

St Mary's Catholic School



Shine

Issue 12

Welcome to the latest edition of the Shine Bulletin. It has been a real pleasure to read about the wonderful achievements of our students. It is wonderful to see St Mary's students participating so enthusiastically in the wider life of the school and making the most of all of their fantastic God-given gifts and talents. Furthermore, it is very impressive to see how well our students are progressing in lessons. They are an absolute credit to the St Mary's school community and we know that the Shine Bulletin celebrates just a small sample of our students many achievements this year.

We still have some lovely activities for our students to take part in before the break with some of the Advent Fayres, Advent Liturgies and Christmas Services still to take place. We are also very much looking forward to our Christmas Music Evening. Thank you so much to our fantastic teaching and support staff team for all of their hard work in supporting students this term and also a big thank you to our students for all of their excellent efforts. I hope that all of our students, staff team, parents and carers have a joyful and happy Christmas. Very best wishes, Miss Patterson, Headteacher.



Huge congratulations to Hyunwoo Lee in Year 10. After competing in the 'International Dream Presentation Festival' in London during the summer break, Hyunwoo was chosen, along with one other student, to represent the UK in the International Final in Seoul, South Korea. The final took place in November, 2022 and Hyunwoo competed against students from all over the world. He presented his dream of becoming a mathematician, and exploring the practical application of maths in the real world, in front of a large audience at a university in Seoul, and he won the entire competition. He was awarded the first prize for the best speech, at this international festival. A wonderful achievement!

YEAR 7

As we are approaching the end of the first term, I have been reflecting on how well you have settled in during your first few months at St Mary's. As you have discovered, life at secondary school is very different to primary school, and we have been incredibly impressed with how well you transitioned into life at St Mary's. Your teachers have been absolutely full of praise for you and the excellent work you are doing around school.

It has been fantastic to hear about all the different things you have been doing around school. All of your teachers have shared lots of positive feedback about your progress and personal development. At the time of writing, you have earned over 20,000 praise points since the start of the year, with your teachers highlighting your excellent effort, attitude and quality of work. We have seen 90 students do an outstanding job of leading your Form Assemblies (S, M and R) on the themes of 'Talents', 'Perseverance' and 'Patience'. You have taken part in over 50 different extracurricular clubs and represented the school in various sporting events.

It has been great to see you all wholeheartedly throwing yourselves into the life of the school and you should be proud of everything you have achieved this term. Well done on a fantastic first term and I hope you all have a lovely, well deserved Christmas break with your friends and families.

Mr Brooks

Vincent Coward

7A

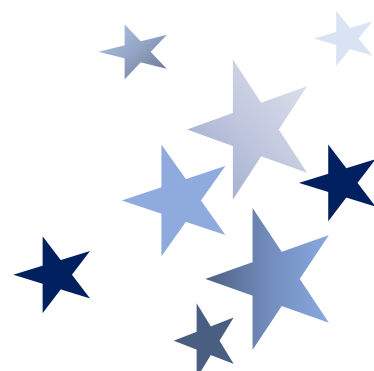
Vincent always reflects the Catholic values and ethos of the school. Vincent is very involved in the spiritual life of the school and has assisted his sister Evangeline in the Rosary Club every week.

Ava-Mae Hall and Elissa

Devlin

RE

Excellent contributions to lesson and progress throughout the year so far. Both girls have grown hugely in confidence and always put 100% in to every task set. Well done!



Emmanuel

Fawehinmi

Physical Education
Excellent effort in dance and football, always giving 100% regardless of the activity.

Anna Matthews and Lucy

McDonnell

RE

Both girls have made such an excellent start to RE. The presentation of all of their work is of the highest standard and they consistently contribute to all lessons which is great to see!

A Dowden & C Mills

Chemistry

Achieving a great assessment 1 score.

Michael Rickeard

Maths

Fantastic start to Year 7.



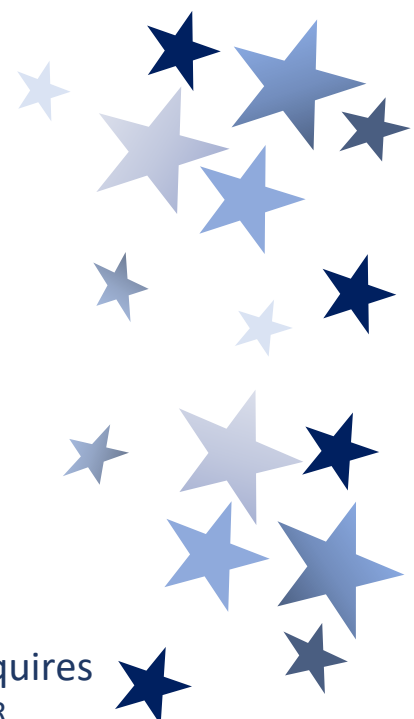


**Isabella Brumpton
and Sarah Egenie**

Physics
Great effort and attitude in lessons.

**Robyn Hedley
Jacques**
Art
Exceptional effort in lessons.

Beverley Oppong
Spanish
Scored 100% in a recent assessment



Othello Ozigbo-Esere

Spanish
Fabulous participation every lesson. Achieved 100% in a recent Spanish assessment

Jack Squires
7R

For being awarded praise points almost every day this term!

Jaden Bates
Art

For showing exceptional effort in lessons.

Chloe So
DT

Chloe has worked extremely hard in all disciplines of D&T so far this year, achieving the highest possible mark in many of her assessed pieces of work.



All of 7A

A super start to the year - everyone achieving lots of praise points and making Miss McGuire smile every day!

Anna Matthews

Drama
For having an excellent approach to lessons with some brilliant acting.

Emily Li
DT

Emily has made a fantastic start to her studies in D&T with outstanding achievement in all of her work across the subject disciplines. Emily has shown a natural ability in D&T and we look forward to seeing her continue to develop this year.

