alice works brilliantly every lesson and is always so enthusiastic and keen to help in class.

Jan Siemens

Music

Year 8

For excellent effort and attitude in lessons and extra-curricular activities.

Brendan Fisher

8R

For being so helpful in class and for always trying his best



Kasper Jones &

Jonathon Hair

8R

For their recent semi-final performance for Wideopen in the County Cup

Matthew Alderton-Brown

French

Year 8

For excellent work in French on the Future tense

Stella Rickeard

Biology

Year 8

For producing a fantastic piece of homework on Charles Darwin

Boyd McConn, Harlan Croft,

Prince Fernandes and Kieran

Maxwell

Physics

Year 8

For doing great practical work.

Anna Howell

Music

Year 8

For a fantastic effort and attitude in lessons





Evangeline Coward

PE

Year 8

For having a great positive attitude  
and effort in lessons.



Ethan Amis & Kieran Maxwell

8R

For their recent semi-final performance in  
the Redcar Tournament playing for  
Killingworth under 13s.

Alice Houghton

Spanish

Year 8

Well done for making fantastic  
progress in Spanish so far this year

Kenneth Blenkinsop

RE

Year 8

For displaying an excellent attitude to  
learning so far this year in RE.

Ruby Wardingham

Spanish

Year 8

Ruby has been working so hard in  
Spanish, She is making excellent  
progress and has produced some  
fantastic work.

Ethan Douthwaite

Spanish

Year 8

Well done for making fantastic  
progress in Spanish so far this year

Eve Robinson

8R

For always treating  
others with the utmost  
respect and kindness in  
School.





Zac Abundo

Spanish  
Year 8

Zac always tries his very best and  
always participates in every Spanish  
lesson



Lucie Robson

8R

For being accepted in to  
the North East under 15  
Performance Academy  
for Netball!

Alice Houghton

History  
Year 8

For excellent contributions to Debate club



Pedro Guillen

Computer  
Year 8

For showing great enthusiasm in Year  
8 Computer Programming club!

Nomar Cabasag

Computer  
Year 8

For showing great enthusiasm in Year  
8 Computer Programming club!

Joseph Embleton

French  
Year 8

For excellent work in French on the  
Future tense

Carlos Aganzo Quintero

Computer  
Year 8

For showing great enthusiasm in Year  
8 Computer Programming club!



# YEAR 9

Year 9 have had a fantastic start to the year. They have done an excellent job of settling back into school routines after the summer break. Their teachers have reported that they have been really impressed with the student's work ethic and the atmosphere for learning in the Year Group has been fantastic. I have been very impressed with the increased level of maturity that Year 9 have shown, with many excellent examples of students being considerate and supportive of others, while also showing a clear commitment to their studies. It has also been great to see so many students involved in the extra-curricular activities that have restarted this year.

I would like to thank Year 9 for all their excellent work this term, and I look forward to seeing their progress over the remainder of the year.

Mr Brooks



Kouros Anssarizadeh

9M

For competing in the Liverpool  
International Tennis  
Tournament in November

Andrew Dagg and Lily Middleton

Biology  
Year 9

For being very conscientious, excellent classwork,  
consistently answering questions correctly during  
lessons (contributing verbally)

Ellie Burns and Heidi Stephenson

Chemistry  
Year 9

For being extremely hard working, positive  
about their work. They both participate  
excellently, listening so carefully to any  
feedback

Oliver Johnson

Art  
Year 9

For a fantastic attitude in Art lessons with  
wonderful imagination





Cellina Guan, Alex Whoriskey and  
Toby Thorpe

9R

All have been keen to support our hamper  
collection.

Eleanna Centeno

Biology

Year 9

For a fantastic attitude  
to learning.

Teodor Muraru

Chemistry

Year 9

For a fantastic effort show in chemistry  
class contributions.

Liona Baby

DT

Year 9

For very high-quality classwork and  
homework, excellent attitude to  
lessons.

Eva Taylor

DT

Year 9

For outstanding quality of work in  
homework and classwork.

