

St Mary's Catholic School



Shine

Issue 14

Welcome to the final Shine edition of the year. It has been lovely to read about so many of our students' achievements over the last term. As always, there is a wonderful variety of gifts and talents celebrated in this edition, from students demonstrating exceptional effort and hard work in lessons, to students contributing brilliantly to the wider life of the school. It is fantastic to see our students making the most of their academic, sporting, artistic and musical talents! Teachers and Support Staff have also been so delighted with the progress that students have made in lessons. We are very, very proud of them!

We look forward to lots of exciting 'end of year' activities over the next two weeks, including our Celebration assemblies, our Activity Days and our Equality and Diversity Day. We also look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students into school for their two transition days. Thank you to all of our students for their excellent efforts throughout this academic year. Thank you also to our teaching and support staff team for all of their tremendous support of our students. I wish everyone a restful and joyful summer break with their families and friends.

Best wishes, Miss Patterson, Headteacher.

In May 2023, Thomas Wynne, Year 8, attended the International Military Pilgrimage (IMP) in Lourdes, France, along with many other members of the UK Armed Forces. The IMP is a major international event of friendship and support between nations attracting thousands of military personnel from around the globe. Thomas was a fantastic ambassador throughout, showing great maturity and positivity. Huge well done Thomas!



YEAR 7

I have been enormously impressed by the start that you have all made to your time here in St. Mary's. Since early on the very first day, you have coped remarkably well with new and even changing routines. I have been extremely impressed with your transition to St Mary's and how you have shown great levels of determination, resilience and enthusiasm this year.

A standout feature of the last year has been your selfless nature; looking out for each other, recognising when others have been having a tough time and supporting them. The selflessness has extended to many random acts of kindness; letting others go first, holding doors open, inviting others to play with them, reporting incidents of concern, picking up litter, tidying classrooms, waiting for others to finish and much, much more. Thank you for all your efforts to support our community this year.

You have also done fantastically well within your lessons. Your teachers have shared so many stories about the quality of your work and all the excellent progress that you have made. You have earned a phenomenal amount of praise points, reflecting how hard you have been working around school.

A huge thank you to all of you for your excellent effort and commitment over the last year. I hope you all have a fantastic summer with your friends and family.

Mr Brooks

Edwin Olafsen
Maths
Excellent progress.

Anna Biju
Art
Excellent effort and attitude in all lessons!



Isabell Brumpton-Taylor & Michael Rickeard
Physics
Consistently offering great answers in discussion.

Albert Pozarlik
Maths
Great resilience.

Congratulations to Ruby Ifeajuna who has qualified for the English Silver competition for British gymnastics, after getting through the regional heats!

Fionn Sears
Art
Fantastic pieces produced this year, well done.

Emily Oliver
Maths
Excellent effort.





Liam Reekie

French

Excellent effort and participation in class!



Hannah Middleton

DT

Outstanding design communication in her final design 'Think Outside The Box'. Hannah also showed fantastic problem solving to make her product multi-functional.

Emily Li

DT

Excellent isometric drawing skills demonstrated in Graphics!

Cheuk Ying Ng

Art

Consistently working hard in all lessons to produce excellent work!

Billy Martin

Art

Always giving 100% effort in lessons.

Hashim Ilyas

Physics

Fantastic contribution to lessons.

Noah Hargreaves

Geography

Works very hard, completing both class and homework to a high standard.

Chuek Ying Ng

PE

Always giving 100% effort during lessons.



Amie Brown

Art

Amazing work produced during for mythical creatures.

Tom McCann

Geography

Fantastic score in his latest assessment.

Charles Sculthorpe

DT

Improving his confidence and independent work within food.

Erin Knox

Spanish

Sustained effort in class.

Abigail Fekadu, Amelia Dowden, Anna Matthews, Beverly Oppong, Emily Oliver, Hyab Okbay, Jemima Lane, Jessica Hair, Kaylee Tang, Maisie Shaw, Nina Delanoy & Othello Ozigbo Osere

Spanish

Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in Spanish lessons.

Lizzie Divine

Maths

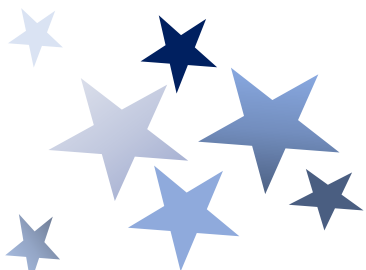
Great resilience.



Beverley Oppong

Biology

Excellent progress in this year.





Myra Hathiramani

Maths
Excellent Effort

John Grinsell, Poppy Colver & Selina Kuashem

French
Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in lessons.