Jimena Areal-Lomba,
DT

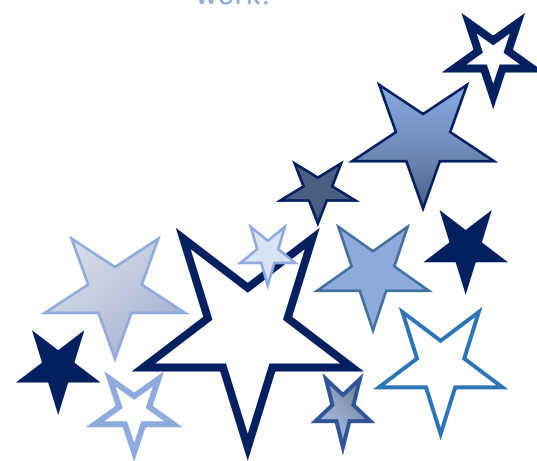
Some absolutely fantastic work has been completed by Jimena so far this year, she has achieved the highest possible assessment mark in almost every task this year across all disciplines. Amazing work!

**Jacob & Noah
Vushemasimba**

7R
Have been selected to join Espire giving them a chance to play for Great Britain.

Joshua Cave

English
Always puts his hand up and challenges himself to think of really complex ideas



Sophie Motion

7R

Has had an excellent first term both in and out of lessons!

Lucy McDonnell

Drama

Has an excellent approach to lessons with some brilliant acting.

Harry Wilkes

7A

Harry is very involved in the spiritual life of the school, particularly during prayer in Form Time.

Ben Hamilton

7A

Has a super attitude and enthusiasm. A true friend to all in the form class.

Evie Nealings

7A

Evie has grown in confidence hugely and has developed an excellent responsibility for her learning, resulting in great progress and effort in every aspect of school life.

Jemima Lane

7A

Jemima has a passion for Gymnastics outside of school and competes regularly. Jemima has also been appointed to the Student Leadership Team!

Maisie Shaw

7A

Has excellent achievement in lessons and willingness to become involved in Charity Committee of the Student Leadership Team.

Munachiso Mbilitem

French

Has excellent work and effort in class.

Emily Oliver

Maths

For her hard work and contribution during lessons and for having a positive attitude.

Anna Matthews & Emily

Oliver

English

For outstanding contributions to discussion every lesson.

Anna Mathews

French

Has excellent participation and contributions in class.

Emily Oliver

Geography

For consistently brilliant test scores.

Othello Ogsibo

French

Shows excellent effort and participation in class.





Nell Younger
 Geography
 Positive attitude
 and fantastic

**Emma Baek,
 Munachiso Mbilitem,
 Michael Rickeard**
 Chemistry
 For being helpful in class and
 also trying really hard in
 lessons.

Cheuk Ying Ng
 Maths
 For a fantastic start to Year 7.

**Beverley Oppong
 and Filip Kowalski**
 Biology
 Excellent achievement
 in end of topic tests

**Nina Delanoy,
 Hannah Gray,
 Zofia Schreiber,
 Sophie Barton**
 Biology
 Great work ethic

Peter Buhalaraha
 Chemistry
 Outstanding achievement
 in assessment, excellent
 attitude and participation in
 lessons.



Olly Wilson
 Maths
 For having a positive
 attitude at all times.

Amelia Dowden
 PE
 Fantastic effort in Netball
 lessons.

Erin Knox
 PE
 Great effort in orienteering,
 completing a number of
 courses!

**Fi Faweya & Jack
 Evans**
 Biology
 For producing excellent
 classwork.



John Grinsell
 French
 Great participation every
 lesson

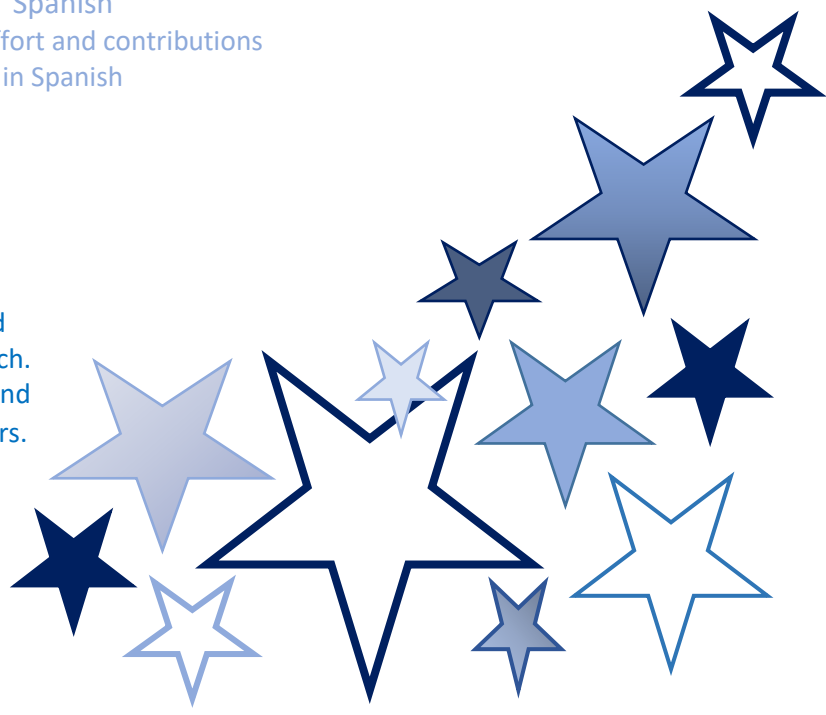
Izzy Shields
 Spanish
 Fantastic effort and contributions
 in Spanish

Davit Baduashvili
 Spanish
 Fantastic effort and contributions
 in Spanish

Ruby Ifeajuna
 Geography
 Brilliant test
 scores, super

**Lucas Marco
 Monteriro**
 French
 Excellent effort and
 contributions in French.
 Always very helpful and
 kind towards his peers.

Lacey Kelly
 French
 Excellent effort and
 contributions in French.
 Always very helpful and
 kind towards his peers.



YEAR 8

I have been really impressed by the start to the year that Year 8 students have made. Attendance has largely been excellent, behaviour continues to be outstanding and the attitude to learning is brilliant for the vast majority of students. I am so proud to hear about all of the wonderful activities you are getting up to outside of school from your Form Tutors each week, too. The energy and enthusiasm you bring every day is admirable and certainly does inspire both staff and students alike. Continue with this commitment, Year 8, and I am sure you will continue to excel, and continue to make me, your families, and yourselves so proud. I hope you all have a wonderful, peaceful Christmas break with your families and friends.

