Parent Newsletter
St Mary Magdalene Secondary

Autumn 1
Theme: Aspiration
Value: Growth and Wisdom

Colossians 1:9:10
We pray that you will also have great wisdom and understanding in spiritual things so tha tyou will live the kind of life that honours and pleases the Lord in evey way

Memory Verse

Co-Principals' Message

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach to the end of Autumn term 1, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a very busy and successful term. Firstly, the students have remained focused on their learning in the classroom whilst also taking full advantage of the co-curricular activities that are available to them.

Both staff and students continue to work hard in lessons which has enabled the students to make good progress across all subjects. This is particularly crucial for our Year 11s and Year 13s who will be preparing to write their first set of mock examinations which will commence on Monday 16th November. Last Wednesday (14th October), we invited Year 11 parents/carers into school to share information on how they can best support their child at home during this vital time of their educational journey. We hope that parents/carers found this information useful and that you are able to use it to provide meaningful support to your child to enable them to revise effectively.

The school continues to place strong emphasis on students' personal development by providing them with a wide range of activities and opportunities outside of the classroom. Staff across all subjects consistently run lunch and afterschool clubs (academic and non-academic) which are very well attended by students in all year groups. The mixture of clubs enables students to develop both academically and physically and enables them to give back to the school community. We urge you to encourage your child to sign up to as many clubs as possible because of the enormous benefits they offer.

In addition, the school has already run multiple of educational visits this term which have significantly enriched our students' personal development by exposing them to new knowledge and experiences. For instance, a group of our Year 9 and Year 10 students went to Lille in France a towards the end of September. The students were exposed to the French culture and language and several other experiences which they will remember in years to come. We also had trips to the Imperial War Museum, the Greenwich Islamic Centre and two groups of students attended two NFL matches at Wembley.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents/carers for your continued support. Your child's success depends heavily on both home and school working closely together to ensure best outcomes for them.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Riley & Mr. Benn
Co-Principals

Key Dates for Year Groups

Year 7:
Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening : Wednesday 16th June 2026 (3:25pm-5:55pm)

Year 8:
Year 8 Parents/Carers Evening : Wednesday 28th April 2027 (3:25pm-5:55pm)

Year 9:
Year 9 Options Evening: Wednesday 3rd February 2027 (4pm-5:30pm)
Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening : Wednesday 24th February 2027 (3:25pm-5:55pm)

Year 10:
Year 10 Parents/Carers Evening: Wednesday 19th May 2026 (3:25pm-5:55pm)

Year 11:
Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening: Wednesday 2nd December 2026 (3:25pm-5:55pm)
Year 11 Parents - Parental Support Evening: Thursday 22nd April 2027 (4:30pm-5:30pm)

Year 12:
Year 12 Parents/Carers Evening: Wednesday 16th December 2026 (3:25pm-5:55pm)

Year 13:
Year 13 Parents/Carers Evening: Wednesday 16th December 2026 (3:25pm-5:55pm)
Year 13: Parents - Parental Support Evening: Thursday 22nd April 2027 (4:30pm-5:30pm)

Please note that the dates listed are subject to change

2026/2027 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

STAFF TRAINING DAY	Tuesday 1st September 2026
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
School re-opens	**Thursday 3rd September 2026**
School Finishes	Thursday 22nd October 2026
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 23rd October 2026
Half term	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 2nd November 2026
School re-opens	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
School finishes	Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December 2025 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

School re-opens	Monday 4th January 2027
School finishes	Friday 12th February 2027
Half term	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
School re-opens	Monday 22nd February 2027
School finishes	Thursday 25th March 2027
Easter Holidays	Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

School re-opens	Monday 12th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
School finishes	Friday 28th May 2027
Half term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027
School re-opens	Monday 7th June 2027
School finishes	Tuesday 20th July 2027
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Wednesday 21st July 2027
Summer Holidays	Thursday 22nd July 2027 – Friday 1st September 2027

Year 11 History Trip

The Year 11 had a trip to the Imperial War Museum. They learnt about World War 2 and the Holocaust.





Laver Cup Rewards Trip

As a reward for their outstanding commitment and achievements in sport, a group of our successful sport students were given the opportunity to attend the 2026 Laver Cup Practice Day at The O2. Students had the chance to watch some of the world's top tennis players up close during their practice sessions, while also experiencing the incredible atmosphere, entertainment and excitement surrounding the event. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see elite sport at the highest level and celebrate their own successes and dedication to sport at our school. A brilliant day was had by all!













Year 7 Football - SMM vs St Paul's Academy

The newly formed Y7 Boys' Football team played their first fixture for St Mary Magdalene against St Paul's Academy. The boys worked tremendously hard, winning the game 7-5.

The team will now face Bobby More Academy in their next game.