Sophia O'Neill

Health & Social Care

Year 9

For fabulous participation in class discussion  
and enthusiasm for the subject

Tariq Wiliams

Drama

Year 9

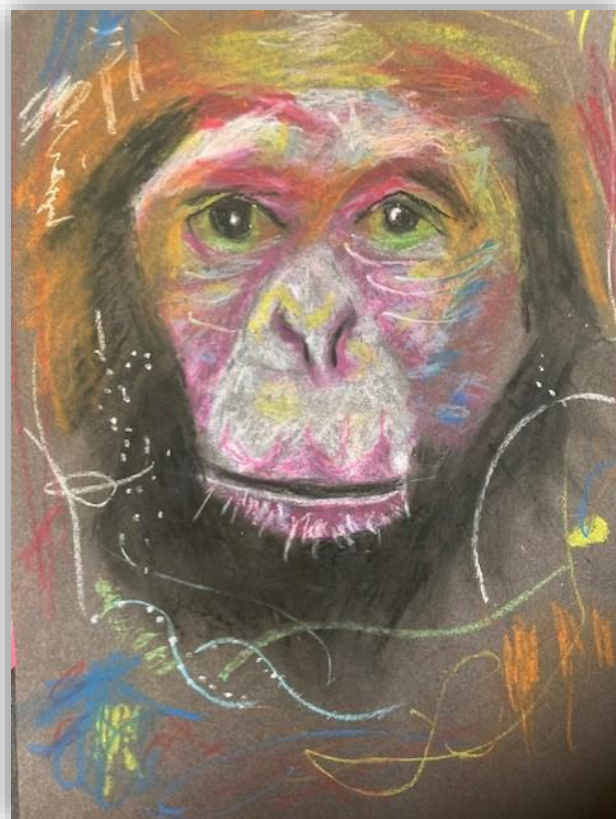
For a fantastic attitude to all  
drama lessons and drama club

Oliver Cass

French

Year 9

For working well in French and making  
excellent progress. He always  
contributes in lessons every week and  
helps out those around him too



Katie Singleton

Spanish

Year 9

For consistent hard work in Spanish  
and excellent participation in lessons





## Luke Taylor

French

Year 9

For working well in French and making excellent progress. He always contributes in lessons every week and helps out those around him too

## Lince Shinto

Maths

Year 9

For being an exemplary student who produces consistently fantastic work in class and at home - keep up the hard work Lince!

## Adeline Bourgenot-Lewis

Physics

Year 9

For continued hard work and excellent attitude to learning.

## Flynn Jeffrey

Spanish

Year 9

Flynn has made an excellent start in Spanish. He is inquisitive about the language and always produces excellent pieces of work, which is highly accurate and really well developed.

## Sam Brooks

Health & Social Care

Year 9

Produced an excellent leaflet to help staff in a care home to improve their communication skills

## Lily Middleton

Music

Year 9

For excellent classwork and great attitude



## Eva Squires

Art

Year 9

For a brilliant effort in Art with fantastic paintings to show for it

## Iouilia Anagnosti

PE

Year 9

For always positive and willing to help others!

## Avin Anish

Maths

Year 9

For fantastic progress being made this year thanks to his excellent attitude and effort - well done Avin!

## Dennis Brown

Spanish

Year 9

For a fantastic start to the year!  
Always so enthusiastic and has made a great improvement so far.  
Muy bien Dennis!

## Liv Downie

9T

Excellent contribution to PHSE discussions - always generates a lot response making a lively debate





**Adam Harrison**

Music  
Year 9

For having a great determination to  
succeed in practical tasks

**Oliver Johnson**

Physics  
Year 9

For his continued hard work and  
excellent attitude to learning.

**Ruth Watson-McKenna**

Spanish  
Year 9

Ruth has made an excellent start to  
Year 9 Spanish. She is hardworking,  
resilient and has a brilliant  
understanding of everything studied  
so far.

**Sam Underwood**

9T

For being the most improved student in his  
Chinese lesson class

**Miya Watson**

Health & Social Care  
Year 9

For demonstrating  
outstanding  
communication skills for  
working in the NHS.



**Joshua Shields**

Computer  
Year 9

Joshua has shown a real ability to  
think outside the box in Computer  
Science!

**Lukas Kist**

Spanish  
Year 9

For consistent hard  
work in Spanish and  
excellent participation  
in lessons

**Ruby Colver**

Spanish  
Year 9

Ruby has been working so hard in  
Spanish, she has developed an  
excellent knowledge of grammar and  
tenses in Spanish.