Sarah Humphrey

8A

Fabulous work and effort this year. Contributes well in Form and Personal Development lessons.

Miss Fawcett

Emilia Ewins

8T

Excellent effort and attitude since the beginning of this school year. Emilia has no negative points!

Amelie Harrison Music

For having a positive attitude

Ava, Chiara, Vanessa, Lily, Maja, Lucy, Simone

8M

For giving up multiple lunchtimes to help us prepare and deliver a wonderful Advent Fayre in 8M making money for charity.

Adam Smith, Anna Maria Paez, Chibundu Mbilitem

Biology

Excellent achievement and fantastic homework.

Lewis Wildsmith, Lucia Nayak, Sheila-Joy Onuoha and Dominic Jordan

RE

All students are performing consistently well in RE. Their written work is fantastic and they are always willing to get involved in classroom discussions. It all bodes very well for the future. Keep up the hard work!

Thomas Standley

Physics

Consistently good effort and contributions.

Matthew Campbell

8T

Excellent form class assembly on the 'Being Young'

Aaron Mudie

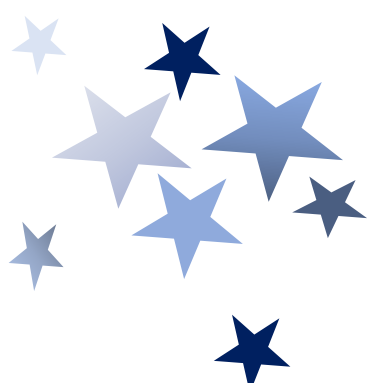
8M

Aaron is always a model St Mary's student displaying fantastic kindness, hard work and determination. He has a huge number of praise points already recognising his hard work and conscientious attitude. He also does a lot to help his family outside of school including helping his mum at work and helping his Nanna look after his Grandad.

Olivia Spurr

8R

Positive attitude and very helpful





Stanley Kolanowski

Biology
Consistent hard work

Elina Pradeesh, Samuel Simpson

Biology
Excellent classwork

Isobelle Richardson

English
Excellent effort in both
classwork and homework.

Anna Carr

8A
Excellent effort and attitude.
Always helpful in all aspects of
school life.

Ella Moor

Art
Fantastic work and
effort.

Matthew Morley

Art
For having a positive
attitude.

Hashim Ilyas

Chemistry
Excellent effort and
attitude

8T

Attitude and effort have
been excellent this half
term. Well done!



Anna Carr

Drama
Brilliant performances each
lesson with real progress in
acting.

Dimitri Abreu

French
100% effort in lessons

Anna Carr

Geography
All around brilliant,
hardworking and excellent
contributions.

Ruby Wardingham

Maths
Constantly works hard
with brilliant
contributions.

Shay Mellett

Music
For having a positive
attitude.

Harry Crawford

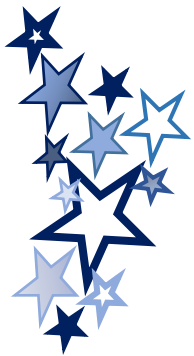
Spanish
Excellent
contributions to
lessons.

Rosella Corvino

French
Excellent contributions
in class and great
progress

Robbie Arthur

Geography
Constantly works hard
with brilliant
contributions.





Shay Mellett

8M

Shay is a very active participant in St Mary's community helping out with activities across the school and taking part in many of the school's clubs. Shay has also been a fantastic buddy to Tommy. Outside of school, Shay does lots of charity work and is the captain of the Forest Hall football club.

Joseph Roughead

DT

Joseph has produced some absolutely outstanding pieces of work in the research and design brief stages of his Product Design project. He has achieved top marks in all of his assessed work and has established an exciting direction for his project.

Chibundu Mbilitem

DT

Chibundu has shown excellent achievement in Food this year, contributes well to the lesson and produced some excellent work so far.



Gabrielle Shaw

8M

Gabrielle has worked so hard this year and has consistently put in 100% effort to her studies - this is also recognised as she is one of the students with the highest number of praise points

Gabrielle Grudel

Chemistry

Great contributions in class

Dimitri Abreu

8R

Great attitude and lots of praise points!

Matthew Morley

8M

Matthew has the highest number of praise points in the form and has a wonderful attitude to his work at St Mary's. Outside of school, Matthew has also donated to a foodbank.

Julia Parzniewska

DT

Julia has shown a fantastic work ethic in her Product Design lessons and has achieved outstanding assessment marks as a reflection of her efforts. We cannot wait to see your product ideas for your Outdoor Living context.

Marta Moreira

8T

Excellent effort and attitude since the beginning of this school year. Marta has no negative points!

Lily Houghton

8M

Lily is a fantastically conscientious student and always keen to help out with form activities. Outside of school, she also recently go into the County Netball team.





Prince Acqua

8A

Super effort so far this year to earn the highest number of praise points in the form

Tommy Lowery

8M

Tommy has made an excellent start to St Mary's - we have been very happy to welcome him into our form and he is already a very active participant! Tommy has also thrown himself into getting involved in many other aspects of school life such as clubs and the form's stall on the Advent fayre. Tommy also played basketball for Wales in 2021!

Mario Giarvardi

English

Brilliant mystery story this half term, great use of description and techniques



Prince Acqua

DT

Prince has made an excellent start to D&T in Year 8, with fantastic work in both Graphics and Product Design. He has made great contributions to lessons and has produced some outstanding work do far.

Charles McGregor

8R

Positive attitude and very helpful

Robbie Arthur

8M

Robbie has one of the highest number of praise points in the form demonstrating his consistently positive attitude to his studies and the huge amount of effort he puts into this work.



Sam Cocuza

Spanish

Excellent effort and contributions in lessons.

Anna Carr

DT

Anna has demonstrated excellent achievement in all areas of Graphic products this year.



Grace Young

8T

Great attitude since the beginning of the school year. Has recently been appointed to the Student Leadership Team.

Eelisha Chabala

French

Excellent effort and contributions in class

Shay Mellet

French

Fantastic contributions to all French lessons

Lucy Carr

PE

Always enthusiastic and determined regardless of the activity in PE.



YEAR 9

I continue to be really impressed with the attitude, determination, effort and resilience of all Year 9 students.