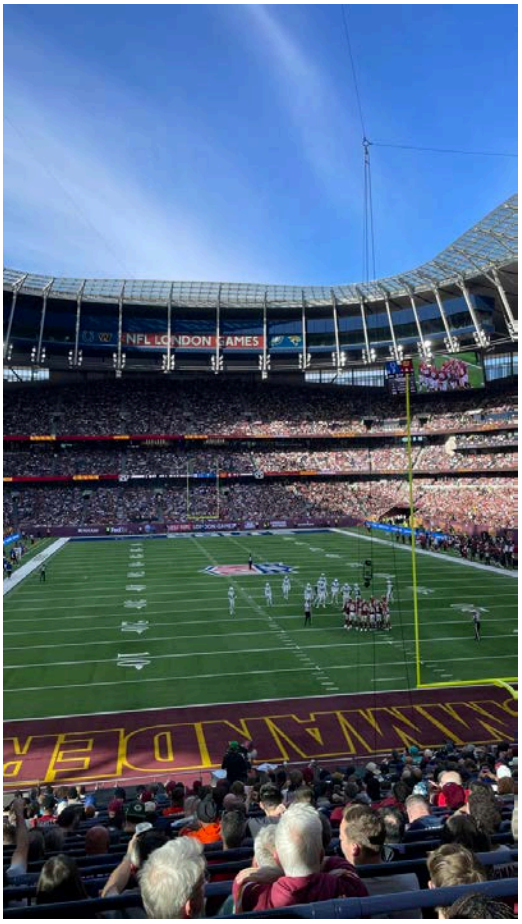




NFL Live - Washington Commanders Vs Indianapolis Colts - Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

On Sunday 4th October, some of our Flag Football players were invited to attend the Live NFL Game between the Commanders and the Colts. Pupils were invited by the NFL following their commitment to Flag Football at school; another great experience for our hard-working and dedicated sports people! Pupils were excellent throughout the whole day and proudly represented the school.





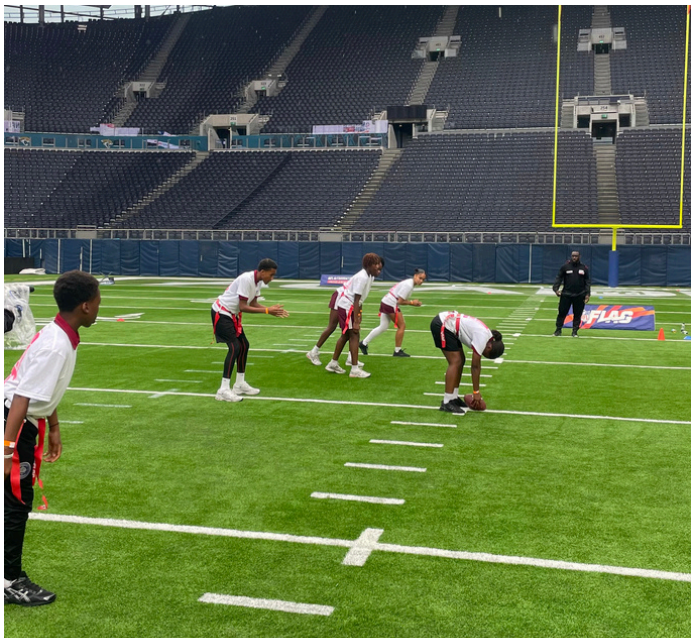


NFL Community Day- Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

Members of the Flag Football team were invited to attend the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for the NFL Community Day. Pupils were given a stadium tour, participated in a Flag Football Clinic and met former NFL player Efe Obada. Pupils again were excellent throughout the whole day and proudly represented the school.









Girls' Sports Lunch Club



The girls have been doing really well during Girls' Lunch Club whilst learning how to play Badminton! It has been lovely to see them building friendships, supporting one another and enjoying their time together. The club gives the girls a chance to relax, socialise, explore different sports and grow in confidence in a friendly and welcoming environment.



Year 9 Football

The year 9s continued their preparations for their upcoming cup games with a convincing 4-1 win against John Roan School. Goals from Vinh, Imann (two) and Joshua Egbe ensured the victory. The Year 9s will be facing John Roan School again in the 1st round of the Blackheath Cup.











Year 11 Football

The Year 11 football team faced a tough challenge in their recent match, unfortunately coming away with a 5–0 defeat. Despite the result, the team showed great determination, worked hard throughout the game, and fought well together as a unit. Although it wasn't our day, the players should be proud of their effort, teamwork and resilience, taking these positives forward into their next fixture.













In addition, our Year 11 Basketball players will be representing the school against Plumstead Manor hoping to get a win. The boys have been training really hard in preparation for the fixture.

Basketball club is on Mondays after school for Y10/Y11 for anyone who wishes to join.

Year 11 Basketball

The Year 11 Basketball team represented the school brilliantly in a very competitive match. They won the match by 10 points, 26 - 16. Well done to them.













SPORTS CLUBS AT OUR SCHOOL

GET ACTIVE • MAKE FRIENDS • BE YOUR BEST!