**Jay Richardson**

Spanish  
Year 9

For consistent hard work in Spanish  
and excellent participation in lessons

**Summah Woods**

Drama  
Year 9

For outstanding effort to every single  
drama lesson



# YEAR 10

Thank you Year 10

Time moves really quickly and it only seems to get faster the older the students get! It is really hard to believe that Year 10 have already completed one term of this academic year. Despite the many challenges the students faced in Year 9, not least having to choose option subjects, I am pleased to report that the students have settled into their GCSE studies well. Year 10 teachers have also reported that they have been really impressed with the students commitment to learning.

As well as the excellent academic start to the year demonstrated by Year 10's, I am also pleased to share that the students have fully immersed themselves back into the Spiritual Life of the School, with 10M and 10T leading assemblies on the themes 'Faith, Hope and Love' and 'Wisdom'. 10M and 10S have also successfully led the Friday Morning Masses, providing meaningful Spiritual opportunities for our school community.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Year 10 students for the excellent start they have made to the new academic year.

**Thomas McTenan**

10T

For a fantastic performance  
in the class assembly and  
great support to his tutor  
group

**Mr Gray**

**Josh Sorenson**

Drama

Year 10

For his mature approach to leading  
drama club alongside sixth form

**Daniel Chima**

Chemistry

Year 10

For a fantastic start to the  
year in Chemistry, keep it

**Frank Adams**

Drama

Year 10

For a fantastic attitude and effort at  
the start of his GCSE Drama studies



**Anna Stafford**

10T

For brilliant guitar playing in our tutor  
assembly, making the most of her gifts and  
talents in music.

**Charlotte Hobbs**

Drama

Year 10

For endless enthusiasm and  
willingness to support the Drama  
department

**Samiha Choudry and Gretchen  
Ottoway**

Biology

Year 10

For continuously hard working in lessons,  
proactive in asking for help when they  
need it, great classwork produced, showing  
continual improvements during lessons.

**Seth Psallidas**

Art

Year 10

For creating brilliant artwork this term and  
an excellent work ethic.



Daniel Morosan

10T

For being a fantastic support to his tutor group, brilliant in the class assembly

Alfie Devine

10T

For having a wonderful positive attitude to all aspects of school life.

Kristin Hagen

10I

For working very well in RE and has an excellent attitude to learning.

Sarah Marley

10I

Excellent effort in Netball. A great goal scoring record and an invaluable team member!

Sophie Biwer

10I

Working very well across a number of subjects. An excellent start to Year 10!

Max McGhee

10I

For an excellent attitude around school and always very friendly and polite!

Wisdom Jerry

10S

Wisdom has been selected into the Rugby Academy. Fantastic achievement Wisdom. Well done! Excellent input in form and around school.

Niahm O'Reily

10S

For having an excellent and positive attitude in form. Extremely helpful in Pastoral Programme lessons.

Scarlett Butterfield

10I

A massive support in form time and really engaged in Pastoral Programme lessons

Niamh Boothroyd

10T

Superb commitment shown to her progress in football. Making the most of her gift.

Olivia Cowen

10I

Very helpful in form class and doing exceptional work in Art too!

Steven Lincoln

10I

For growing in maturity and working very hard this year.

Isla Macdonald

10I

Exceptional work being produced in Art this year.

Anna Brent

Biology

Year 10

For continuously produces excellent classwork, works hard throughout all lessons

Cole Caven

French

Year 10

Is such a conscientious student who has made a fantastic start to his GCSE French studies. His classwork and homework are always of the highest standard

Patrycja Sikora

Art

Year 10

For fantastic quality work in Art with a brilliant attitude to her work

Alfred Lane

Biology

Year 10

For consistent hard work in class and for always contributing to class discussions

Sabrina Fernandes

Biology

Year 10

For an excellent attitude to learning



## Emily Glendenning

Biology

Year 10

For having super focus and effort in Biology lessons.

## Ibu Oluwole-Oni

Chemistry

Year 10

Super eager in classes, always looking forward to future topics and therefore having fantastic knowledge already to share in class.

## Eva Mae Moran-Adams

10I

Has been one of 36 students from the North East selected for the upcoming International Scout Jamboree in South Korea. An amazing achievement Eva! Absolutely fantastic news!



## Kristin Hagen and Alisha O'Doherty

Biology

Year 10

For putting excellent effort into their classwork every lesson, work produced is of a high standard.

## Scarlett Butterfield

Biology

Year 10

For continuously works hard, tries her best every lesson and makes a good effort to contribute.