I have found this year that it has also been great to hear how well such a large number of students have been doing in their extra-curricular activities. I'm always impressed with the dedication these people show and the skills they learn that will be really valuable in later life.

The teachers of Year 9 students continue to report great things about how well you are all doing and I'm delighted that more than 19 out of every 20 points recorded on class charts are positive.

Thank you all for your efforts and please endeavour to keep them up.

Hashim Ilyas

Spanish

Excellent effort and contributions in lessons

Mr Boyle

Lucy Robson

Spanish

Excellent progress and effort in lessons.

Ruby Wardingham

French

Excellent progress and effort in lessons.

King Kimrula

Geography

Excellent oral contributions in lessons.

Roshan Nnaji

RE

Roshan is always willing to give her point of view in RE lessons which is brilliant to see. Her written work also shows a great deal of effort and diligence. Keep up that great effort Roshan!

Gabrielle Nouneme

9S

For her kindness and generosity with Hamper donations



Lucie McGilligan

9M

For being chosen to go to an elite training camp in Portugal for her gymnastics, well done Lucie!

Hailey Fernandes

RE

Hailey has been working very hard in all of her lessons. Her homework is also consistently of a very high standard. Keep up the fantastic start to Year 9 Hailey!



Jack Torley

DT

Jack created a high quality toaster prototype which was displayed at school. He has shown excellent effort and achievement in all lessons.





John Robson

9M

Well done for taking part in the Remembrance Parade.

Ruby Joyce

Geography

Positive attitude and fantastic effort. Very impressive this year.



Ines Fragata

9S

For her kindness and generosity with Hamper donations.

Sophie Clarke

Health & Social Care
Working hard in all lessons and producing a fantastic end of topic presentation, well done!



Jan Siemens

French

Excellent progress and effort in lessons.

Jack Torley

9A

For being so helpful during registration!

Year 9 Drama Classes

Year 9 Drama classes performed some incredibly powerful monologues this half term based on the theme of Segregation in America in the 1950s. Students wrote and performed their own monologues which were full of passion, focus and very believable acting. Well done Year 9, we are very proud of your preparations for your first drama assessment

Joseph Meachery

Music

Fantastic work in lessons.

Adam Gebka

Music

Fantastic work in lessons

Alissa Korriku

Spanish

Fantastic contributions to all lessons and highly accurate written work.

Eve Robinson

DT

Eve has shown herself to be an outstanding all round student this term. She has shown a high level of ability in theory as well as fantastic prototyping skills. Well done Eve, you have the potential to make some amazing products this year.

Anna Mackenzie

PE

Always giving 100% percent effort and coming to lesson with a positive effort.



Erin Jones

9T

Competed in the North of England Regional swimming championships in Sheffield. Erin competed in 9 events setting 8 personal bests and winning 9 medals. Erin won 2 gold medals in the 100 IM and 100 Butterfly, 4 silver medals and 3 bronze.

Ethan Douthwaite

9S

Outstanding achievement in rugby.

Hailey Fernandes

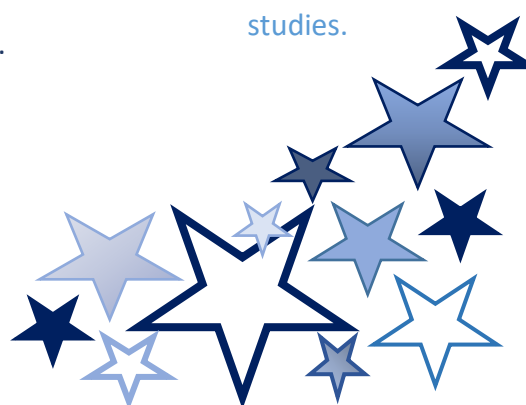
PE

Brilliant effort in all activities, always demonstrating a positive attitude.

Grace Lakpe Gogoua

9A

Excellent dedication to her studies.



Holly Lincoln

Art

Excellent effort and focus in lessons.

**Leena Batool,
Lewis Barton**

Biology

Excellent classwork

Molly McGinley

Chemistry

Outstanding effort and contributions.

Thomas Rickeard

Music

Fantastic work in lessons.



Leena Batool

9T

Competed in a charity boxing event, winning a trophy. Leena competed in a 3 x 1minute round event in front of over a hundred people including the Newcastle Mayor.



Alissa Korriku

Biology

Excellent classwork.

King Kimvula

Chemistry

Excellent achievement in assessments and participation in lessons.

Anna McKenzie

English

Thoughtful and insightful ideas about Lord of the Flies shared.

Anna Howell

DT

Anna has been extremely dedicated in her lessons, ensuring that she goes beyond the expected level of response in her classwork and homework as well as prototyping with working mechanisms. Well done Anna!

Daisy D'agostino

Drama

An excellent approach to class work. Some excellent performances this year so far.

Oliver Haughan

Geography

Lovely and hard working in lessons.

Alissa Korriku

Physics

A really outstanding piece of homework designing a thermal coat.

Bethany Ridley

Art

Fantastic effort and focus in lessons.

Alice Haighton

Chemistry

Very enthusiastic in class ALWAYS puts her hand up to

Liam Attwell

Music

Fantastic work in lessons.



Ava Green

Health & Social Care
Working hard in all lessons and producing a fantastic end of topic presentation, well done!





Ruby Buggy

DT

Ruby has shown excellent progress in her knowledge, understanding and skills so far in Year 9. She has produced some fantastic assessment responses and has developed great prototyping skills.

Joseph Meachery

Physics

Constantly tries hard and gets on with work well.



Ebony Westerby

French

Excellent effort and participation in class.

Nick Gates

Music

Fantastic work in lessons.



Max Sokolov

Spanish

Fantastic contributions to all lessons and highly accurate written work.

Alice Haighton

English

Phenomenal effort in all English lessons and always shares perceptive ideas. Alice also volunteered to go first in her Speaking and Listening assessment and performed her speech exceptionally.

Asharub Ameer

Music

Great effort.

Alex Donnelly

DT

Alex has proven himself to be a very talents student this term. He has shown a high ability in theory work and produces some great prototypes, showing leadership skills as he worked in a small team. Well done Alex!