TEAMWORK
RESPECT
FITNESS
FUN

MONDAY



KS4 Girls Gym Session
with Mrs Wainwright
School Gym
Lunch Time



Y8 Boys Football
with Mr Mudge
4G
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Y10/11 Basketball
with Mr Ashong
Sports Hall
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Y7/8 Netball
with Miss Woolsey
Hard Court
3:30pm – 4:30pm

TUESDAY



Y11 Basketball Team Gym Session
with Mr Ashong
School Gym
Lunch Time



Indoor Sports Club
with Mr Mudge
Sports Hall
Lunch Time



Y11 Boys Football
with Mr Ashong
4G
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Y9/10 Netball
with Miss Woolsey
Hard Court
3:30pm – 4:30pm



6th Form Basketball Academy
Sports Hall
3:30pm – 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY



Girls Sport
with Miss C Hinds
Sports Hall
Lunch Time



6th Form Basketball Academy
Sports Hall
3:30pm – 5:00pm

THURSDAY



Y9/10 Futsal
with Mr Walsh
Sports Hall
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Girls Football
with Miss C Hinds
4G
3:30pm – 4:30pm

FRIDAY



Lunch Sport
with Mr Walsh
Sports Hall



Y7 Boys Football
with Mr Lawrence
4G
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Cheerleading Club
with London Allstarz
Sports Hall
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Flag Football
with BIGKID
Hard Court
3:30pm – 4:30pm

BE ACTIVE | BE PART OF A TEAM | HAVE FUN

Autumn Term Co-Curriculum *(Non Sports)*

EXPLORE • LEARN • BELONG

	CLUB	STAFF	MEET WHERE?	WHAT TIME?
Mon	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Reading Club	Ms Abebrese	Dance Studio	Lunch
	Junior Choir 7-8	Ms Glaser	CH10	Lunch
	Euler Club	Ms Zhang & Ms Liagki	LE13	Lunch
	Get the Grade (Maths Club) Yr 11	Ms Crutcher	LE8	After-school
	Alpha Club	Ms Wilcox & Mr Kamara	CS3	After-school
Tues	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	6th Form Social Club	Ms Da Costa	CS7	Lunch
	Science Club	Ms Akeju	RD4	Lunch
	Yr 11 High Flyers	Ms K Hinds	RD9	Lunch
	Keyboard & Ukelele Club Music Rehearsals	Mr Freeburn	CH10	Lunch
	DT Club	Mr McPeak	RD9	Lunch
	KS3 Drama Club	Ms Reading	Drama Studio	Lunch
	Gospel Choir	Mr Watson	Main Hall	After-school
	French Homework Club	Ms Hamdi	CS17	After-school
Weds	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Yr 11 Art Intervention	Ms Anderson	CH5	Lunch
	Keyboard & Ukelele Club Music Rehearsals	Mr Freeburn	CH10	Lunch
	New Views Playwrighting Club	Ms Reading & Ms Williams	LE1	Lunch
	Descartes Club	Ms Nwolie	LE10	Lunch
	Citizenship Action Group	Ms Okorie	CS6	Lunch
	KS4 Drama Club	Ms Reading	Drama Studio	Lunch
	6th Form PMQ	Ms Leach	CS9	Lunch
	Robotics & Coding Club KS4	Mr Jinadu	LE4	Lunch
Thurs	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Attenborough Club	Science Team	RD1	Lunch
	History Intervention	Ms Pepper	RD9	Lunch
	Keyboard & Ukelele Club Music Rehearsals	Mr Freeburn	CH10	Lunch
	Drawing Workshop	Mr Ashwell	CH6	Lunch
	Science Club	Mr Spyrou	RD6	After-school
	Drumming Workshop	Kinetika	Dance Studio	After-school
Fri	Main Hall Social Club	Prefect Team	Main Hall	Lunch
	Homework Club	Mr Osman	LE5	Lunch
	Pascal Club	Ms Osemwengie	LE8	Lunch
	Dance Club	Ms Abebrese	Dance Studio	Lunch
	Show Choir	Ms Leach	CH10	Lunch
	History Film Club	Ms Pepper	CS9	Lunch

More than just lessons

Message from the Chaplain
Re: Dominic Hubbuck

I think our world needs a bit more curiosity and a lot more understanding. Let me explain.

When something happens, we jump to conclusions, make assumptions and begin judging.
Social Media shows us things and says: judge this, be angry, shout, be disgusted.
Maybe before we do all those things, we should be curious about what has happened, to whom and why, and what would Jesus do.
If we understand more, then maybe we can show love more, and show understanding.

Imagine if we understood the fear someone was in before judging them as harshly for their words and actions.
Think what the world would be like if we understood the experiences someone has been through before telling them change, be quiet, speak up, stay quiet or speak up for themselves.
And consider how much more we would marvel at the world around us if only we were curious about how things work and the way things are:
How a whole flower can be held in a bud before it opens.
How two tiny cells can create a new creature.
How the world changes in Autumn to prepare for Winter and Spring.
Or How language can form song and poetry and story and so much more.

God our Heavenly Father,
How amazing is your creation.
Forgive us when we are not observant,
inspire us to stop and take in all that makes the world a beautiful place.
Help us to be curious, forgive us when we are quick to judge.
Bless us with your wisdom that we might understand more.
May God's Holy name be praised.
Amen

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