

St Mary's

NEWSLETTER



¡Lo pasamos bomba en Barcelona!

The first of two Year 8 trips to Barcelona, Spain took place last week with 40 students visiting the city for 5 days of culture and sunshine. Students enjoyed a guided tour of the famous Catalan cathedral La Sagrada Família, designed by Antoni Gaudí, and walked up La Rambla to La Boqueria market, where they used their Spanish language skills. They also loved their visit to a waterpark, followed by a salsa class back at the campsite!

The trip leaders were so impressed with the amount of Spanish students were speaking, especially during “el reto”, a treasure hunt challenge around the local town of Vilanova. They also enjoyed very interesting trips to the Science Museum and Planetarium. Overall, the trip was a great opportunity for students to explore a new city and hone their Spanish speaking skills. ¡Qué fenomenal!

Girls' Cricket

On Monday 3rd June, our Under 15 Girls' Cricket Team enjoyed a superb day at Tynemouth Cricket Club, competing in a softball cricket event with several other schools. The St Mary's students gave an excellent account of themselves, winning two of their four games and playing some fantastic cricket along the way. Well done to all the students involved.

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well and welcome to our latest St Mary's Newsletter.

A huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have done brilliantly throughout a very busy exam season. I am sure they will have a wonderful time at their upcoming Year 11 and Year 13 Proms!

Furthermore, a huge well done to all other year groups for continuing to work hard in lessons and contributing so much to the wider St Mary's school community. We look forward to a very busy but enjoyable last 4 weeks of term!

Very best wishes,
Miss Patterson, Headteacher.



Ryder Architecture

Recently, representatives from the architecture firm, Ryder Architecture came into the Sixth Form to speak to our students about working in the modern world. The working professionals discussed the field of architecture with the students, as well as how to act professionally whilst in the work place.



Newcastle University Campus Visit

In June, some of our Year 12 students were able to visit the campus of Newcastle University. The students were able to get a taste of university life, look around the campus and see the different university facilities, speak to students about their experiences at the university and listen to why they may wish to study at Newcastle University. The students were also able to visit the statue of Martin Luther King on the campus.



Skating Success

Congratulations to Alessia Rea in Year 9 who competed in Dundee International Ice Skating competition recently, achieving first place in the National Level 4 category.

This is an absolutely amazing achievement for Alessia who practises many times per week as a solo figure-skater at Whitley Bay Ice Rink. Good Luck for your next competition Alessia!



Medicine and Dentistry Workshop



With several of our students in Year 12 considering applying to study medicine or dentistry next year at university, Newcastle University came into the Sixth Form to run a workshop looking at the application process from personal statements to interviews and admissions tests.

Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Expedition

Over the past week, 40 Year 12 students have been completing their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Expedition. The students managed to complete the expedition and have some fun along the way despite the constant rain showers over the week. After 4 days of hiking and camping, the students were glad to have some rest and a comfy bed!



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Underdog: The Other Other Bronte

Last week, GCSE and A Level Drama students visited Northern Stage in Newcastle to attend a performance of Underdog, a play about English Literature's most famous sisters, the Brontë's.

The following day, Underdog actor Nick Blakeley delivered a workshop in school exploring the themes of the play and how production elements were used to tell the story of the Brontë sisters. The atmosphere in the workshop was brilliant. Year 10 and 12 students worked incredibly well together and impressed Nick with their engagement and passion for drama!

Upcoming dates and events ...

Friday 21st June: Year 11 Leavers' celebrations and Prom

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

Tuesday 25th June: Year 6 Intake Evening (for parents)

Thursday 27th June: Year 13 Prom

Tuesday 9th July: Summer Music Concert

Friday 19th July: Last day of summer term

Why Sheffield?

We were delighted to recently welcome the University of Sheffield into school to speak to our Year 12 students about why they may wish to apply to study at this university.