Oliver Haughan, Rayhan Siddique, Isobel Oliver, Brodie Craik, Sophia Esohe

Eguagie

Biology

For participation and effort in all lessons.



YEAR 10

I am very proud of the way in which Year 10 have begun their important GCSE years. It has been a pleasure to get to know the Year Group as their Head of Year, and I have been incredibly impressed by the copious reports from teachers praising Year 10's continued effort and commitment to learning. I'm confident they can continue this throughout Year 10 and 11 to realise their excellent potential.

As well as excellent academic progress, I have been pleased to see students throw themselves into the wider life of the school. Many students are involved in the school musical 'West Side Story', participate in sports teams representing St Mary's, attend clubs in departments across the school and have even helped to establish a Harry Potter club! Form groups have shown great courage in standing in front of their peers leading assemblies on the themes of 'Talents', 'Perseverance', 'Being Young', 'Growth' and 'Patience' and have attended class masses and morning prayer. The reverence and sincerity of all students during these events was admirable.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Year 10 for your excellent start to the year, and the enthusiasm, kindness, and tolerance you bring to school every day. It is a delight to be your Head of Year and I look forward to returning after what I hope is a restful Christmas break for all.

Miss Henzell

Ruby Colver

Spanish

Fantastic contributions to all lessons and highly accurate written work.

Oliver Johnson

Art

Fantastic effort in lessons.

Emily Holburn

10M

For fantastic achievement in dance, competing at the British National Ballroom and Latin competition in Blackpool

All Students in 10T1 RE

RE

Mr O'Connell's Year 10 RE class have made such a brilliant start to their GCSEs.

Students are producing some excellent written work in their lessons. They are also willing to engage with all topics verbally. This has led to some vibrant discussions in lessons which has really helped to drive learning forward. It has been an extremely encouraging first term. Keep up the hard work everyone!

Lexi Emmett

10R

Lexi has been awarded the most praise points in 10R so far this term. Well done and keep up the good work!

Ruth Watson McKenna

Spanish

Outstanding written work in lessons.





Annabelle Mostyn
Spanish
Excellent classwork and effort in lessons

Emily Holburn
French
Excellent effort and participation in lessons.

Eleanna Centeno
10M
For receiving the most praise points in 10M so far this term. Very well done and keep up the fantastic work!

Laydon Lammler
Geography
Hard working and positive attitude.

Harpreet Cheema
DT

Harpreet has proven herself to be an absolutely outstanding student this year. She has produced some fantastic theory work where she has shown a high level of understanding, knowledge and ability in answering GCSE style questions. Harpreet has also shown developing skills in CAD and design. Well done!

Jad Nazzal, Alisha Rogerson, Hanna Heseltine, Marica Corvino
Physics
Fantastic effort in lessons.

Adeline Bourgenot-Lewis
10M

For competing throughout the winter in the North East Harrier Cross Country League - this shows great determination and resilience! Well done Adeline!



All of 10R

Miss Marshall was so impressed by the effort that was put into preparing and delivering our assembly on the theme of 'Being Young'. Special thanks to those students who stepped up at the last minute to read for absent students.

Michayla Fernandes
10T

Working really hard preparing for the shoebox appeal.

Hanna Heseltine
RE
Super effort and achievement in lessons. Keep it up Hannah!



Adam Rodgers

Biology

Hard working, kindness
to other students to
help them in class

Adam Rodgers

Chemistry

Always trying hard in
class and happy to
help others in the class
too.

Olivia Ashcroft

Chemistry

Outstanding achievement
in assessments and very
high quality classwork.

Alex Whoriskey

Computing

Positive attitude and
great progress.

Georgia Perrin

English

Extraordinary effort and perceptive ideas
in every lesson.

Elisa Cassar-Parnis

English

Extraordinary effort and
impressive work and ideas in
every lesson.

Eleanna Centero

Art

Exceptional quality
work in Art

Emily Elder-Smith, Laydon Lammler, Alisha Rodgers,

Hanna Heseltine Biology

Excellent classwork

Ioulia Anagnosti

Chemistry

Excellent homework
record and effort in
class.



Johann Arellano

Chemistry

Outstanding effort and
progress.



Georgia Perrin

English

Extraordinary effort and perceptive ideas
in every lesson.

Elisa Cassar-Parnis

English

Extraordinary effort and
impressive work and ideas in
every lesson.

Joe Rickeard

Drama

Excellent commitment to the
Drama department in lessons
and clubs

Olivia Ashcoft

Drama

Fantastic start to the GCSE
Drama course and good
commitment to West Side
Story through offering her
services to help work with the
dancers

Zharlynn Garces

Maths

Great attitude to learning
both in class and at
home.



Joshua Shields
Physics
Consistently works to a high standard.

Frederick Welsh
Geography
Excellent hard work and scored a 9 in his Lagos assessment.

Grace Smith
Spanish
Always gives 100% in all aspects.

Isabella Colquhoun
RE
Outstanding contributions to discussion every lesson!
Keep up the great work!

Artur Piecuch
RE
Outstanding effort and contributions to lessons. Always helpful and cheerful! Well done Artur.

Amber Routledge
Health & Social Care
Always willing to contribute she answers within class, well done!

Dennis Brown
Spanish
100% effort in class and excellent progress.

Amelia Lee
Maths
For her excellent classwork, homework, and achievement in assessment.

Elise Bates
Spanish
100% effort in class and excellent progress in lessons.

Laydon Lammler
Maths
For working extremely hard and for having a positive attitude towards his learning in lessons and at home! Well done!

Joshua Shields, Eleanna Centeno
Chemistry
Hard working enthusiastic students.

Flynn Jeffrey
DT
Flynn has been a fantastic student so far in Year 10. He has been able to achieve fantastic marks in his GCSE style responses and is producing some excellent practical work with Mrs Harper.

Annabel Mostyn
Geography
Got a 9 in her first GCSE test. Brilliant effort.

Marica Corvino
Spanish
100% effort in class and excellent progress in lessons.

Frederick Welsh
10T
For achieving the most praise points to date and showing a great attitude.

Ioulia Aganosti
PE
Excellent progress in BTEC Sport, Ioulia is a thoroughly dedicated student.

Fareed Acqua
Maths
For his handwork and class contributions.

Grace Smith
PE
Always giving 100% percent effort and coming to lesson with a positive effort.