Kate Oliver

Art
Positive attitude towards all lessons.

Cheuk Ying Ng

DT
Fantastic dedication to creating her 'Think Outside The Box' product, leading her group effectively and using some fantastic engineering skills.

Ashton Gilboy

Spanish
Consistent completion of Spanish homework to a high standard.

Euan Morgan

RE
Very positive and knowledgeable. Highly confident and articulate in expressing his point of view. Keep up the hard work Euan!

Will Marley & Kaylee Tang

Biology
Excellent effort and classwork.



Finn Henderson

English
Consistent hard work and a fantastic attitude.

Francisco Areal-Lomba

French
High standard of class work in lessons.

Israel Itose & Isabel Atkinson

Physics
Always has a positive attitude in lessons and excellent resilience.

Emily Thompson

7A
Supporting a friend struggling with feeling anxious around public speaking.

Connor Howe

French
Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in lessons.

Michael Rickeard

Spanish
Sustained effort in class.

Poppy Colver

Year 7
English
Excellent enthusiasm.



Evie Nealings

7A
Growing confidence in lessons and extra-curricular activities, including a speaking role in our Form Class Assembly.





**Gabriel Ewart-Reed,
Euan Morgan & Sophie
Barton**
Biology
Consistent high standard of
work.

Joshua Cave
Chemistry
Excellent
enthusiasm.

Anna Matthews
PE
Always having
correct kit and
starting every lesson
with a positive mind
set.

**Anna Matthews & Amelia
Dowden**

RE
Fantastically helpful and always going
above and beyond in their participation
in lessons. Keep up the fantastic work!



**Billy Martin &
Khloe Amune**
Biology
Super effort and
achievement.

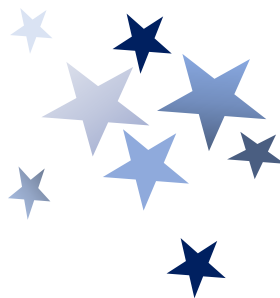
**Maizie Hullah, Zoe Valentine,
Liam Organ, Alice Bailey, Davit
Bduashvili & Grace Kirkbride**
Spanish
Sustained effort in class.

Ethan Brown
Chemistry
Works hard, excellent
concentration and
focus. Great
participation.

Selina Kuashem
DT
Showing positive
attitude and some
excellent drawing skills
with two point
perspective.

David Okapiec
French
Excellent progress and
effort! Well done!

Jimena Areal - Lomba
French
Excellent class work and
homework.



**Maisie Shaw, Simarpreet
Cheema & Lizzie Devine**
7A
Excellent contributions in Personal
Development, particularly in
sessions with guest speakers.

John Grinsell
7A
Took part in a
sponsored run for a
cancer charity with his
family



Jimena Areal-Lomba
7A
Took on a huge role for our
Form Class Assembly when
another student was absent.

Patrick Ingham
Biology
For being an amazing scientist
and for helping others when
they are stuck

Isaac Olafsen
Maths
Excellent progress.



YEAR 8

Year 8 have had a brilliant year at St Mary's. I have been thrilled to receive so much positive feedback from Class Teachers and Form Tutors alike. You really are maturing into wonderful young people who demonstrate a fantastic energy and enthusiasm for learning, evidenced by your excellent attendance and commitment to the various extra-curricular activities on offer here at school.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part, big or small, in the success of so many of the clubs such as netball, football, handball, Just.Is, chess club – especially those involved in the English Chess Federation's Junior Chess Challenge. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to the many charity fundraisers throughout the year; to those involved in the National Literacy Trust's Reading Champions Quiz Success and everyone who has shown dedication to the different musical concerts and productions in school. Your God given gifts and talents are certainly something to admire and celebrate.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Enjoy yourselves, stay safe, and see you in Year 9!

Miss Fawcett

Maddie Hogg & Lucia Nayak

RE

Very helpful in all lessons. Both girls have great subject knowledge and can write confidently and particularly on a range of challenging topics. Keep up the hard work in future!

Cleo Amure Momoh

Geography

Super effort in all lessons and worked hard all year, well done.



Sarah Humphrey

8A

Competed in the national final of the Reading Championships Challenge in London. A brilliant member of the form who is also involved with the school leadership team.

Hannah Whitfield

French

Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in lessons.



Shay Mellet

French

Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in lessons.





Pablo Cervantes

Spanish
Tries very hard and has made excellent progress this year.

Violet Martin

RE
Lots of enthusiasm in lessons and excellent written work.

Cherry Onuoha

Geography
A very dedicated and hardworking student.



