



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

Co-Principals' Message

Friday 11th July 2025

SUMMER 2 -

Theme: Joy

Federation Value - Resilience

SMSC: Faith

John 10:10 I have come that you might live
in all its abundance.

Memory Verse

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the final week of term, it is worth reflecting on not just only Summer term 2, but the year as a whole and how quickly it has flown by. We have certainly witnessed how much can be achieved in a school year through hard work, dedication and relentless commitment as a collective. The staff have worked tirelessly to provide a wide, exciting and rich range of learning opportunities for our students, both inside and outside of the classroom. The students in return have relished these opportunities, which has enabled them to develop personally and academically. This is evident in their academic performance, their relationships with staff and peers, the way they conduct themselves both inside and outside of school and the love they demonstrate for school.

It is impossible to mention all of the highlights and achievements of the year, but we would like to point out some of them. We are extremely proud of the way the Year 11s and Year 13s approach their GCSEs and A Level exams. There was a real sense of focus, maturity and family spirit throughout the exam period which enabled the process to run smoothly during a highly pressured and nervous time for our students.

The Year 11 Leavers' Week was very special as it provided the opportunity for the students to celebrate the last five years together with a number of memorable and exciting events. Firstly, they attended the Southend Trip which was followed by the Leavers' Assembly and the Prom which was held in Eltham. The students had a fantastic time and their behaviour was exemplary during these events which was credit to them and their parents/carers.

The Year 13s also had the opportunity to say goodbye to their peers and teachers during their Leavers' Assembly and Barbeque which took place on Friday 4th July. It was a lovely occasion which brought the students and staff together to say farewell and to wish them all the best for their exciting futures ahead.

The Summer term has been particularly busy with a number of important events such as Sports' Day, Year 6 Transition where we welcomed the newest set of students and parents to the Koiononia Family. There were also multiple exciting school trips, Year 10 and 12 Work Experience, Parents' Evenings and the intense preparation and rehearsals for our Matilda Production which will take place on Monday 14th July. We do encourage parents to join us for the Matilda Production by registering with the link that was emailed earlier in the week.

These events have only been made possible due to the enormous amount of hard work, planning and coordinating by staff to ensure our students have the best experiences possible. They also of course, require parental support and buy-in and we are deeply grateful to all parents and carers for your continued support. We also want to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the importance of working in close partnership with the school to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

As the summer holiday approaches, we would like to remind you of some of important dates. A Level results will be on Thursday 14th August, whilst GCSE results will be on Thursday 21st August. More information will be shared with parents/carers in due course.

Finally, we do hope you have a restful and peaceful summer holiday when it arrives on Friday 18th July. It will be a time for staff, students and parents/carers to recharge their batteries ahead of the new academic year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, parents, the Executive Headteachers and the Governors for their support during our first year as Co-Principals.

School reopens on Wednesday 3rd September for Year 7s and Year 12s and Thursday 4th September for all other year groups.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Benn & Mr. Riley
Co-Principals



Key Dates for Year Groups

Friday 18th July 2025 - Early School Closure 1:30pm

Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET DAY

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 - INSET DAY

Year 7:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Return to school/Individual/Tutor Group Photos

Wednesday 1st October 2025 - Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event

Wednesday 10th June 2026 - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 8:

Thursday 4th September 2025 - Return to school

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 9:

Thursday 4th September 2025 - Return to school

Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Year 9 Options and Parents Evening

Year 10:

Thursday 4th September 2025 - Return to school

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 - Year 10 Individual Photos

Wednesday 20th May 2026 - Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 11:

Thursday 4th September 2025 - Return to school

Tuesday 16th September 2025 - Woolwich Works Trip

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 12:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Return to school/Individual Photos

Wednesday 7th January 2026 - Year 12 UCAS Event (5-6pm)

Wednesday 18th March 2026 - Year 12 Parents' Evening

Year 13:

Thursday 4th September 2025 - Return to school

Wednesday 14th January 2026 - Year 13 Parents' Evening



Uniform

Uniform plays a crucial role in providing the students with a strong sense of identity, belonging and respect for our school community. It reinforces who we are as a community and allows students to feel proud of their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for the workplace. We expect all students to be in full and correct school uniform in line with our policy.