Mico Manso
Spanish
Fantastic work and
progress in lessons.



Olivia Ashcroft

Physics
Excellent result in recent
assessments and
homework. Always works
extremely hard and wants
to achieve well.

Ioulia Anagnosti

Spanish
Fantastic effort and
progress in lessons.

Zoe Mitchell

PE
Always giving 100% percent
effort and coming to lesson
with a positive effort.

Adeline Bourgenot-
Lewis
Music
Good composition work.

Emily Holburn, Harpreet
Cheema, Eleanna, Ann
Saji, Finnley Brown

Biology
Fantastic classwork and
homework.

Jay Ewing
Computing
Positive attitude and
great progress.



Elisa Cassar Parnis

Spanish
Fantastic effort and
progress in lessons.

Hyunwoo Lee

Geography
Consistently works
well. Top effort.



Leo Gray

Music
Excellent composition
work.

Francis Ogbuafor

English
Excellent effort and contributions to class
discussion in English Literature.

YEAR 11

I am really pleased to share that Year 11 have made a fantastic start to their final GCSE year and that they continue to make excellent progress in all areas of school life. The students 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 completed their second round 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 great results in their mocks. I have also been overwhelmed by members of staff commenting on how well the students have conducted themselves in the process of Mock Exams.

Year 11 have also 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 and our Remembrance Service.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all Year 11 students for their continued hard work during this academic year. I would also like to say thank you to all Year 11 parents and carers for your continued support in helping myself and Year 11 staff guide the students to achieve their best.

Mr Gray

Alexander Halford

11I

Showing great determination and application to all aspects of school life. Alex has worked especially hard during the mock exam period. Keep up the fantastic attitude to work Alex!

Jess Bramhall

French

100% effort in class and excellent progress in French

Steven Lincoln

11I

Steven has had a fantastic first term in Year 11. He has shown great maturity and superb application to all tasks, while remaining calm and helpful to all of his classmates. Keep up the excellent effort Steven!

Samantha Bernasol

11S

Excellent ambassador. Continuously willing to give up her time and use her talents in supporting others and the school community as a whole.

Eesha Saeed

Geography

Really hard working and conscientious in lessons.

Eesha Saeed

Spanish

Fantastic effort and progress in lessons.





Jack Johnson

11A

Fantastic determination revising for mock exams, demonstrating much dedication to his studies.



Hannah Morrison

French

100% effort in class and excellent progress in lessons.

**Sophie Biber, Emily Mooney,
Sophie Clements, Vanessa**

Itiose

RE

These students continue to impress in RE with their attitude to learning and their excellent progress in the subject.

Keep up that fantastic work!

Amelia Allan

RE

Consistent excellent attitude and attainment. Amelia works incredibly hard and this is reflected in her super achievement throughout the year so far!

Niamh O'Reilly

11S

Exceptional attendance. Excellent attitude and always supportive.

Rosalind Howell

11Y

Outstanding student in every respect. Very helpful, kind and thoughtful. Fantastic academic achievement across the school and is now also part of the Main School Student Leadership Team.

Alexander Halford

11I

Showing great determination and application to all aspects of school life. Alex has worked especially hard during the mock exam period. Keep up the fantastic attitude to work Alex!

Niall Martin

Maths

Hardworking in maths lessons and has a great attitude to learning.

Sophie Biber, Lucy Morrison and Scarlett Butterfield

11I

Consistently excellent effort in lessons and an outstanding attitude towards all aspects of Year 11 work!

**Robbie Grahamslaw and
Cameron Forster**

11I

Excellent punctuality and attendance during the first term of Year 11. This is fantastic and shows a great attitude towards school life!



Anna Stafford

Maths

Excellent classwork.

Isabella O'Neill

Physics

Has worked hard all year, excellent attitude to her development in Science and Physics in particular.

Vanessa Itiose

English

Always strives for the very best ideas in English Literature.

Anna Stafford

English

Incredibly diligent work ethic and producing fantastic extended responses.



Luke Barton
Computing
Excellent progress and
attitude.



Eva Moran Adams
Art
Super effort in lessons and
in the mock exam.

**Santino Sanjuan
Fraser**
Biology
Showing marked
improvement in behaviour
and attitude, excellent
contribution in class.



**Noah Kanu and
Thomas Joshi**
Chemistry

Effort in revising for mocks
and great improvement on
grade from year 10 mocks.

**Emily Jackson,
Padraig Middleton
and Hannah
Swinhoe**
Chemistry

Effort in revising for mocks
and great improvement on
grade from year 10 mocks.

**Vanessa Itiose, Isabella O'Neill,
Mahir Khan, Sumaiya
Mohamed, Samantha Bernasol**
Biology
Excellent effort on classwork and
homework.

Scarlett Butterfield
Chemistry
Excellent progress and
attitude.



Charlotte Hobbs
Drama
Showing positivity and
absolute commitment to
the department both in
lessons and West Side
Story rehearsals.

Luke Kelly
Art

Super effort in lessons
and in the mock exam.

Andrew Davies
Biology
Tries very hard every
lesson.

Patrick MacDonald
English
Superb responses to
homework tasks in English
Language.

Boe Tidswell
English
Superb revision and effort in
lessons in English Literature.

Oakley Innes-Menzies
English
Thoughtful and insightful
responses in English Language.





Eva-Mae Moran-Adams

11I

Showing great maturity in her fundraising efforts for the International Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. All the best Eva!

Lorcan Samuel

Drama

He has taken a performance role in the musical for the first time (after being a stage hand last year) and we have been so impressed with his maturity and efforts in rehearsals.

Joshua Rebello

Spanish

Fantastic effort and progress in lessons.

Niamh Boothroyd

Physics

Superb attitude to learning and excellent assessment marks in recent assessments.



Lewis Owens

RE

A real effort in every lesson and willingness to give answers in class and focus on his studies.

Oliver Cummings and Stephen Husband

RE

Both students are beginning to show the impact of hard work in RE. They are showing greater commitment to do well now and in the future. All the best for the future boys and continue to focus on high standards in all aspects of your work!

Charlotte Johnson

11Y

Outstanding student in every respect. Very helpful, kind and thoughtful. Fantastic academic achievement across the school and is now also part of the Main School Student Leadership Team.

