

# St Mary's

NEWSLETTER



## City Cup Success!

The Year 7 Boys' Football team competed in the City Cup Final against Gosforth Junior Academy earlier this week. Not only was it a fantastic achievement to reach the final after a hard fought cup campaign, but the boys also went on to win the final match 4-1, with the score being very close at half time at 2-1. The boys have shown outstanding attitudes, dedication and effort levels throughout the competition and have thoroughly deserved this success. Every student played a big part of winning the game, but our goal scorers were Sean Teasdale with two goals, Isaac Conway, and Emmanuel Saliu. Well done boys!



## **Battlefields Trip**

Before Easter, some of our Year 10 students visited the First World War Battlefields of France and Belgium, visiting many memorials, cemeteries and museums around the Ypres Salient and Somme battlefields.

This included a visit to the Thiepval Memorial (above) and to the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

An unforgettable and moving experience for the students, helping them to deepen their understanding of the conflict.

## **Headteacher's Welcome**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a wonderful break with your families over Easter. It has been lovely to have students back in school with us this week.

This newsletter contains information about some of the amazing activities our students have taken part in over recent weeks.

As we progress towards the summer external examinations, our Year 11 and Year 13 students are working and revising hard. Good luck to all of our students in these exams!

Very best wishes,  
Miss Patterson, Headteacher.

# Sixth Form Culture Day

On March 22nd, our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team organised and ran our annual Culture Day, which was a huge success. There were many stalls from a variety of cultures and these were led by students in our Sixth Form. Students wore traditional dress, had information on their various cultures, played traditional music, and raised over £450 for charity. The cultures represented at this year's Culture Day included Ireland, India, Pakistan, Nigeria and the Philippines.

We are already looking forward to next year's Culture Day.



# St Mary's Career Fair

As part of our work with informing students about potential careers and next steps after St Mary's, we hold an annual Careers Fair. This year, the Career Fair took place before the Easter break. We had over 50 exhibitors attending the event from a range of employers and further education providers. Students had the chance to speak to employers in many different career fields and representatives from many different universities.

The event was a great success and allowed the students to consider their career path when they leave St Mary's.



# Future Career Choices

We were very fortunate to have representatives from the firm Turner and Townsend come into school to speak to Year 12 students about future career choices.

The students were introduced to ways in which to apply for a job in the modern world, and the differences between apprenticeship and graduate routes to employment.

In addition, students looked at a 'day in the life of' various professionals.



# Beamish Trip

Recently, Year 13 Health and Social Care and Children's Play, Learning and Development students went to Beamish Museum.

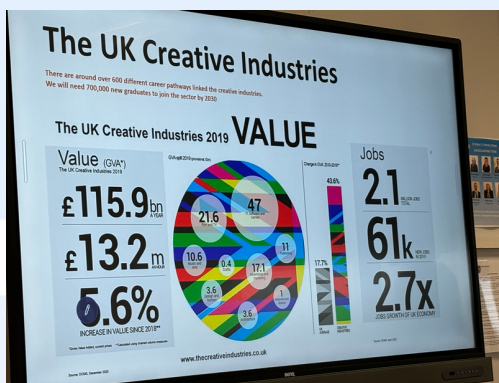
Here the students visited the 1950s Welfare Hall to explore the Baby Clinic exhibition, which included historical health promotion campaigns.

The students enjoyed being able to see all of the historical equipment used in hospitals.



# UCAS Preparation

With UCAS applications just around the corner, Year 12 have been preparing for deciding on future destinations by attending various information sessions delivered by universities in the Sixth Form. Universities such as Glasgow Caledonian, Manchester, Durham, the Northern School of Art and Leeds Beckett have visited the Sixth Form in the past few weeks.



## Upcoming dates and events ...

**Monday 6th May:**  
Bank Holiday  
Monday

**Friday 24th May:** We break up for half-term holiday

**Monday 3rd June:**  
Year 8 Parents' Evening (online)

**Monday 24th June:**  
Year 7 Parents' Evening (in school)

## Fundraising at St Mary's

During Lent fundraising took place through our Lenten Fayres, as well as each Form Group collecting small change. Each Year Group raised money for their Year Group charity. This fundraising raised in the region of £2,400. This is an amazing achievement! A huge well done to all of the students and staff team involved.

