



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

Co-Principals' Message

Friday 13th June 2025

SUMMER 2 -

Theme: Joy

Federation Value - Resilience

SMSC: Faith

John 10:10 I have come that you might live
in all its abundance.

Memory Verse

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved at St Mary Magdalene.

Our GCSE and A Level pupils have shown amazing dedication and resilience, and many of them have now completed the majority of their exams. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, maturity, and focus during this crucial time. We look forward to celebrating with them over the coming weeks at their prom and leavers assembly.

Beyond the exams, this half term has been packed with enriching trips and experiences. From educational visits to inspiring outings, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. These experiences are vital in developing deeper life experiences and helping them to see the possibilities for their futures.

Looking ahead, our Year 10 and Year 12 pupils will now begin their end-of-year assessments, with Key Stage 3 assessments to follow shortly after. These are important opportunities for pupils to demonstrate what they have learned and for us to support their progress moving forward. Across the school, pupils continue to work hard in lessons and engage fully in school life. It's excellent to see so many of them taking part in the wide range of opportunities on offer—both inside and outside the classroom. With Sports Day just around the corner, we encourage all pupils to continue attending after-school clubs—especially those involving physical activity, where some extra practice may be needed!

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the rest of the summer term.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Benn & Mr. Riley
Co-Principals



Upcoming Diary Dates

Saturday 14th June 2025	Athletic Comps - London Schools' Champs- Battersea (Y8-Y9 and Y10-Y11)
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Athletics Comps - London Schools' Champs (Y7-Y8) Mile End
Thursday 19th June 2025	St Alfege Church Greenwich 7DWH & 7RGN
Saturday 21st June 2025	Year 10 DofE Real Weekend 21/06/25 - 22/06/25 Braid Wood Scout Camp in the Chilterns
Tuesday 24th June 2025	Art Exhibition 4-5pm. Athletics Comps - Greenwich Schools' Boys Champs 9:30am
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Sports Day
Monday 30th June 2025	Year 11 Leavers Trip Year 12 Porto Trip - 30/06/25 - 03/07/25
Tuesday 1st July 2025	Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Shirt Signing
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Athletics Comps - Greenwich Schools' Girls Champs 9:30am Year 11 Prom
Monday 7th July 2025	PGL Year 8 and Year 9 Caythorpe Court (Lincolnshire) Residential Trip
Friday 11th July 2025	CCD Trips



Uniform

Uniform plays a crucial role in providing the students with a strong sense of identity, belonging and respect for our school community. It reinforces who we are as a community and allows students to feel proud of their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for the workplace. We expect all students to be in full and correct school uniform in line with our policy.

- Full school uniform must be worn at all time, including a blazer, tie, black/gray socks, black shoes and lanyards.
- Students without the correct uniform including; black shoes or blazers, will be required to borrow school uniform from student welfare or will be sent home to collect the correct uniform.
- No hoodies tracksuit tops, trainers, or footwear such as; Uggs or Crocs are allowed to be worn in the building.
- One pair of stud earrings may be worn, no more than one per ear.
- No false eye lashes or acrylic nails to be worn
- Kits should be knee length
- No lip-gloss or other form of makeup should be worn. These will be confiscated if seen.

Issues Consequence 1 and then Consequence 2

No blazer and/ or shoes or tie Y9-11: Uniform letter sent home C3 (with HoY following day)

Wearing banned clothing items Y17-12: Given HoY Item will be confiscated and returned in school at the end of the week

The uniform policy is on the school's website for further reference.

Please check the following on your child's uniform and replace what's needed:

- Broken or misplaced shoes
- Damaged or too small shirts and trousers
- Damaged or broken trousers
- Enough trousers and shirts for five-day week
- Enough black or dark grey socks for five-day week

SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION NOTICE

In line with the school's child protection policy and procedures, should you have any concerns about a child's safety and protection, please immediately refer these worries to one of the following members of staff.