Lewis Wildsmith

French
Excellent effort in class and at home and also can advise on any aspect of the interactive whiteboard!

Jensen Gallagher

DT
Excellent modelling skills when creating his bottle prototype in Graphics!



Harry Crawford
French
Excellent participation in lessons. Always enthusiastic.



Rosella Corvino & Emma Grochowska

Maths
Excellent effort.

Jessica Butler

8Y
Outstanding attitude to all aspects of school life. Always first to volunteer. Extremely helpful.

Mylo Manso, Elina Pradeesh & Otto Nemeth

Physics
Always contributing in lessons and producing excellent work.



Cherry Onuoha & Robbie Arthur

Physics
Excellent effort and progress.

Daisy Davies

Spanish
Daisy tries so hard in lessons, constantly putting her hand up and has excellent recall.





Tomasz Okapiec

French

Excellent participation in lessons. High standard of classwork.



Mason Thompson, Will Maughan, Bobby McNally, Michael Abrhe, Lewis Wildsmith, Maddie Hogg, Luca Beech, Tomasz Okapiec, Isobel Richardson & Harry Crawford

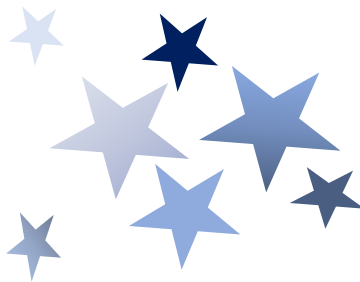
Spanish

Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in lessons.

Lucia Nayak

French

Excellent commitment and effort – bravo Lucia!



Anna Carr

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.

Bethany Duncan, Gabrielle Gudel & Daniel Hogarth

8Y

Represented school at Minor Athletics Championships.

Daniel Hogarth

RE

Excellent reading outside of lessons of key beliefs in Eastern Religions.



Lewis Wildsmith

DT

Stunning metalwork skills shown during material sampling lessons.

Olivia Spurr

French

High standard of classwork and homework in lessons.

Always enthusiastic, helpful and polite.

Olly Wilson

French

Infectious enthusiasm and helping other.



Isabella French

Geography

Consistent hard worker and has improved throughout the year. Keep it up.

Julia Mikolajczak

French

Very positive attitude, consistent effort and setting herself exceptionally high standards

Zachary Gallagher

Geography

Works very hard in geography, completing both class and homework to a high standard.

Amber Gould

Geography

Fantastic score in her latest assessment.

Piotr Sikorski

Physics

Giving 100% in every lesson.

Anna Carr & Joseph Roughead

Maths

Excellent progress/



Gabrielle Shaw

PE

Positive attitude and willingness to help during lessons.

Summer Allen & Shay Mellet

Year 8

Maths

Great resilience.



Maja Iwan

Physics

Excellent effort.



YEAR 9

The overwhelming feeling I have about Year 9 achievements is one of pride. This year, we have witnessed students take part and compete locally, regionally and nationally in swimming, martial arts, football, basketball, netball, gymnastics, darts, chess, dance, singing, music, reading, and more.

St Mary's students have achieved great success, winning and finishing highly in so many events. Additionally, I was hugely impressed by the number of Year 9 students who have been involved in the school's musical theatre productions and musical concerts, with Year 9 students well represented as musicians, actors and singers.

It would be great to see so many of you build on this next year and continue to excel.

I'm also proud that Year 9 students have shown a great willingness to put themselves out for the benefit of others; this was demonstrated in your contributions to the charity work organised in school, and that which a large number of you do outside of school.

I am hugely proud of the fact that 63 students, over 25% of the year group, have thrown yourselves into the Duke of Edinburgh scheme with such enthusiasm. The recent expedition was an overwhelming success and students conduct was noted, not just by staff and guides connected with the expedition, but by members of the general public that you passed along the way.

I also think the volunteering work many of you do as part of Duke of Edinburgh is testament to your character, selfishness and willingness to push yourselves to the limit of, and sometimes beyond, your comfort zones.

As your Head of Year, I want nothing more than for you to go on and lead successful lives, making a valid contribution to your future communities, society and the world.

I am immensely proud of how well placed you all are to achieving this.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Mr Boyle



Jessica Wake

Biology
Excellent effort and progress in lessons.

Brodie Craik

Geography
Put in huge amount of effort in recent presentation and spoke very confidently in front of the class.

Cillian Sears

English
Extremely talented and works very hard.



Eve Robinson

Art
Stunning portraiture work.

Hannah Ojo

French
Excellent classwork and homework.
Helpful and enthusiastic.



Henry Wilkinson

9M

Outstanding attitude to all aspects of school life.