## Joshua Sorensen

Biology

Year 10

For consistent hard work, excellent subject knowledge (going above and beyond the spec) and enthusiasm

## Hannah Swinhoe

DT

Year 10

For great practical progress.

## Luke Kelly

Chemistry

Year 10

For going above and beyond with his homework.

## Jasmine Uson

Biology

Year 10

For producing a fantastic piece of creative writing on the journey of a water molecule through a plant which included KS5 vocabulary

## Vanessa Itiose

Chemistry

Year 10

Vanessa is amazing in Chemistry, she takes pride in everything she does and is a dream to teach!

## Anna Stafford

Spanish

Year 10

For consistent hard work and for producing an excellent 90 word task in Spanish

## Ted Old

French

Year 10

For really improving his French speaking skills by paying particular attention to his pronunciation and using French phonic sounds accurately

## Joseph Ibrahim

Chemistry

Year 10

For a fantastic attitude in Chemistry, has tried his hardest and has listened well in all lessons this term.





**Andrew Davies**

Chemistry

Year 10

For working so hard in class and gives brilliant answers.

**Robbie Grahamslaw**

French

Year 10

For really improving his French speaking skills by paying particular attention to his pronunciation and using French phonic sounds accurately

**Ryan McCone**

Spanish

Year 10

For making excellent contributions in Spanish lessons

**Holly Fenwick**

DT

Year 10

For producing excellent practical work and helping others

**Patricia Guillen**

Chemistry

Year 10

For being proactive in correcting homework

**Boe Tidswell**

Health & Social Care

Year 10

A fabulous amount of effort put into her health and social care coursework

**Jayden Wilson**

French

Year 10

For being so enthusiastic and makes excellent contributions to French

**Eva-Mae Moran Adams**

Chemistry

Year 10

Eva is a superstar - she has a fantastic attitude to Chemistry, she works so hard and asks great questions to improve her learning.

**Hollie Bain**

Health & Social Care

Year 10

A fabulous amount of effort put into her health and social care coursework

**Eesha Saeed**

Spanish

Year 10

Consistent hard work and she has produced a fantastic 90 word written task

**Moises Mateus**

French

Year 10

For being such a conscientious student who has made a fantastic start to his GCSE French studies. His classwork and HW are always of the highest standard

**Keyron Brown**

French

For really making the most of his French skills and making excellent progress in reading and listening

**Lucy Ginnelly and Louise**

**Allison**

Physics

Year 10

Every single lesson they make maximum effort with their classwork, their exercise books are of an excellent standard.

**Becca Johnson**

PE

Year 10

For having a great attitude in lessons and in after school club.

**Alfie Devine**

Maths

Year 10

For working incredibly hard in every single maths lesson, homework and assessment efforts so far have been outstanding - well done Alfie!

**Anna Stafford**

Music

Year 10

For producing excellent classwork





## Amber Crawford

French  
Year 10

For being such a conscientious student who has made a fantastic start to her GCSE French studies. Her classwork and homework are always of the highest standard

## Niamh O'Reilly

Maths  
Year 10

For outstanding effort in Maths so far this year!

## Chelsea Coleman

Maths  
Year 10

For amazing effort in Maths, leading to fantastic progress already this year.

## Charlotte Hobbs

PE  
Year 10

For having amazing effort and a positive attitude!

## Emily Jackson

Physics  
Year 10

For producing excellent homework.



## Manasse Kertho

French  
Year 10

Is such a conscientious student who has made a fantastic start to her GCSE French studies. Her classwork and HW are always of the highest standard

## Charlotte Hobbs

Physics  
Year 10

For producing excellent homework.

## Emma Urwin

RE  
Year 10

For making a brilliant start to RE this year and is always willing to share her opinions in class.

## Inaaya Ahmed

RE  
Year 10

Has made a brilliant start to GCSE RE.

Inaaya always engages with the subject material, asking thoughtful questions to develop her understanding further.

## Ibu Oluwole-Oni

French  
Year 10

Ibu is making excellent progress in French and is so enthusiastic. He is always asking for extra work to do at home and is keen to do well

## Kira Douglas

Spanish  
Year 10

For produced an excellent piece of HW demonstrating knowledge of a wide variety of opinion phrases in Spanish

## Niamh O'Reilly

Music  
Year 10

For producing excellent classwork



## Joshua Sorensen

Physics  
Year 10

For his fantastic work in class.

