



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parents/carers,

Summer is officially here and it seems only right to start with any advice on handling the heat over the next few weeks. On any day when we feel the heat is extreme, we will inform all students on the morning of that day that they do not need to wear their blazers. If your child has shorts trousers, then that will also be acceptable to wear over the coming weeks. Finally, it is important that all students remain hydrated during this time so we encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school. We now have branded SMM water bottles, which students can purchase on school gateway for £2.60. We encourage all students to buy these bottles and at the least bring their own bottles to school.



Message and Prayer from the Chaplain

A Satnav is an incredible thing. It allows us to plot our course and also reassure ourselves that although we may be stuck just now, the end of this obstacle is only just ahead.

As we look forward to the end of this school year and consider the route through next year, many might seek strength and reassurance from their faith. It offers them the resilience they need to sit with things that are not comfortable but hopefully soon passed and it assures them that someone above it all has a direction set out for us.

**Lord God, maker of the heavens and Earth,
When we feel lost, reassure us that you see us
and know us.**

**When we seek direction, give us strength to
search for faith and wisdom in the scriptures and
also in the brothers and sisters of faith around us.
Offer us a glimpse of your purpose for our lives
and bless us in that journey.**

Amen

End of year exams

As you will have seen from Mr Greenwood's letters sent in May, end of year exams are taking place from this Monday. More detail can be found in the letters on the school website: [Click here](#)

Parent equality survey

Please take a little time to complete the current school survey into equality; again, more detail can be found in the recent letter from Mr Greenwood: [Click here](#)

London Schools Athletics Results

After recent success representing SMM, six pupils attended the London Schools Athletics Championships, representing Greenwich.

Lloyd O (Y11), David P (Y11), Ephraim A (Y9), Michael O (Y9), Faith A (Y10) and Divine A (Y11). Below are some excellent results:

Michael Olukan – 2nd in High Jump!

Divine Akinlolu – 2nd in 100m – has been selected to represent London at the National Finals!

Faith Assah – 1st in 100m - has been selected to represent London at the National Finals!



L&Q Careers coaching programme – office visit

On Wednesday 8th June a group of Year 11s were able to visit the L&Q company offices on the peninsula to conclude their careers coaching programme. Here they were able to get a tour of the offices and complete mock interviews. The students gained valuable interview tips and really enjoyed being able to see some of the offices within a stone's throw from the school!



Year 10 Work experience

Work experience will take place in the final week of this term (18-22nd July). Thank you to all students who have already returned their consent slips and own find forms. If students need any help finding placements before the deadline of

Friday 8th July please come and speak to Miss Botha or Miss Machin in school.

Careers – school website update

The school website has recently been updated with comprehensive information for parents and students about options within education as well as different careers sectors. Please take a moment to have a look and see if there is any information that may be useful to support your child, and do get in touch if you have any further questions for the Careers Lead (Miss Botha).

Futureversity Summer Programme 2022

(see attached flyer)

Yours sincerely,

Mr R. Hussain
Principal