Eva Mohan

Biology

Super effort and achievement.

Evangeline Coward

Art

Brilliant portraiture work.



Jessica Wake

Biology

Excellent effort and progress in lessons.

Zoe Vasquez

Art

Superb quality work.



Lacey Elliot

Geography

Always works incredibly hard during lessons and contributes very well to class discussion.

Joel Joby, Chloe Tang and

Ruby Wardringham &

Adele Onaivi

Biology

Excellent classwork and effort.



Lewis Barton & Lucie

McGilligan

Biology

Excellent effort and classwork.



King Kimvula & Gabrielle

Nouneme

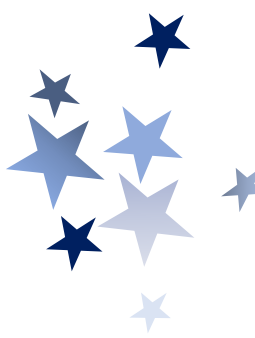
Chemistry

Outstanding achievement in chemistry assessment and excellent effort and attitude in all lessons

Heidi Peddie-Jones

Chemistry

Excellent effort and progress.



Caitlin Landells &

Anna Howell

Maths

Great resilience.

Emilia Kowalska

& Lewis Barton

Maths

Excellent effort.

Erin Mulvey

PE

Fantastic batting in rounders.

Harlan Croft & Lewis

Barton

Chemistry

Always applies maximum effort and shows excellent resilience.



Zoe Vasquez

Chemistry

For always offering answers during class discussions.





Destiny Omojor, Thomas Thoppil, Ines Fragata, Ruby Buggy, Joel Joby, Evangeline Coward, Nicholas Gates, Alissa Korriku, Hannah McTiernan, Mikias Samson, Max Sokolov, Henry Wiseman & Ed Hodgson

Spanish

Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in lessons.

Anna Howell

Art

Stunning work.

Violet Ann McDonald

Physics

Great effort.

Emily Moore

DT

Positive attitude and excellent effort in all lessons, well done!

Nefeli Gerasimidou

DT

Nefeli has created some fantastic architectural design work, showing a high level of understanding of the intended user and the inspiration of her researched designers.

Riley Peacock & Kasey McCartney

Physics

Great effort in class discussion.

Anna Mackenzie

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.



Henry Wilkinson

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.



Alice Haighton

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.

Libbi Quinn

French

Quiet determination and excellent effort and accuracy.

Dillon Hanna

French

Excellent commitment and effort, in school and at home!



Beatrice Hester

9M

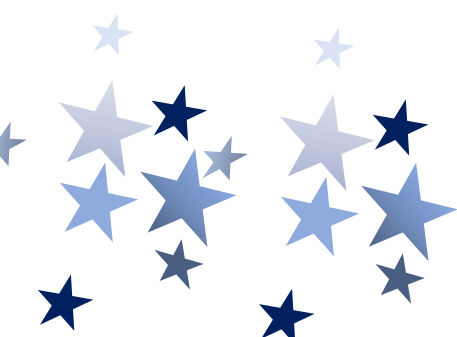
Positive attitude during Form Time.



Erin Mulvey

RE

Excellent work this year. Erin is progressing so well and consistently tries her best in all aspects of work in the subject. Well done Erin!





Roshan Nnaji

RE

Roshan has produced so much detailed work this year and is highly confident and articulate in expressing her viewpoint. Well done Roshan and keep up the excellent work ethic!

Ethan Amis & Andrew Falzon

Maths

Excellent progress.



Alice Haighton, Henry Wilkinson, Ebony Westerby, Pablo Vasquez Gomez, Caitlin Arthur, Anna Mackenzie, Matthew Scott, Matilda Lane, Maria Sutton, Bruno Szczygielski & Jaida

Monsour

History

Contributed and participated enthusiastically in the Anne Frank History workshop this half term.

Cillian Sears

English

Extremely talented and works very hard.

Qetsia Kitoko & Evie Courtney

History

Participated fully in the Anne Frank History workshop and asked some thoughtful questions.



Stela Rickeard

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.

Joel Joby, Chloe Tang and Ruby

Wardringham & Adele

Onaivi

Biology

Excellent classwork and effort.



Ebony Westerby

Geography

Works hard in lessons and always looks to act on feedback to improve her future work.

Megan Davies

French

Excellent effort and participation in class!

Jemima Clough

Art

Wonderful effort and attitude in lessons

Alice Haighton

French

Excellent effort and participation in class!

Toby Lam

Geography

Always engaged and works hard in every lesson and has aimed to do the best he can. Well done.

Emily Moore

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.



