



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last day of half term - I hope you have a nice week planned with your children. Thank you to all of you who attended the year 7 parents' evening yesterday; it was great to see such a high attendance. Please note, that for those of you who were not able to attend, you can call the school office to speak to any particular subject leader, but will not be able to make a set of bookings to meet all the teachers.

Year 7 France:

You should have received an email with the final letter for the France trip. This will have given you all the information you need for the trip. If you have not received this letter, this can also be found on the school website under **Parent letters**. There will also be an assembly for the students attending.

Library books:

All students must return or renew their borrowed library books as soon as possible. For those students who are yet to access the library, I urge you to do so as soon as possible. We have invested a large amount of money to develop our library, which now boasts a vast range of books.

Sports results:

Y10 Football: SMM 5-3 Brampton Manor

Y10 Girls Football: St Pauls 4-1 SMM

Dance class:

On Friday 7th February, Year 9 and 10 took part in a dance workshop provided by Springs Christian Dance Company. Springs is a vibrant contemporary dance organisation who delivered a creative and engaging dance workshop based on the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' from the Bible. 60 year 9 and 10 students took part in the hour long session where they explored the story through movement. The workshop was well received by students who used their moves to depict parts of the story, creating cross-curricular links between Religious Studies, Drama and P.E. A number of students received R3s for their participation. Well done to Year 9s: Anjolie, Damani Reuben, Caitlynn, Lawrence and Akil and Year 10s: Josh, Micaiah, CJ, David, Moriah, Latesha and SJ.

Social Media:

At present our students live in a world that is heavily influenced by digital devices and online platforms. Whilst many of our students may seem comfortable with technology and the internet, they may not always be well prepared to spot the risks and pitfalls of the internet—especially when it comes to social media. As a school we address these in our PSHE curriculum during family time. However, due to issues arising surrounding young people and social media; we would like to kindly ask parents to be proactive in the monitoring of your child's use of social media. We would also encourage students not to be a part of group chats which involve more than two people or add people to their accounts/follow people who they have never met before. It's best to be open and communicate regularly about this, having conversations about how to avoid strangers, how to prevent revealing too much about themselves and communicating positively with their peers. We would advise a daily check in of all social medial applications such as WhatsApp, Snap Chat and Instagram. Please also be mindful of any deleted/archives chats/feeds.

If there are any issues that arise from social media, please encourage your child to discuss this with their family group leader or head of year. Please also be aware that we may not investigate but may pass this on to the police. This may result in the phone being confiscated until the police can come and collect the phone.

Our Memory Verse

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th February-

Last day of term

Friday 28th February-

Year 7 France Trip (day trip)

Thursday 5th March-

Year 9 DTP immunisations

DofE Parents meeting

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th March-

Year 9 Belgium trip

Monday 9th March-

Sports Relief Week

Year 10 History trip to the National Maritime Museum

Thursday 12th March-

Year 10 History trip to the National Maritime Museum

Thursday 26th March-

Year 8 Parents evening

Message from the Chaplain Rev. Dom Hubbuck:

Telling Stories – Making sense of the world:

This week I have had the opportunity to share stories with many of the children and young people around the federation. Stories from the Bible, story books, traditional stories and also stories from my own life. Stories help us make sense of the world around us. Sometimes we tell them to other people and at other times we tell ourselves stories to help things make sense. Why not practice telling yourself a new story: That God loves you and wants the best for you. This is the story that helps the world feel warmer and kinder and it is the story that will help you see God at work in your life.

As mentioned above, we break for half term today. I wish all our families a wonderful week at home and hope you all get to spend plenty of quality time together. I look forward to seeing all of our students on the first day back on Monday 24th February.

Mr R Hussain
Principal