# YEAR 11

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to a very important year. Year 11 have continued to show great resilience and as a year group are determined not to let the challenges of the past academic years affect them with their exams.

Year 11 have continued to impress members of staff with their mature approach to their learning and the climate for learning is excellent. Behaviour in Year 11 continues to be outstanding, with students showing an understanding of the importance of their time in lessons. Attendance and punctuality in Year 11 are also very good, showing that students appreciate that good attendance and punctuality will have a positive impact on their learning.

Year 11 have recently sat a set of Mock Examinations and I was very proud to see how they handled this challenge. Students took this opportunity to show members of staff that they have been working hard and they have achieved some fantastic results in their Mocks. I have been overwhelmed by members of staff commenting on how well the students have conducted themselves in the process of Mock Exams.

Year 11 have continued to immerse themselves in the wider life of the school and it has been a pleasure to see so many students taking time out of their studies to take part in things like Extra-curricular Clubs, our Remembrance Service and the School Production.

Thank you, Year 11 for your hard work and dedication this year. I would also like to thank all Year 11 parents and carers for your support of your children and of the school.

Mr Donnelly



Sam Foster

11T

Well done to Sam for his thorough revision and preparation for his mock exams and also for his very talented contribution to our remembrance day services where he played the Last Post so perfectly well.

Jena Daraji

DT

Year 11

For consistently excellent effort with all aspects of NEA- excellent attitude towards work

Grace Collins

French

Year 11

Grace has been coming for extra help in French on a lunchtime every other week and as a result is making some really good progress. She is always trying her very best

Ava Irving

Drama

Year 11

For a brilliant attitude to The Sound of Music rehearsals and in every lesson for GCSE Drama

Aryan Syed

11S

For having a great sense of humour and helping others to stay ...

Joe Hughes

11S

For always being helpful and with a 'can do' attitude



## Jess Stewart

11Y

Jess has produced beautiful and detailed revision notes for her RE mock exam. She has been included on the RE praise board this half term!

## Bryle Chatto

11M

Well done to Bryle for his contribution in Remembrance Day Service.

## Joshua Bolton

Maths

Year 11

For an excellent attitude and effort displayed so far this year - attends maths clinic, asks lots of good questions and has a real desire to do well - Keep it up Joshua!

## Megan Dugdale

11S

For being a very caring and supportive form member

## Luca Barbieri

French

Year 11

Well done for a fantastic performance in your mock speaking exam

## Matthew Leitch

Chemistry

Year 11

Wow, what a hard worker! Has a fantastic approach to all lessons and produces very high quality classwork and homework.

## Abby Massingham

11T

A huge thank you to Abby for reading our class novel so beautifully

## Mio Allison

Drama

Year 11

For excellent effort consistently in all areas of her GCSE Drama studies

## Caspin McCarrell

11S

For excellent contribution during class discussions

## Maisie Malia

Chemistry

Year 11

For working extremely hard - moved into the group, consistent excellent effort on homework and classwork

## Lilly Sultman

Health & Social Care

Year 11

For a fantastic attitude and effort in all class work and homework

## Oliver Brown

Chemistry

Year 11

For being really proactive in his independent revision over the summer holidays.

## Ruby Pugmire

DT

Year 11

For excellent NEA work, achieved full marks too far.

## Paul Caragay

Music

Year 11

For having excellent effort and attitude

## Katie Weddle

Health & Social Care

Year 11

For outstanding effort in revising for her assessments

## Sonny Hastie

French

Year 11

Well done for a fantastic performance in your mock speaking exam





Freya Gallagher

11M

Freya has produced a very comprehensive and impressive revision notes for Spanish mock exam.



Jinwoo Lee

Maths

Year 11

For outstanding achievement in both Maths and Further Maths

Oran Savage

Music

Year 11

For fantastic effort and attitude in lessons

Rebecca Lee

PE

Year 11

For having a positive attitude to learning and trying new activities.

Sam Foster, Tomas

Boothroyd, Ella Jackson, Zina

Arsic-Wells, Luca Barbieri,

Physics

Year 11

For having superb effort and attitude throughout the half term

Rachel Golightly

Physics

Year 11

For consistent hard work and focus in class and producing high quality homework

Chris Brown

RE

Year 11

Chris has worked incredibly hard in his RE revision sessions for the mock exams. He has been included on the RE praise board this half term!