Elle Hatt

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.

Joel Cleife

RE

Joel regularly contributes maturely to lessons and is very helpful in group and pair work. Well done Joel and keep up the fantastic effort!

Scott Thompson

English

Fantastic attitude to learning and engagement with Romeo and Juliet. Keen to act out during lessons and great contributions this term.

Ruby McGinty

Year 9

Art

Excellent quality of work.

Rubie Malia

PE

Her great attitude during inter house rounders matches.

Brendan Fisher

Drama

Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.

Ada Parkin

RE

Excellent subject knowledge and a very mature work ethic. Ada's work is always so neatly presented. Keep up the brilliant work!



Henry Wiseman, Kenzie Laurie, Matthew Alderton Brown, Joseph Meachery & Jan Siemens

History

Worked well in the Anne Frank History workshop and developed his peer guiding skills.

Jaida Mansour

French

She has done so well having not been here for the first half of the year and has a fantastic positive attitude

Ava Sutterby

Year 9

French

Excellent effort and participation in class!



YEAR 10

What a wonderful end to an exceptional year, Year 10. I cannot believe you are half way through your GCSE courses already!

It has been a privilege to be your Head of Year this year, and to watch you grow into mature young men and women. It is fantastic to receive endless compliments and positive comments from a huge array of staff around school, praising particular classes or individuals, or often the entire year group. In addition, you have really been a credit to yourselves and your teachers in the excellent manner in which you have handled your recent mock GCSEs. You've really thrown yourself into exam mode and handled the entire process with outstanding conduct.

It's an honour every week to nominate students for the Head Teacher's award, and an incredibly difficult task to choose only two, as you are an incredibly talented and hard working group of students. Your contribution to the extra-curricular life of school has also been phenomenal; from participation in sporting clubs to representing St Mary's in Chess competitions, participating in Form Assemblies to attending Friday morning Mass; international trips and volunteering to support staff and younger students around school. I know St Mary's will have benefitted from your participation as much as you have benefitted from getting involved. I've really enjoyed having the opportunity to discuss all of your gifts and talents both in and out of school and something I'm looking forward to continuing next year! I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for an amazing year, I've been so lucky to be your Head of Year. I am so incredibly proud of your hard work this year, your achievements, your resilience in overcoming challenges, your willingness to get involved and, most importantly, the relentlessly kind and caring individuals you are.

Thank you all and I can't wait for next year!

Miss Henzell



Flynn Jeffrey

DT

Continued excellent attitude to learning in all lessons and you have made an excellent start to your NEA.

Mico Manso

Biology

Super effort and achievement



Dennis Brown

Spanish

Brilliant effort and contribution in class!





Oliver Cass
Biology
Excellent classwork and effort.



Olivia Ashcroft
Drama
Brilliant directorial skills demonstrated whilst preparing for the summer showcase.



Adam Rogers
Year 10
Excellent attitude and progress.

Summah Woods
10A

For leading on our Advent and Lenten fayres this year and always contributing to the form class.

Artur Piecuch has made this beautiful kneeler cushion for the school chapel, with the support of staff in DT. It is lovely to have unique handmade items from our students in this special space in school.

10B/Gg3 (Mr Brooks' class)

Geography
Worked very hard over the course of the year constantly striving to improve as a class

Olivia Lowery & Sami Tariq

Year 10
Excellent progress.

Victoria Niedzwiecka
Spanish
Excellent effort in class!
Well done!



10B/Gg1 (Mrs Bilton's class)

Geography
Brilliant class all year, hardworking and keen to learn. Well done and keep it up next year!

Eleanna Centeno & Fletcher White

Maths
Excellent effort.

Victoria Niedzwiecka
10A
Great academic resilience and focus on her studies.

Marica Corvino
Spanish
Fantastic effort and participation in class.
Well done!

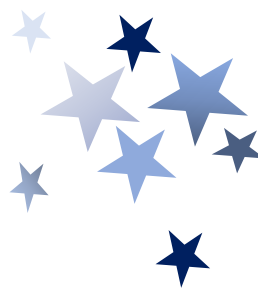
Joe Rickeard & Victoria Ginova
Maths
Great resilience.



Johann Arellano

Art
Great work ethic and portraits.

Dennis Brown
English
For a positive attitude and consistent hard work.



Zoe Mitchell
Drama
Brilliant directorial skills demonstrated whilst preparing for the summer showcase.

Kelsie Cockburn
English
Persistent hard work.





Elise Bates

Spanish

Brilliant effort and progress throughout the year! Well done!



Lily Middleton

Chemistry
Great effort shown in homework.