- Full school uniform must be worn at all time, including a blazer, tie, black/gray socks, black shoes and lanyards.
- Students without the correct uniform including; black shoes or blazers, will be required to borrow school uniform from student welfare or will be sent home to collect the correct uniform.
- No hoodies tracksuit tops, trainers, or footwear such as; Uggs or Crocs are allowed to be worn in the building.
- One pair of stud earrings may be worn, no more than one per ear.
- No false eye lashes or acrylic nails to be worn
- Kits should be knee length
- No lip-gloss or other form of makeup should be worn. These will be confiscated if seen.

Issues Consequence 1 and then Consequence 2

No blazer and/ or shoes or tie Y9-11: Uniform letter sent home C3 (with HoY following day)

Wearing banned clothing items Y17-12: Given HoY Item will be confiscated and returned in school at the end of the week

The uniform policy is on the school's website for further reference.

Please check the following on your child's uniform and replace what's needed:

- Broken or misplaced shoes
- Damaged or too small shirts and trousers
- Damaged or broken trousers
- Enough trousers and shirts for five-day week
- Enough black or dark grey socks for five-day week

SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION NOTICE

In line with the school's child protection policy and procedures, should you have any concerns about a child's safety and protection, please immediately refer these worries to one of the following members of staff.

Safeguarding concerns should be raised by anyone who comes into contact with a child either outside or inside school.

Please note: the Safeguarding policy is available on our school website, or for a printed copy please ask at the school office.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



ST. MARY MAGDALENE
C OF E SCHOOL
SECONDARY PHASE
*Excellence through innovation,
founded in faith since 1840.*



Mr Benson
Designated Safeguarding
Lead
Director- Inclusion



Mrs Wainwright
Executive Co-Headteacher
Federation Safeguarding lead



Mr Benn
Co-Principal



Mr Riley
Co-Principal



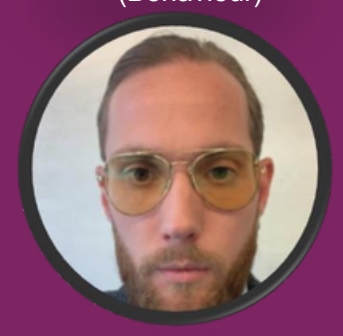
Mrs Van Der Maas
Home School Link Worker
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Golding
Assistant Principal
(Behaviour)



Ms Brady
Vice principal
(Teaching & Learning)



Mr Marshall
Director of Sixth Form



Mr A Hussain
Director of KS3
Behaviour & Culture



Mr Lawrence
Director of KS4
Behaviour & Culture



2025/2026 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY	Monday 1st September 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
School re-opens	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
School finishes	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
INSET DAY	Friday 24th October 2025
Half term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
School re-opens	Monday 3 rd November 2025
School finishes	Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

School re-opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
School finishes	Friday 13 th February 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2025
School re-opens	Monday 23 rd February 2026
School finishes	Friday 27 th March 2026
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

School re-opens	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
School finishes	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Half term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026
School re-opens	Monday 1 st June 2026
School finishes	Friday 17 th July 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 20th July 2026
Summer Holidays	Tuesday 21 st July 2026 - Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
*1 INSET DAY TBC	

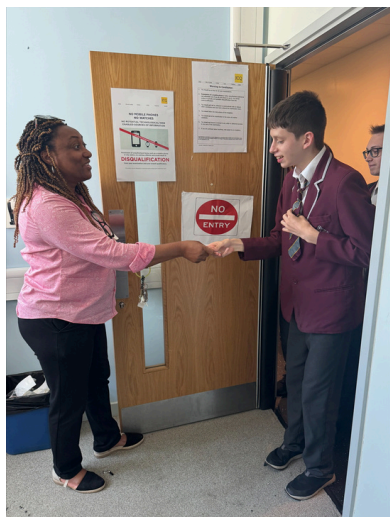
Year 11 SEND Leavers' Celebration

To mark the end of exams and the end of an important chapter, the SEND department held a small celebration for our Year 11 students. It was a lovely way to recognise all their hard work and to let them know just how proud we are of everything they've achieved.

The students enjoyed some treats and time to relax with staff and friends. It was a simple but meaningful way to say goodbye and celebrate how far they've come – not just academically, but personally too.

Many of our Year 11s have overcome challenges and shown real determination over the years. Watching them grow into confident young people has been a privilege, and it was clear how much this moment meant to them.