Niamh O'Reilly

Music

Excellent classwork.

Eesha Saeed

11T

Continually working hard in all aspects of school life and volunteering in form time at every opportunity.

Hannah Swinhoe

11A

Hannah has shown excellent levels of determination and dedication to her studies over the mock exam period. Well done!

Thomas Ryle

DT

Molly has shown a truly outstanding ability across theory work and her NEA. Molly has dedicated much of her free time to invest in researching her client, Newcastle Cat & Dog Shelter and as a result has some fantastic work in her portfolio.

Anna Stafford, Sarah Marley, James Gallagher, Kim Mugabe

Physics

Great improvement in their understanding and effort in class.

Sarah Marley, Isla McDonald and Olivia Cowen

11I

Very supportive of their classmates during a challenging time preparing for mock examinations. Thank you for all of your help during this busy period!



Guilherme Fragata

English

Really dedicated and fantastic revision for his mock exam.

Alfred Lane

Drama

So organised and mature in drama. Fantastic work in West Side Story rehearsals in his role as Bernardo.



Abigail Wilkinson

Maths

For her positive approach to all maths lessons, even when she may find the work difficult.

Boe Tidswell

Maths

Extremely hardworking and resilient - always positive and eager to learn.

Alfie Devine

11T

Fantastic attitude towards all he does and developing brilliant working habits for his mock.

Jerusalem Edward

Amaeshi

Maths

Great effort in class and at home and for always seeking advice to further improve her work.

Lee Campbell

French

Fantastic effort and progress in lessons.

Thomas McTernan

Geography

Super work and effort in lessons.



Jamie Bouchard, Gretchen Ottoway and Abigail Wilkinson

RE

These students are progressing well in RE. They consistently try their best and produce some excellent pieces of written work. They also contribute to discussions in class which has been great! Keep up the fantastic work!

Frank Adams

Drama

Excellent work in practical drama lessons this year and always making time to rehearse independently outside of lesson time.

Molly Bawden

DT

Molly has shown a truly outstanding ability across theory work and her NEA. Molly has dedicated much of her free time to invest in researching her client, Newcastle Cat & Dog Shelter and as a result has some fantastic work in her portfolio.

Mia Johnson

Drama

Excellent classwork in drama this year. Always making time to rehearse outside of lessons and has created a slick and interesting performance piece.

Sumaiya Mohamed

Spanish

Fantastic effort and progress in lessons.

Anna Brent

French

100% effort in class and excellent progress in lessons.



SIXTH FORM

Year 12 have made a fantastic start to Sixth Form and I have been incredibly impressed with how they have coped with the new routines; taking the higher demand of workload in their stride and learning important life skills such as prioritisation, organisation and independent revision. These skills have been further developed by undertaking our new Super Curricular sessions, where Year 12 have gone above and beyond their lessons by listening to podcasts or reading articles about areas outside of their subject curriculum.

Year 12 have also already made significant contributions to our charitable side of Sixth Form by running and donating to our Spare Change Mondays and Food Bank Fridays, as well as leading the charity lunch sale on a Tuesday and our Sixth Form Cafe. In addition, all of our Year 12 students are taking advantage of the opportunities provided as part of our Student Leadership Scheme, which involves helping out in other year groups by running extra-curricular clubs or assisting in lessons. All of this has accumulated in Year 12 being fantastic role models.

I look forward to helping you all continue to get the very best out of your time in Sixth Form and support you all in starting to make decisions about your future after St Mary's Sixth Form.

Mrs Francis (Head of Year 12)

This term has been an incredibly busy one for Year 13 with mock exams, UCAS deadlines and extra-curricular activities. Many students began this term by submitting their UCAS applications and it has been fantastic to see over one hundred offers have already been given to our students. This is an exciting time in the next stage of their journey, and it is impressive to see the students balance these important decisions with their studies and immersing themselves in all the other opportunities on offer.

As you can see in this edition of Shine, Year 13 continue to be great role models for our younger students. This term students have been busy with rehearsals for the school production, collecting for local foodbanks, leading our Remembrance Services, representing the Sixth Form at Open Evenings and supporting the running of various clubs across the school.

Thank you to all the year group for such a fantastic term and for their continued hard work.

Miss Lamb (Head of Year 13)

Sam Foster

12S

For playing The Last Post in each remembrance service beautifully.

James Watson

Computing

Continued hard work and excellent progress.

All of 13M

Positive approach to their UCAS applications and many have started to receive offers from universities.

Sam Foster

Geography

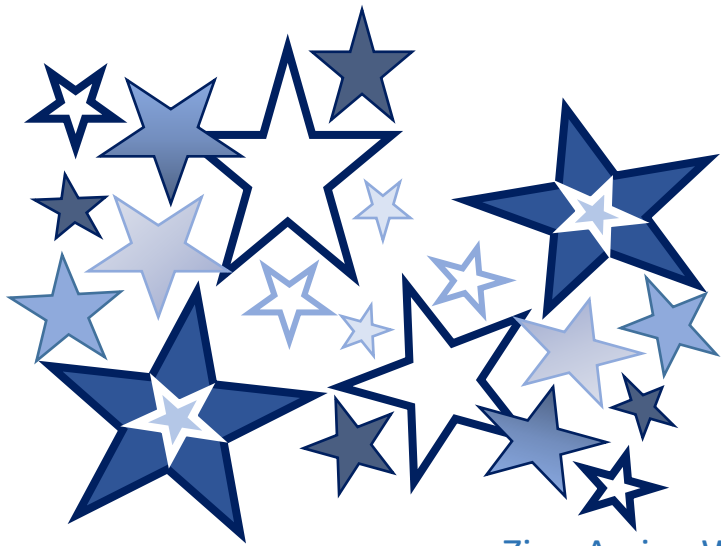
Brilliant Geographer, extremely hard working and successful.

Drew Lourie

13S

Always positive and polite, whatever day it is.





Favour Irimagha

12S

Favour volunteered herself to direct our forms assembly. She has communicated well with the form group, delegated tasks and provided deadlines for the completion.

Celine Gray

13A

Selected for a work placement at the renowned Oriental Museum at Durham University.

Jacob Nelson

13T

He is always a positive influence on the people around him; he is helpful, inquisitive, and funny.