Liona Baby

RE

Liona has had a brilliant Year! She consistently achieves well in assessments and is so diligent in the way she plans and prepares for all tasks. Well done Liona and keep up the brilliant work!

Grace Smith, Zoe Arthur & Artur Piecuch

Biology

Excellent effort and resilience in lessons.



Grace Smith

Year 10

PE

Always giving 100% effort during PE

Noel Marcos Monteiro

Chemistry

Despite a challenging start to the year Noel's behaviour has improved greatly and he is showing excellent focus in the lessons in the run up to his mocks.

Chanelle Satcha

French

Has made excellent progress this year, tries so hard and excellent answers in class too.

Billy Crawford

Physics

Always working hard in physics and contributing key answers in class.

Olivia Ashcroft

Chemistry

Always has excellent attitude and achievement and helps other students that sit with her.

Lucas McMichan

Chemistry

For working hard during all of his Chemistry lessons and for producing work of a great standard.

Victoria Niedzwiecka

Biology

Improved confidence in answering questions in Biology

Isaac Brophy

Physics

For always contributing to class discussions on key topics.

Erin McDonnell

Chemistry

Excellent progress and contributions in class.

Fran Nelson

French

Has made excellent progress this year, tries so hard and excellent answers in class too.

Lewis Brannigan

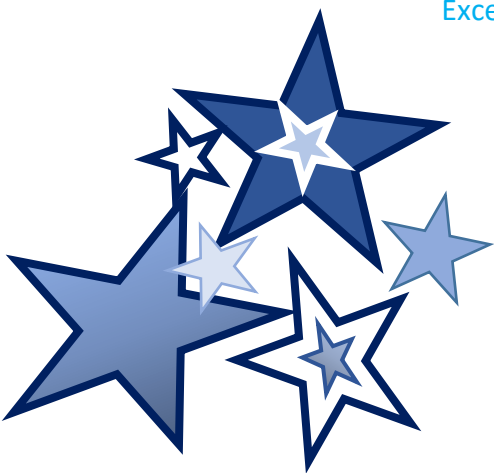
Physics

Excellent recall of topics.

Josh Siba

Chemistry

A really big improvement in behaviour, attitude and work rate.





Corben Dodds

Geography
Always works very hard during lessons and is a very conscientious student!

Francis Ogbuafor

RE

Excellent answers given in class and an in depth understanding of the course.

Lexi Emmett & Avin Anish

Chemistry
Working hard in preparation for mocks, excellent participation in class.

Ioulia Anagnosti, Ruth McKenna, Tariq Williams, Jay Richardson & Summah Woods

Spanish
Consistent high quality class work and excellent participation in lessons.

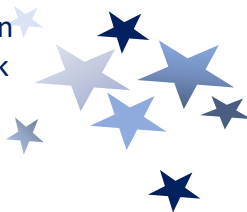
James Quinn & Emily Holburn

History
Participating enthusiastically in all lessons and contributing thoughtfully to class discussion and debate.



Oliver Johnson

Drama
Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.



Joe Rickeard

Drama
Fantastic contribution to performance work for the summer showcase.

Luke Nevins, Finnley Brown & Haider Aktar

Biology
Fantastic effort and improvement.



Aimee Phillips

Health & Social Care
For performing exceptionally well in her Component 1 PSA. Well done!

Ann Saji

RE
Excellent answers given in class and an in depth understanding of the course.

Emily Elder-Smith

Chemistry
For her continuous good attitude to learning, which results in excellent work being produced.

Monalisa Cocuzza

Physics
Consistently high levels of effort and focus.

Johann Orellano & Emily Elder-Smith

Physics
Great effort and attitude.

Avin Anish

RE
Works very maturely and consistently works to the best of his ability both in class and at home. Keep up the brilliant work Avin!

Adeline Bourgenot-Lewis

Health & Social Care

Adeline has been organizing the extraordinary Harry Potter Club every Thursday lunchtime. Her dedication and hard work have created a truly magical experience for our students. From thrilling quizzes to captivating board games, Adeline has crafted an exceptional lunchtime club that celebrates the beloved Harry Potter series. Thank you, Adeline, for bringing joy and enchantment to our students through your fantastic efforts.

Hannah Craig

RE
Works very maturely and consistently works to the best of his ability both in class and at home. Keep up the brilliant work Avin!

Bella Colquhoun, Hanna Hesteline, Alisha Rogerson & Marica Corvino

Physics
Excellent effort and resilience!