Jess Stewart

RE

Year 11

Jess has produced beautiful and detailed revision notes for her RE mock exam. She has been included on the RE praise board this half term!

Ruby Pugmire

RE

Year 11

Continues to work extremely hard in RE, and is highly supportive of her peers.

Aqsa Umair

Spanish

Year 11

Gave a fabulous performance in her mock speaking exam

Sophia Marshall

Spanish

Year 11

For being a conscientious student who tries her hardest in all areas! A credit to herself!

Ben Elliott

11I

Continues to put maximum effort into football training and matches.

Lily Sultman

Spanish

Year 11

Wrote a fantastic 90 word answers in Spanish, well done!

Marie Recometa and Hannah

Joyce

Physics

Year 11

Every single lesson they make maximum effort with their classwork, their exercise books are of an excellent standard.

Fintan Noon

11I

For participating in his second experience of gliding at Topcliffe in Yorkshire.



### Oliver Wardingham

Spanish  
Year 11

Oliver is a hardworking student and has produced some excellent pieces of classwork as well as homework. A brilliant start to Year 11.

### Millie Cowan

Spanish  
Year 11

Millie has made an excellent start in Year 11. Her work is always of the highest quality, and she is making brilliant progress.

### Jinwoo Lee

History  
Year 11

For excellent hard work and revision in History lessons

### Laila Batchelor

Health & Social Care  
Year 11

For an excellent class contribution, with a 'can-do' attitude.

### Jack Jennings

History  
Year 11

For making a good contribution to History lessons

### Hannah Douthwaite

Spanish  
Year 11

Hannah did an excellent Spanish speaking mock. She included so much information, had excellent accuracy and included some lovely fancy phrases.

### Jena Daraji

Physics  
Year 11

For outstanding commitment to her studies

### Amelie Costigan

11I

Well done for being a 'scare' actor during half term, as a spooky clown.



### Ethan Henderson

11I

For showing great perseverance and tenacity in his 11-a-side football fixtures.

### Megan Dugdale

Chemistry  
Year 11

For participation in lessons - huge improvement in sharing answers and confidence this year.

### Katy Twizell

Health & Social Care  
Year 11

For producing exceptional classwork and homework, using a plethora of key technical terms.

### Sky Laurie

Computer  
Year 11

Effort has been outstanding and she has produced excellent coursework as a result!

### Daniel Francis

Computer  
Year 11

Has been close to full marks in every assessment in Computer Science over Year 10 and Year 11.

### Hannah McLaughlin

Spanish  
Year 11

Hannah did an amazing Spanish speaking mock. Her use of Spanish Star phrases and the amount of detail she included was excellent.



### Oliver Brown

11I

For joining a local football team and participating in training and matches.

# SIXTH FORM

It has been fantastic to see what a great start Year 12 have made to their time in the Sixth Form. After such a challenging Year 11, they have committed themselves to all aspects of Sixth Form life. A real highlight of this first term was our Day of Aspiration, when students had the opportunity to bond with their tutor groups, take part in some competitive activities such as tower building, and start thinking about their aims and goals for the future. It was great to see a sense of normality return to school life and for new friendships to be made across the year group.

I have been really impressed with the way the year group have volunteered for such a wide array of opportunities. We have had the largest number of students ever committing to take part in the John Paul II Award, over 20 students taking part in Mandarin lessons and over 20 students signing up to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We also have over 40 students taking on the EPQ, an extended project that allows them to follow an area of interest. In addition, all of our students have now chosen an activity to support as part of the Student Leadership Programme and it will be great to see Year 12 inspiring our younger students.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas break and I look forward to seeing what Year 12 achieve in the New Year!

Miss Lamb

Despite the challenges of last year, our Year 13 students have certainly been making up for lost time! I am extremely pleased to see the many opportunities that students have undertaken so far this year, particularly those who are mentoring and assisting staff with students across Key Stages 3 and 4! I am also extremely proud to see so many students beginning to get their university offers and interviews, or sending off their apprenticeship and job applications. Thank you to everyone: students, form tutors and subject teachers, for the excellent effort and support with this process so far.

I hope you all have a good break and that you come back ready and eager to go for what will be your last full term here at St. Mary's!

