



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We have welcomed all of our students back this week and all have enjoyed a very settled start to the new term.

Behaviour update

Please see attached letter from Mr Golding Assistant Principal for behaviour.

Free school meals

Find out if you are entitled to FSM by clicking this link: [Apply for FSM](#)

Sparx Maths

Thank you to all those of you who have been supporting and encouraging your children to complete their Sparx homework. Thanks to the hard work of all involved, over 80% of pupils are completing 100% of the questions set each week, and we are able to support those who aren't. This regular revision will greatly support your children in remembering the mathematics they have been taught, and also encourage them to complete regular revision, both of which are important for their academic progress. Please contact reception and ask for Mr. Todd if you have any questions about Sparx Maths.

Year 11 Maths Revision

If you have a child in Year 11, please ask them about the revision booklet they have been given and regularly ask them to show you the revision they are doing for their mathematics. The revision booklet is there for them to log when they use their revision cards, complete past papers, or revise individual topics, and advice on how to do each of these is given in the booklet. Please contact reception and ask for Mr. Pigott if you have any questions about this.

Poster competition

Over the Christmas holiday, all students were invited to enter a competition, creating a poster on the theme 'What makes me a St Mary Magdalene student?'. There will be prizes for the best entries, including a top prize of £50. Entries were handed in on Friday 6 January and the winner will be announced the following week.

Autumn Reports

Autumn term reports will be sent to parents/carers electronically next week; we will be using a new system of sending reports home; more information will be provided next week.

Message from the Chaplain

We celebrate Epiphany soon, the time when the wise men or kings arrive to bring gifts to Jesus.

Let us pray that the gifts God has given us would be valued and used for the benefit of our families, school and communities.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:

**To you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
able to serve of our communities.
Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:

**To you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up before you
like Frankincense,
so may we be presented before you
with pure hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves to learn and grow
in faith.
Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:

**To you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our
sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may bless those we live and
work and study with.
Blessed be God for ever.**

Amen.

[Rev. Dominic Hubbuck](#)
School Chaplain

Christmas service and achievement celebration

On the final day of autumn term, we were delighted to award many students with R4 and R5s, along with certificates and prizes for a variety of reasons – including achieving high numbers of achievement points and modelling the values of a St Mary Magdalene student. All parents of children who received awards were sent a text message in December and we hope they have enjoyed these!

Online safety

As we start the New Year, I would like to offer a reminder of the importance of parents/guardians to support their children to be safe online. As a reminder, children under the age of 13 are not recommended to use social media and we as a school extend this to all students under the age of 18. However, we know that our students may use these apps and it is important that we support them in staying safe. Therefore, please look at the following information posters to read more how you can support your children be safe online and on social media apps.

SMM PE Tracksuit Top

The new SMM PE Tracksuit Top is now 'LIVE' and available to purchase via the below link within the school uniform shop. Pupils in ALL years can purchase the tracksuit top and wear this for their PE lessons. There is an option to add the initials of the child to the top at an additional cost. Tracksuits can be ordered to home or to school; when ordered to school there will be no delivery charge. Please see below an image of the PE Tracksuit Top taken from the school shop website.

https://khalsaschoolwear.co.uk/product/quarter-zip-mid-layer-for-all/?aw_school=31025



Sports Fixtures

Y9 Football vs Prendergast

Y9 played their Blackheath Cup fixture against Prendergast Ladywell.



Y10 Football vs Deptford Green

The Y10 Football Team narrowly lost out to Deptford Green in the Blackheath Cup. The players did very well considering they only had ten players and no recognised goalkeeper. Player of the Match was Hamilton.

6th Form Basketball vs John Roan

The 6th Form Basketball Team had their first ever fixture against John Roan in a very closely contested game! There were lots of school debuts on show and a great crowd turned out to watch.

MVP was Lanre Oladimeji.



Y7/8 Girls Football Tournament

The Y7/8 Girls Football Team competed in a tournament at Millwall FC.

Player of the Tournament was Rebecca Mbah.



Boxing Club

Pupils have been working very hard at Boxing Club. Every Tuesday pupils are taken to Royal Resistance Boxing Gym in Kidbrooke. This week they were fortunate enough to meet Dan Azeez (British Champion) and get some advice from his coaching team.



Year 10 & 11 Netball - SMM vs St Ursulas

Our first home games of the season were played this half term. Both SMM teams had fantastic performances. Our Year 10 team beat St Ursula 9-2, BIG congratulations to Ferrari who played extremely well and was given player of the match.

Similarly, our year 11 team put on a fantastic show beating St Ursula's 12-2. Elizabeth had an excellent performance and was awarded player of the match.

Well done both teams, keep it up!



Mr R. Hussain
Principal