



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to all our students in years 8, 9 and 10 and a very warm welcome to our new year 7 students. The first week back was very busy, but I am happy to say that all four year groups have settled into the new academic year extremely well. All future newsletters will be sent to you via email; however, we have been experiencing difficulties with our School Gateway system and as a result we are currently unable to communicate with you via email or text message.

School Gateway

As mentioned above, we have been having problems (beyond our control) with the system we use for dinner money and text/email services. This is an issue that we are aware of and are trying to rectify. Until the problem is corrected, you will not be able to access the school gateway app and the school will not be able to communicate with you via text or email (group emails). Your child will need to either bring money to top up their account in school at the biometric machine or bring a packed lunch. Once fixed, you will hopefully only need to re-activate your account. However, there is a possibility that you may need to make new account. If we need to make contact regarding your child, we will call you. I can only apologise for this and hope for the system to be fully functioning by the end of the week. Please look out for more information to follow.

Sports clubs

Please see below our PE clubs timetable. All information regarding our full enrichment clubs will be shared later this week.

Monday– Y8 Boys Football (*4G Pitch*)

Y10 Selected Athletics (*Sports Hall/Track/MUGA*)

Tuesday– Y9 Boys Football (*4G Pitch*)

Wednesday– Y10 Boys Football (*4G Pitch*)

Thursday– Y9/10 Girls Football (*4G Pitch*)

All Years Girls Basketball (*Sports Hall*)

Friday– Y7 Boys Football (*4G Pitch*)

Y9/10 Boys Basketball (*Sports Hall*) All years Girls Netball (*MUGA*)

Reading

All students are required to have a reading book: at least one of their English lessons per week will have a reading focus. Please encourage your child to visit our wonderful school library which is open before and after school as well as at break and lunchtimes, for quiet reading, study, and book borrowing.

Mobile phones

If your child's phone is seen at any point within the school building it will be confiscated by a member of staff. Phones must remain within bags or in blazers; they are students' responsibility to keep safe. If any phone is confiscated, it will not be returned until the Friday of that week.

Mr R Hussain
Principal

Our Memory Verse

“Let us run with
perseverance the race
that is set before us.”
Hebrews 12:1

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th September-
Year 7 Project trip

Wednesday 11th September-
Year 8 HPV immunisations

Thursday 12th September-
Year 8 Project trip

Thursday 19th September
Year 7 Parents' Presentation &
Tours 4pm-5.30pm

Friday 20th September-
Year 7 & Year 10 Photos

Tuesday 8th October-
Meet the Tutor (ALL YEARS)
3.30pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 4th December-
Year 9 Presentation and
Options Evening
5pm-7pm