Mr Cottington



In November, HSC KS5 students attended work experience placements in a variety of health and early years settings. The feedback was tremendous with all students performing very well. Mrs Rutherford is extremely proud of their accomplishments





## Sarah Aalsaud

12M

After joining the sixth form in September, Sarah has made the most of every opportunity presented to her and is taking a very active leadership role as part of the Sixth Form leadership programme. Well done, Sarah.

## Mikey Block

12T

Received student of the week award due to his work in Chemistry



## Ruby Wilson, Nina Day & Ria

Caven

13A/13T

Ruby, Nina and Ria performed their A-Level Drama piece to all Sixth Form students during Equality Week, highlighting issues and discrimination faced by women around the world today.

## Helen Biwer

DT

Year 13

For consistently outstanding effort, high quality NEA as well as exceptionally high marks in assessments. Her subject vocabulary in her written work and verbal explanations is of a standard above A Level.

## Pico Mingstones

DT

Year 13

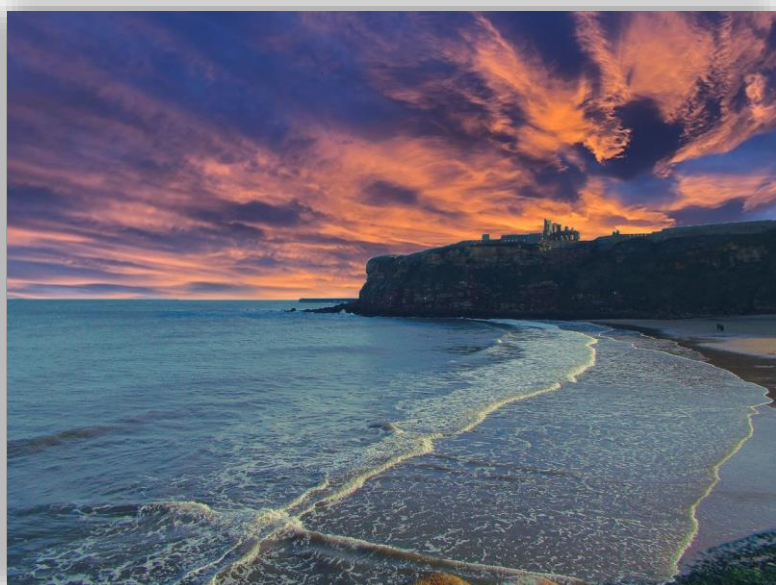
For fabulous creative design work - great attitude towards work

## Anna Gourley

DT

Year 12

For having a great attitude to starting A Level course, contributes in lessons, excellent development of design skills and high achievement in assessment



## Megan Davis

12T

Megan has started a Sign Language Club and runs this every Wednesday lunchtime in the Chapel. Students have already learned so much and love hearing Megan's own personal experience of using Sign Language at home. It has become so popular that we now have two separate groups!



### Vianne Hawkins

12M

Received student of the week award due to her work in Chemistry

### Millie Green, Ellie Jones and Amber Valentine

12M

They have made a fantastic start to sixth form, taking on KS3 mentor roles, which have, enable younger students to be supported as they settle back into school life post-pandemic. Thank you for your help, Ladies!



### James Brown

12T

James made a fantastic, engaging PowerPoint presentation for our form assembly

### Gabrielle Allen

13A

Gabby has made a great start to Year 13 and has been excelling in her role as an RE classroom assistant.

### Anna Watson McKenna & Nicholas Rose

Biology

Year 12

For having a fantastic attitude to learning

### Luke Swinbanks

12T

For having such a positive 'can do' attitude and has really embraced all 6th Form opportunities offered so far

### Pico Mingstones

Art

Year 13

For continually keeping to deadlines and producing exciting, high quality art work

### Aurelia Keavney

Art

Year 12

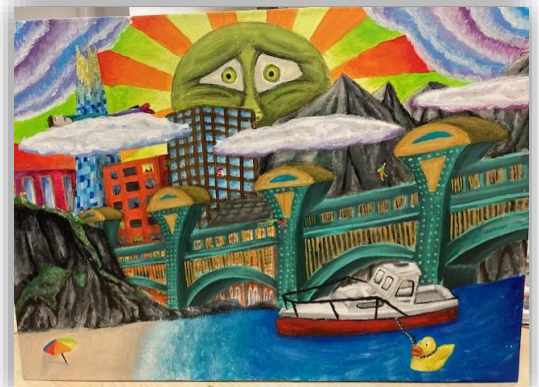
For making a superb start to A-Level Photography with high quality photographs each week!