YEAR 11

As the Head of Year 11 I am really proud of all of the achievements of Year 11 over the last five years here at St. Mary's. As a year group, they have demonstrated great resilience and determination in everything they have done and throughout this year they have responded well to the challenge of external examinations, maintaining positive attitudes and maturing along the way.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all of the positive support you have given me over the last five years in leading such a wonderful group of young people. I am also really pleased to say that the Leavers' Liturgy and Final Assembly was a very positive and moving experience for both students and staff. The icing on the cake was a lovely evening of celebration at the Crowne Plaza, marking the end of the five years at St. Mary's. The students all looked fabulous, were amazing and an absolute credit to themselves, you and school.

Thank you Year 11

Wow! Five years have passed in the blink of an eye. At the beginning of each new academic year I spoke about how quickly time passes and that everyone needed to take each opportunity offered and make the best of it. Thank you Year 11 for all of your hard work over the last five years here at St. Mary's with the last year being the hardest. You have achieved so much in your time with us, whether this is was in the classroom or in your contributions to the wider life of the school. You have been an amazing group of young people to have worked closely with and it has been a pleasure and privilege to have been your Head of Year for the past five years. I hope you have all made some fantastic memories over the years that you will fondly remember for many years to come. We all have our fingers crossed that you all get the results in the summer that you have worked so hard for. We look forward to seeing many of you back in September to begin the next chapter of your education. For those moving on to pastures new, I wish you the very best of luck for the next part of your journey, you will always be part of the St. Mary's school community. Remember, believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.

Mr Gray





Congratulation to
Alfie Devine who
received the
Governor's Award



Congratulation to
Emily Jackson who
received the
Atkinson-Carroll
Chemistry
Bursary



Congratulation to
Charlotte Johnson
who received the
Father Conaty
Award



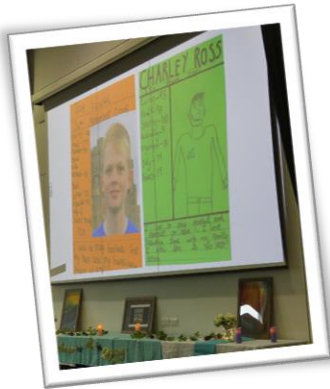


Congratulation to Emmanuel Joseph who received the Headteacher Award

Congratulation to Jessica Bramhall who received the Father Kellet Award



As a school, we celebrated the end of Year 11 exams & their time in the main school here at St Mary's with a lovely liturgy. In this liturgy, students were given a gift of a candle and challenged with the statement "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."





Year 11 then attended Prom at The Crowne Plaza in Newcastle.

Everyone looked amazing & there was a great atmosphere of celebration. Students enjoyed a three-course meal before making some memories on the dance floor with their friends



SIXTH FORM

The first year of Sixth Form has flown by and Year 12 have demonstrated what fantastic things they can achieve already. Their hard work, determination and charitable nature has been outstanding and I cannot wait to see what further things our Year Group will achieve in Year 13.

The amount of enrichment hours Year 12 Students have logged is commendable and range in activities from helping to mentor students in the main school, participating in sponsored charity events and aiding in the preparing of liturgies, assemblies and other extra-curricular events. This has resulted in Year 12 being exemplary role models to the rest of the school community.

On top of this, Year 12 have begun to prepare for their examinations next year and have shown their drive to succeed by independently revising in the Sixth Form Area and completing their first set of mock examinations. When they receive their mock examinations, I am sure their results will reflect the hours of revision they have dedicated over the past couple of months.

Year 12 are also starting to look towards the future and think of life beyond St Mary's. It is exciting to hear what their aspirations and plans for the future are, whether it be university, an apprenticeship or employment. I look forward to helping them with their applications post-Sixth Form and seeing the many different, exciting journeys they will be forging.

Mrs Francis
Head of Year 12

Millie Cowen

Year 12
Health & Social Care
Working consistently hard in
all Units



Torin Innes-Menzies
12Y
Continued excellent
contribution to the wider
life of our school



Thalia McGee
DT

Thalia has proven herself to be a talented Product Designer in recent weeks. After starting her NEA, Thalia has a renewed drive and focus, working with an independence to move her project forward.

Robbie Webb
Physics

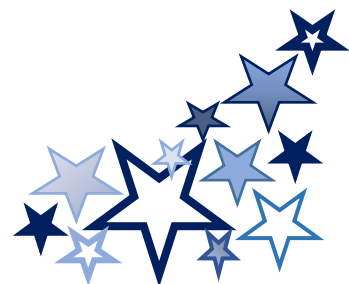
For continued hard work and determination to succeed.



Y12 Geographers
Geography

Fantastic class as shown by their hard work and enthusiastic attitude on the recent trip to Keswick.