We'll miss them all, but we're excited to see what's next for each of them – whether that's college, an apprenticeship, or something new. They leave with all our best wishes and a lot of pride from the whole SEND team.



Our Students Featured on ITV News - Tackling the Topic of Healthy Relationships

On 25th June, St Mary Magdalene C of E School was proudly featured on ITV News as part of a special report highlighting the vital work of Tender, a charity that educates young people on how to recognise and respond to controlling behaviours in relationships. The news segment showcased a recent PSHE session delivered at our school, focusing on promoting healthy, respectful relationships.

The featured session involved a mixed group of 21 Year 10 students, who took part in discussions and activities exploring the signs of unhealthy relationships and how to respond safely and supportively.

We are incredibly proud of the students who took part. Their thoughtful contributions and the mature, respectful way in which they represented the school were a true reflection of our core Christian values of Family, Faith, and Fellowship.

This important work is just one example of how St Mary Magdalene C of E School continues to address the crucial issues that affect the lives of young people. As a school community, we are committed to being part of the solution—ensuring our students are equipped not only with knowledge, but with the confidence and compassion to make a positive change in the world around them.

Please follow the link below to watch the full news story: <https://www.itv.com/watch/news/schools-teaching-the-next-generation-to-respect-women-in-a-world-toxic-masculinity-and-social-media/33zc7tv>



Schools teaching the next generation to respect women in a world toxic masculinity and social media - Latest From ITV News

Schools teaching the next generation to respect women in a world toxic ...

www.itv.com



Sports Day



Year 11 Leavers' Assembly



**Well done Year
11!**

Your paragraph text

Royal Borough of Greenwich GCSE Advice

GCSE Results Day: Need Advice?

Didn't get the results you expected for your Post 16 offer? Haven't applied for Post 16 yet and need some guidance?

Our Careers Practitioners are here to help! Drop in for free, impartial advice and guidance.

When:

- **Thursday 21st August: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
- **Friday 22nd August: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Where:

- **The Woolwich Centre Library, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ**

No appointment needed – just turn up! We're ready to help you explore your options and plan your next steps.

For further information please email

help-me-with-my-future@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



Reminder: No Chewing Gum or Sweets at School

Dear Parents,

We would like to kindly remind all families that chewing gum and sweets are not permitted in school. While we understand that these items may be a treat for students, they can lead to distractions, littering, and issues with students' health and well-being.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a focused and clean learning environment for all students. Please ensure that your child comes to school without gum or sweets, and help us encourage healthy habits throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support!



Message from the Chaplain
Re: Dominic Hubbuck

This year, the school will not get to mark the Feast of St Mary Magdalene as our students and staff will have reached their well-earned break for summer.

Mary of Magdala was a loyal follower of Jesus. She recognised him as God's Son and was the first to proclaim the Good News of Christ's resurrection. Church history tells us that she was a supporter of the disciples and stayed with the believers in fellowship with them for the rest of her life.

As the end of term comes, some of our students will already have said goodbye. They will have persisted in their revision, diligently sat their tests and assessments and be patiently waiting for the results of their hard work. Our Year 6s will be looking to Secondary School. Our Year 11s to their Further education, our Year 13s their Higher Education, Apprenticeships and early careers. Some of our staff will be moving on to exciting life adventures and during the summer our buildings will be lovingly maintained and improved by our amazing premises team and IT department.

As a School Fellowship we encourage all these people to stay part of our Federation Family. In Faith we wish them well, we pray for them, and we rejoice in what God has in store for them.

Those that are remaining – to join new classes, to continue in their studies or duties – are mindful too that God has a plan for each of us. The Bible reassures us that these plans are for our benefit.

As you enjoy your summer – whether that is at home or away, whether at work or at play – remember that the God of the Universe knows and loves you for who you are and that regardless of what you might or might not achieve, you are valued by Him who sent his son to show us the way to live and die for all our failings.

He asks us to stay in relationship with him, as Mary Magdalene did. He asks us to love him, as she did. And he asks us to share the joy of God's good news, as Mary did.

May the God that has brought us this far, continue to lead us on wherever we go.
May his spirit be an ever-present comfort and guide.
May the son of God ever remind us of how much he loves us.
And May we feel the Father's Joy as we live our lives abundantly.
And May the peace of God that passes all our understanding,
Keep you in the Love of God and the Joy of his blessing.
+Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