### Lucy Elder Smith

Art

Year 12

For making an excellent commitment to supporting Year 9 art club each week and always offering to help in any way she can.



### Qetsia Kimvula

Biology

Year 12

Excellent effort with polysaccharides, came for extra help.

### Owen Davis and Ronald Tang

BTEC Applied Science

Year 12

For continually working hard during lessons and completing homework to a good standard. Also, Owen often offers good verbal contributions during our lessons.



### Nina Day

Drama  
Year 13

For an outstanding contribution to awareness week through her performance of 'It's a Man's World'

### Ruby Wilson

Drama  
Year 13

For an outstanding contribution to awareness week through her performance of 'It's a Man's World'

### Daniella Maboda Nyat

Health & Social Care  
Year 13

Developing a mature attitude to her studies and independent work

### Verity Bunce

Maths  
Year 12

For outstanding effort and achievement shown - fantastic start to A-Level Maths

### Lewis Burd

Maths  
Year 13

The improvements we have seen this year so far are highly commendable - Keep up the effort Lewis!

### Isaac Howell, Lucas Colley, Matthew Song, Roman Shah

Physic  
Year 13

All students produce excellent homework and classwork, and have an excellent attitude to learning



### Niamh Ferguson

Health & Social Care  
Year 13

For showing excellent effort in class and in her work

### Alex Walters

Music  
Year 13

For fantastic work and effort in composition



### Ria Caven

Drama  
Year 13

For an outstanding contribution to awareness week through her performance of 'It's a Man's World'

### Holly Robson

Drama  
Year 12

For fantastic leadership in weekly dance club for younger students

### Eve Kesson

Health & Social Care  
Year 12

For consistently demonstrating a can do attitude in her coursework

### Matthew Hill

Maths  
Year 13

For fantastic achievements in Maths and Further Maths this year progress made is fantastic!

### Ellie Cockburn

Health & Social Care  
Year 13

Ellie is a hard-working and tenacious student who has produced superb work this year.

### Anna Watson McKenna

Chemistry  
Year 12

For achieving the highest score in her first topic test!

### Joseph Kirkland

BTEC Applied Sci  
Year 13

For working hard every lesson. He is proactive in his learning by asking for help when needed. Good homework produced.

### Tom Graham

Music  
Year 13

For great progress in composition work

### Jack Rikeard

13T

Jack is always punctual to form and contributes well to discussions.

Eve Pugmire

Maths

Year 12

For outstanding effort and achievement shown - fantastic start to A-Level Maths



Owen Davis and Ronald Tang

BTEC Applied Science

Year 12

For continually working hard during lessons and completing homework to a good standard. Also, Owen often offers good verbal contributions during our lessons.

Georgia Simpson

Drama

Year 12

For her fantastic leadership in weekly dance club for younger students

Katie Stranger-Leathes

13T

Katie has made a great start to Year 13 and gives excellent contributions in pastoral programme

Emily Cass

Biology

Year 13

For her dedication/commitment to achieving highly and her independent study.

Haroon Hamza

Computer

Year 12

For his development of his game design skills outside of lessons has been amazing!

Emily Cass

Chemistry

Year 13

For having an outstanding proactive attitude to learning

Spanish

Year 12

Well done to the year 12 Spanish class for all their work this term so far and for embracing the course and overcoming the challenges of moving from GCSE to A-Level study

Katie Jordan

History

Year 12

Helping to lead debate club for KS3 within the History department

Jack Burke

History

Year 12

For helping to lead debate club for KS3 within the History department

Eve Jankowski

13T

Eve has made an excellent start to Year 13 and gives excellent contributions in pastoral programme.

Jacob Nelson, Josie Bunce, Vianne Hawkins, Taylor Rippington, Caitlin Morrison, Ben Gallon

Physics

Year 12

All students produce excellent homework and classwork, and have an excellent attitude to learning

Angelin Saji and Natalia Rozsavolgyi

Year 12

Angelin and Natalia are very passionate about the issue of school pupil's mental health.

So much so, they interviewed Government Minister, Will Quince, the Children and Families Minister, about this on BBC Radio Newcastle.

The girls firmly held Mr Quince to account and made an excellent impression, both to the Minister but also to the BBC Radio Newcastle Production Team. Well done!

Shine