Magda Janiak

13T

She played an excellent part in the Form Class Assembly and she has shown excellent progress in sharing her ideas in Form.

Kacey Snowdon

Physics

Always shows a positive attitude to learning and wants to do well.

Ella Jackson

12R

Favour volunteered

herself to direct our Form Assembly. She has communicated well with the form group, delegated tasks and provided deadlines for the completion.



Zina Arsic - Wells, Paul Caragay, Katie Yu, Stevie Clark, Ethan Henderson and Luca Barbieri

Chemistry

Excellent homework booklet handed in.

Katie Marley

Health & Social Care

For being invited to 4 interviews for a degree in Primary Education.

Harvey Thomson

13M

Positive attitude to Form Class collections as well as his studies in the Sixth Form.

Anna Anish

Geography

Hard working and positive attitude in lessons.

Millie Cowan

Health & Social Care

Producing fantastic pieces of coursework.

Aurelia Keavney

English

Her work is exemplary. She gets involved in discussion and debate and always has wonderfully insightful comments to share.

Hallie Jo Flynn

DT

We are so pleased that Hallie has joined St Mary's this year and can see that she has made a fantastic start to her A Levels. Hallie is working extremely hard to meet deadlines, develop her writing style to meet the A Level expectations and is starting to create some wonderful product ideas. Keep up the hard work Hallie, it is paying off!

Ruby Pugmire

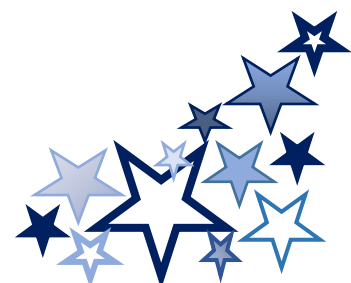
English

Exceptional work ethic and perceptive understanding of the subject.

Tinotenda Mukanganiki

13T

Tinotenda won her Black belt in Karate.



Rebecca Lee

Art
Continually producing
excellent work.

Zlata Sierkova

Art
Brilliant effort and
work in lessons

Zahra Dosani

Chemistry
For her increasing
confidence in chemistry
from working hard outside
of lessons.

Paul Caragay

Chemistry
Excellent effort in and
outside of lessons.

Amelie Costigan

Film Studies
Fantastic ideas and
excellent work.

**Phoebe Sanderson
and Roselin Manoj**

Chemistry
Excellent independent study
effort

**Oliver Watson, Alexander
Johnston, Roselin Manoji,
Tinotenda Mukanganiki &
Magda Janiak**

Chemistry
Excellent attendance of revision on
Friday.

Abby Noone

English
Fantastic effort and great
progress.

Ava Irving

Drama
The approach to the
beginning of the A Level
course has been
outstanding with brilliant
commitment to Drama
club each week

Ifan Davies

Film Studies
Fantastic ideas and
excellent work.

**Igi Gudel, Robin Tyler,
Daniel Francis, Daniel
Berec**

Computing
Helping run a lunchtime
programming club for Year 8
students.

Ben Robinson

Film Studies
Fantastic ideas and
excellent work.

Thalia McGee

English
Working very well in her
studies.

Jude Mitcheson

Economics
He has put in the effort this
year by engaging with
lessons which is not only
boosting his progress but
the learning of fellow
students as well.

Eleanor Quinn

Geography
Super work and effort
in lessons.

Stevie Clark

Maths
Superb attitude
and effort in
lessons.

Katie Marley

Health & Social Care
For achieving a
Distinction in her recent
learning assessments in
both CPLD and HSC.

Robbie Webb

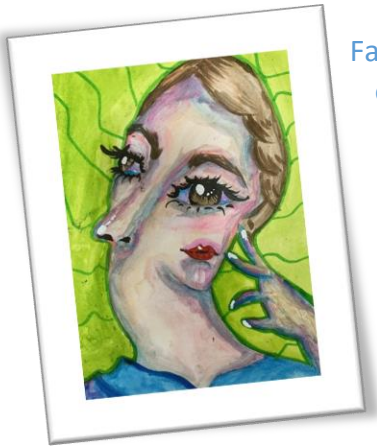
Physics
Always works his
hardest and really puts
the effort in to
understand key ideas.

Lucy Elder-Smith

Art
Fantastic attitude in
lessons.

Claire Hutchby

Art
Excellent effort and attitude
in lessons.



Bethany Roberts

Economics

A brilliant economist who has quickly taken to writing long essays.

Laura Nicholson

13S

Positive approach to all the challenges this year brings.

Robbie Webb

Economics

He tries hard in every lesson and homework. Moreover, when he does not fully understand a concept, he asks for help; that is the way to success!



Kalay Mayan

13A

Selected for second round interview for much sought after Law degree apprenticeship.

Katie Jordan

Economics

This year, she has combined her visual memory skills with exam practice and is now well placed to achieve high marks.

Caitlin Morrison

Maths

Outstanding achievement to date in all aspects.

Ellie Cartwright

English

Detailed notes, hardworking, excellent response to feedback and an overall great start to the course.

Louie Caisley

Geography

Working hard and very conscientious in lessons.

Callum Liu

English

Consistently working hard throughout the year and showing real depth of knowledge for the subject.

Year 13 NOCN RE

RE

Mr O'Connell has been very impressed with his Year 13 NOCN RE class this term. There have been many interesting discussions in lessons, several of which instigated by the insights of students themselves. The students show broad knowledge of a number of subject areas and a real love of learning. All the best for your mock examinations Year 13 and keep up the excellent effort!

Favour Irimagha

Drama

The approach to the beginning of the A Level course has been outstanding with brilliant commitment to Drama club each week.

Joshua Quinn

12R

For his contributions to class discussions during Form Time.

Ronald Tang

Physics

Consistent hard work.



Molly Boardman

English

Making significant progress and showing a real passion for the subject.

Anna Gourley

DT

Anna has shown a consistent effort to reach her potential and push beyond. She has shown truly excellent subject knowledge, exam technique and design concepts. We are very proud of you Anna, keep it up!

Laura Nicholson

English

Consistently detailed and independent work.

Joshua Quinn

English

Fantastic attitude, great homework, always gives interesting contributions in class.