Irene Eguagie
Vocational Science
Good focus and effort.



We are extremely proud of our Year 13 students who have worked so hard for two years to ensure they achieve the fantastic goals they set themselves, whether that is going to university, securing an apprenticeship or gaining employment. Sixth Form is a huge transition for our students, and it has been a journey with many ups and downs from the first day in Year 12 to this point. When I think about the first day of Year 12 it is remarkable to see how far our students have come and their personal and academic growth is outstanding.

One of the big worries that many Year 13 students had was A-Levels, given they had never sat formal external exams. Exams are always a challenging time, especially at A Level, and it has been impressive to see how our Year 13 have risen to the challenge. The students have conducted themselves with such a positive and mature attitude throughout the exam period and they have been an absolute credit to our Sixth Form. We hope students gained satisfaction from seeing all their hard work pay off and it was lovely to see the relief as they left their final exam, thinking about their summer plans, holidays and some well-earned rest.

Before exams began, the year group enjoyed a celebration of their time at St Mary's with our Leavers' Liturgy and Celebration Assembly in May. This was a lovely event in which students reflected on their growth while at St Mary's and the personal and academic progress they had made. Our Form Tutors showed their creative thinking with a variety of leaving speeches including first day photos, future predictions and even a ukulele performance of Avicii's 'Wake Me Up' with the students joining in on the chorus! I thought the videos with hundreds of photos of the students from Year 7 right up to Year 13 was particularly emotional and it was great to see how so many of their friendships have lasted the full seven years. The students finished the day with pizza, ice cream and receiving their yearbooks, leavers' hoodies and prom tickets. There was such a lovely buzz around school as yearbooks were signed, photos taken and memories were shared.

As I said in my speech during the Leavers' Liturgy, it has been an absolute pleasure and honour to lead this year group and I hope that when they look back on their time at St Mary's they remember the friendships they formed and the support and opportunities that were offered. I wish everyone of Year 13 all the best for the future and hope they have a lovely break between now and Results' Day! As ever, we would encourage Year 13 to keep in touch and would love them to return to school in future years to share their successes and career advice to our Sixth Form students.

Miss Lamb
Head of Year 13

Oliver Watson for winning the
Carrol Bursary Award for
outstanding effort and
determination in Chemistry



Hallie-Jo Flynn
DT

Hallie has achieved
some excellent marks
in her recent paper 1
unit assessments. Well
done Hallie Jo.



Rachel Ncube
Year 12
Chemistry

For working hard to achieve
her academic goals this year
and for her positive attitude
to learning in Applied

Fiona Kunjumon
12Y

Continued excellent
contribution to the
wider life of our
school

Diya Kapoor
Chemistry
Engaged in lessons





Shanika Brown Chabala Sika

Health & Social Care
Proactive revision when preparing for HSC final exams, keep up the hard work!

Diya Kapoor

Biology
Working very hard.

Ruby Pugmire

Biology
Great focus in lessons.

Solomon Mak

Sociology
Making a consistent and mature effort with both his written work and his verbal contributions towards lessons. Well done Solomon and keep it up!

Elliott Sharpe

Physics
Excellent independent study and attendance at voluntary intervention sessions.



Reiss Lai

Maths
Excellent Progress

Katie Weddle

Sociology
Excellent progress is being made in Sociology and on track for outstanding achievement in the subject. Keep up the fantastic work ethic Katie!

Sonny Hastie

Year 12
Bishop Bewick essay writing competition winner.



Abby Massingham

Physics
For continued hard work in physics and always completing all tasks to a high standard.

Zina Arsic Wells & Hilary Owen

Biology
Always showing great effort and determination in Biology lessons

Luke Herbert, Tomas Boothroyd & Abby Massingham

Maths
Excellent Effort



Year 12 Artists

Art
For producing some high quality pieces with great imagination

Ellie Cartwright & Elli Frith

English
Impressive work in English Language.

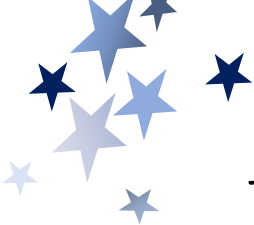
Ethan Henderson

Chemistry
Making excellent progress.



Joel Butcher

Geography
Super effort and has worked hard to improve through the year. Keep it up!



This term we have bid farewell to Year 13.
We are immensely proud of all our Year 13 students and all the achievements they have with us in the past 7 years.

We are excited to hear about their future successes studying at different universities, finding their way in the world of work or by completing apprenticeships in the near future.

Our Year 13 students are part of the St Mary's family and we are privileged to have shared in your successes, challenges and triumphs.

