

St Mary's

NEWSLETTER

GCSE and A LEVEL results

Congratulations to last year's Year 11 and 13 students, as they enjoyed enormous success in their GCSE and A Level examinations in the summer. Once again, our results are significantly above national standards in all areas and amongst the very highest results in the region. This is testament to the hard work of students and the very high-quality of teaching, learning and pastoral care at St Mary's.

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Former student wins European GOLD!

Fantastic news! Former St Mary's student, Joy Eze, won Gold at the European Athletics Championships in Jerusalem this summer. Joy won the Under 20 100m final in an incredible 11.39 seconds! We are so proud of Joy. A huge well done!

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Headteacher's welcome

Welcome to our new St Mary's newsletter. We will be sharing this newsletter with you every fortnight, to keep you updated about all of the wonderful achievements and events in school.

The new academic year has got off to a really calm and purposeful start. The new Year 7 and 12 students are settling in very well and it has also been lovely to welcome back all other year groups to the new term. All students have made a brilliant start to the new academic year and, as always, we are very proud of them.

As you know, we had an Ofsted Inspection at St Mary's on the 12th and 13th September. I look forward to sharing the full report with you, once this is finalised. We were delighted to see so many strengths of St Mary's being recognised, in all areas of school life. It was also fantastic to hear such high praise for our students. A huge well done to them, and to our dedicated teaching and support staff team, for representing our school so well.

Very best wishes,
Miss Patterson, Headteacher.

Year 12 Workshop

Recently, Sam from Northumbria University came into the Sixth Form to lead a workshop with our Year 12 students, looking at how to make an excellent start to Sixth Form life and how to set aspirational goals for the future. This included students considering what they want to achieve in the next two years and how they can make this happen.

Class Charts

This year in school, we are continuing to use Class Charts. It is a great system which allows us to award students 'positive' points for their fantastic behaviour and attitude in lessons and around school. We will also use it as our main communication tool with parents and carers and therefore, please do download the App!



CPD @ St Mary's

This year, one of the aspects of teacher professional development that we are focusing on is "developing metacognition and independence" in our students. Our first session on the INSET day was a great start and we will share further examples of this work with you in the coming weeks ...

Theme of the Week

This week in school, we have been exploring the theme of Forgiveness. The theme came from the Gospel reading on Sunday where Jesus tells us to forgive seventy-seven times. We have been exploring the importance of forgiveness and how relationships can be repaired. We also spent time thinking about the importance of forgiving ourselves.

Our theme next week is Saint Mary.





New clubs on offer

The SEND department have launched a new programme of extra-curricular activities. Events run in the Inclusion Suite each lunchtime, with 'Mindfulness' on a Monday, Lego Club on a Tuesday, Social Club on a Wednesday, 'Build your Resilience' on a Thursday and Film Club on a Friday. This week in 'Build your Resilience,' students were building towers out of playing cards, a task that really tested their patience and perseverance but was well worth the effort when the towers reached three levels! We also offer a homework support group each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school.

Upcoming dates and events ...

Thursday 28th September: Year 6 Open Evening

Friday 29th September: Year 13 Visit to Northumbria University

Monday 2nd October – Friday 6th October: Year 8 Residential Trip to Normandy (France)

Monday 16th October: Year 11 Parents' Evening (in school)

Wednesday 8th November: Year 7/12 Meet the Tutor Evening (in school)