



# Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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## Key dates for your calendar:

**Year 8 HPV1 catch up immunisations-** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
**Year 11 Easter revision sessions-** April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3 pm  
**Spring term reports sent out-** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
**INSET Days** (school will be closed to students) – Monday 17 April, Tuesday 27 June, Friday 21 July  
**Year 8 Parents' Evening-** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 3.10pm-6.10pm  
**Year 7 Parents' Evening-** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 3.10pm-6.10pm  
**Year 6 induction day** (school will be closed to students) – Wednesday 5 July

## Message from the Chaplain

As we consider the story that speaks new life and new hope into the lives of Christian sisters and brothers around the world – maybe we can use this as an opportunity to remind ourselves of all the things that unite us and connect us rather than those things that divide and defeat us.

This Easter my prayer is this: May you feel God closer than you have ever felt God before. May you be encouraged by words of love. May you be inspired by God's creative Spirit and May you speak words of peace, love, life and joy from now on. Amen.

Gracious Father,  
You gave up your Son  
Out of love for the world:  
Lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace  
Through the shedding of the blood of Jesus,  
Our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck  
School Chaplain

Dear parent/carer,

We would like to wish all staff and students at St Mary Magdalene a happy Ramadan. Muslim staff and students will be observing Ramadan between Wednesday 22 March and Friday 21 April, subject to the sighting of the moon, and we wish Muslim members of our community the very best during this season.

## End of term arrangements

On Friday 31 March, all year groups will have an end of term service, followed by a celebration of achievements this term. This will include certificates and prizes for outstanding academic achievement, contribution to school life and excellent attendance. Students will be dismissed from school after lunch: Years 7 and 8 at 12.15 and all other year groups between 13.00 and 13.15.

## Revision

Year 11 parents – please do read the [revision letter](#) Mr Greenwood sent you last week, which includes advice about revision and links to resources that your child's teachers have put together.

## FREE Exploitation, Gangs & Knife Crime Awareness for Parents and Carers - The Ben Kinsella Trust

Anti-knife crime charity, the Ben Kinsella Trust, has a FREE online course for ALL parents and carers. Resources are also available for Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness. These courses are available nationally and will be run regularly. Please follow The Ben Kinsella Trust on their social media pages to keep abreast of new dates. [benkinsella.org.uk](https://benkinsella.org.uk)

### **National Careers Week – 6-10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

This month saw National Careers week take place, where a number of employers, charities & organisations ran online talks, workshops and careers fairs to help students explore in more depth what opportunities are available to them after school and how to pursue them. Please see attached a collation of the opportunities shared as many of these are still live and available to access! (See pdf attached)

During National Careers Week we also ran a poster competition titled 'My Dream Job', for which our winner and recipient of an R4 is Ifeoluwa Savage in 8AGZ who aspires to be a lawyer, followed by an R3 for our runner-up Ameen Mustapha in 9JTT who aspires to be an actor. (See posters attached)

### **Schools Social Enterprise Programme**

A group of Year 12 students have taken part in two workshops where they have been creating their own social enterprise. A social enterprise is similar to a charity as it focusses on a social issue, however they are run and funded similar to a business. The students were particularly passionate about designing an enterprise model focussed on gentrification, reforming the met police, knife crime, gangs, and equal access to education. The students will be continuing to work on their ideas in order to present them at the Greenwich Dragons Den in April, with the chance to win funding for their enterprise.

### **Runway Training – Maths & money management workshop**

Year 12 students interested in careers in accounting, banking, law and finance attended a workshop discussing the importance of maths and money management. In this session students learned about common misconceptions about money, how to budget effectively and how to calculate your expected take home salary after accounting for tax and other regular payments.

### **Jack Petchey event.**

On 25th January 2023, fifty Year 10 students took part in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge workshop. They spent the whole day finding their voices and wrote speeches about topics they had a passion for. After a tough day of performing and rigorous writing, the first set of competitions took place. Through this process, two students (Matilda Pham and TJ Ogunyemi) were elected to represent our school in the regional borough finals at Eltham Hill school.

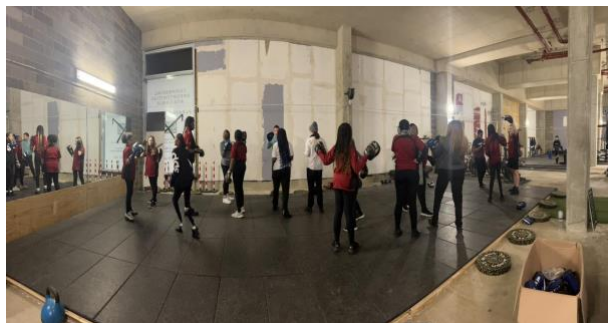


On 3rd March 2023, Matilda and TJ proudly represented our school in the regional competitions. The competition was extremely tough and they were up against worthy competitors. Matilda was the main representative for St Mary Magdalene and TJ was the reserve. It took great courage for Matilda to speak in front of strangers on a topic which was very dear to her. Due to her extreme hard work in preparing for the regionals, Matilda won the regional borough competition. Hopefully, after the semi-finals, Matilda will get to represent St Mary Magdalene at the finals which will take place at the Cambridge theatre in Covent gardens. The English department is immensely proud of both candidates and hope it encourages students to participate for the JPSOC for next year.



## PE update

### Girls Only Boxing during 'Women in Sport Week'



### Y8 Netball vs Woolwich Poly



### Y10/11 Basketball Team during 'Women in Sport'



### Y7 Netball Team vs St Pauls Academy Week



### Y9 Netball vs St Pauls Academy



### All Years Tuesday Boxing Club



### Y10 Football Team vs STAC Southwark in the London Cup SMM 1-3 STAC

Goal scorer: Chevrington Odoh (pen)  
Player of the Match: Hamilton Osayande



### Y10 Football Team vs St Matthew Academy SMM 5-1 SMA

Goal scorers: Maxwell Okunzuha x2, Chimamandah Lah x1, Chevrington Odoh x1, TJ Ogunyemi x1.  
Player of the Match: Maxwell Okunzuha



### Y8 Netball Team vs Plumstead Manor during Women in Sport Week



### Y7 Netball vs Plumstead Manor during Women in Sport Week



### Y10 Football Team after their victory vs Ark Greenwich Free School- SMM 3-1 GFS

Goal scorers: Chevrington Odoh x2, Mystere Fandja x1  
Assists: Maxwell Smith, Rukky Erhijakpor.  
Player of the Match: Chimamandah Lah

