



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parents/carers

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the start of summer term.

Along with the newsletter, please see attached:

- Parent & Student survey results letter** from Mrs Pett
- Year 11 GCSE information** from Mr Greenwood (sent last Friday)
- Cray wanderers Multi-sport sessions** at SMM flyer

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze award

Well done to students who completed their DofE Bronze award over the weekend. Thank you to Miss Woolsey for organising and to Mr Mercer, Mr Kirkham and Mr Brown, who volunteered their time to help out.

The SHARP System

You will be pleased to hear that we have added another layer of support for our students through the use of a new "self-referral system". SHARP "Student Help Advice Reporting Page" allows students in our school to report incidents which occur within school and the

local community which involve our students anonymously and without fear. Aside from the reporting system SHARP has links to educational content in line with our PSHE curriculum. It raises awareness on a wide range of subjects such as Health, Weapons, Hate Crime, Gangs, Drugs, Mental Health and Bullying through the links pages.

The reports are sent straight to our Safeguarding team and will be passed on and investigated by the appropriate member of staff.

Year 9 Dtp/Men Acwy session Friday 13 May

Nurses will be in the school on Friday 13th May for the DTP/Men Acwy immunisations. If you have completed the form and given consent, your child will receive it this day. If you have not yet completed the consent form please follow the link <https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/imms/ox30/100171>. If you do not consent it is important that you still complete the form and answer no.

Cost of the School Day Survey

We are currently working with St Mary Magdalene to support the school to 'poverty proof' the school day. This means helping the whole-school community to work together to identify cost barriers to learning and take actions to remove them.

We would like to invite you to complete a survey. Your answers to this survey will help us to understand whether school costs are causing problems for families and children and whether there is anything that we can do to help out. You can access the survey through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CoSDSecondaryFC>

All responses are anonymous and it is optional for you to provide your name and contact details. We will only use these if you have given us consent in the survey to follow-up with you at a later date to understand what's changed in your school or to conduct an interview with you about your current thoughts on school costs. We will be looking at the data collectively, rather than at individual responses.

Message and Prayer from the Chaplain

At this time, so many of us are being tested. Our Year 6 students are sitting SATS, our Year 11s are preparing for their GCSEs, and many of us are feeling tested by the changes in food prices and fuel costs. All of this after feeling tested by the last 2 years. Challenging times indeed

It is important that we remember our faith and the strength that comes from God. The Prophets were tested and remained faithful, Jesus was tested, Mary (the mother of Jesus) and Mary Magdalene were all tested. All drew strength from God and faced each new day as it came.

**Lord God, our strength and our salvation,
Sustain us when we are low or feeling fragile.**

Lift us when we are sinking,

Save us when we feel lost.

Give us hope to face each trial and test,

Remind us of your presence.

Amen

We may use quotes anonymously to help the school and others understand where difficulties lie. If you have any questions please contact Fabienne fcrocket@cpag.org.uk. Please complete the survey by **Friday 13th May**.

Valuables in PE

Pupils are encouraged every lesson to hand their valuable items to their PE teacher to be locked away safely. Please encourage your child to hand their valuable items in to their PE teacher when they have PE. There have unfortunately been some cases where students have chosen not to hand their valuables in to their teacher which has resulted in some cases of theft/damage. It is not a guarantee that the changing rooms will be locked due to the split timetable, late students and other contributing factors. Pupils who do not hand their valuables in to their PE teacher at the start of the PE lesson do so at their own risk.

Year 10 Work Experience

As you are hopefully aware the Year 10s will be completing one week of work experience in the final week of summer term (18-22nd July 2022). Please note that all students must return a consent slip to school, as well as a completed 'own find' form with details of the placement that they have found. I must again reiterate that students must find these placements themselves otherwise the experience will not be truly representative of the world of work. All forms can be found on the careers page of the school website and hard copies may be printed for students by Family Group tutors.

Sixth Form Applications

All students who applied for entry to our sixth form in September 2022 should have received their offers by now. Please do ensure students have accepted their offer ASAP. Late applications are now open via our online application portal. If you have any queries regarding sixth form admissions please do not hesitate to contact the admissions team: sixthformadmissions@koinoniafederation.com

Performing Arts Update

Please see below upcoming rehearsals and events happening in the Performing Arts department.

1. **Hamilton Social:** On Thursday 12th May students that participated in Hamilton are invited to a social after school from 1530-1630 to celebrate the successes of our two performances earlier this year in February.
2. **Choir Rehearsals:** For those that want to be a part of the choir for a performance in Greenwich on Friday 27th May, there will be rehearsals in music afterschool on Friday 13th May and Friday 20th May from 1530-1630.
3. **Queen's Jubilee Dancers:** A reminder that those involved in the Queen's Jubilee parade have a rehearsal on Monday 16th May and Monday 23rd May. These will be afterschool from 1515-1630.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R. Hussain
Principal