Safeguarding concerns should be raised by anyone who comes into contact with a child either outside or inside school.

Please note: the Safeguarding policy is available on our school website, or for a printed copy please ask at the school office.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



ST. MARY MAGDALENE
C OF E SCHOOL
SECONDARY PHASE
*Excellence through innovation,
founded in faith since 1840.*



Mr Benson
Designated Safeguarding
Lead
Director- Inclusion



Mrs Wainwright
Executive Co-Headteacher
Federation Safeguarding lead



Mr Benn
Co-Principal



Mr Riley
Co-Principal



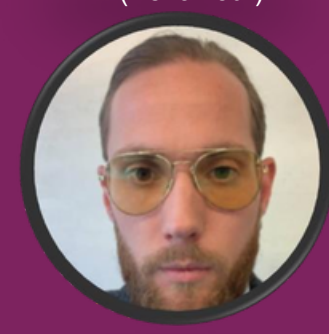
Mrs Van Der Maas
Home School Link Worker
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Golding
Assistant Principal
(Behaviour)



Ms Brady
Vice principal
(Teaching & Learning)



Mr Marshall
Director of Sixth Form



Mr A Hussain
Director of KS3
Behaviour & Culture



Mr Lawrence
Director of KS4
Behaviour & Culture



2024/2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

INSET DAY	Monday 2nd September 2024
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
School re-opens	Wednesday 4th September 2024
School finishes	Thursday 24th October 2024
INSET DAY	Friday 25th October 2024
Half term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
School re-opens	Monday 4th November 2024
School finishes	Friday 20th December 2024
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2025

2025

School re-opens	Monday 6th January 2025
School finishes	Friday 14th February 2025
Half term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025
School re-opens	Monday 24th February 2025
School finishes	Friday 4th April 2025
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th April to Friday 19th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Easter Monday Bank Holiday	Monday 21st April 2025 (school closed)
School re-opens	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025 (school closed)
School finishes	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025
School re-opens	Monday 2nd June 2025
School finishes	Friday 18th July 2025
INSET DAY	Monday 21st July 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 23rd July 2025 – Friday 29th August 2025

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This week, we were thrilled to welcome Dan Snow, renowned historian and BBC television presenter, to our school for a fascinating and inspiring talk with our Year 10 and Year 12 history students.

Dan spoke passionately about the **importance of studying history**, explaining how it serves not just as a record of the past, but as a **vital guide to our future**. He highlighted how recognising patterns in history helps us understand where the world might be heading—and how it can help us avoid repeating past mistakes.

A major focus of his talk was the **Cold War**, during which he shared gripping, real-life stories of **individuals whose wise and courageous actions helped prevent nuclear catastrophe**. These powerful examples demonstrated the very real impact that ordinary people can have on the course of history.

Despite having no **PowerPoint or visual aids**, Dan had the entire room engaged from the very beginning. His ability to tell compelling stories, filled with insight and emotion, kept students hanging on every word. One of the most striking aspects of his presentation was his discussion on **human conflict**—how the drive to fight has marked much of our history, and why understanding that drive is essential for building a better world.

Dan emphasized that **every citizen—not just historians—needs to understand history and human behaviour** in order to be active, thoughtful members of society.

The students were so inspired by his talk that the **question-and-answer session lasted for nearly 30 minutes**, with thoughtful and curious questions pouring in. It was clear that his words sparked genuine interest and reflection among our young historians.

We're incredibly grateful to Dan Snow for sharing his time and insights—and for reminding us all why history matters.



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On Wednesday 11th June, 21 of our Year 10 students participated in a powerful and thought-provoking workshop delivered by Tender, a national charity committed to preventing domestic violence through early education about healthy relationships. The session aimed to help students understand the signs of unhealthy behaviour, develop empathy, and promote respectful, positive communication.

This workshop was not only impactful in its content but also a unique opportunity for our school community, as it was partly filmed by ITV News. Kaf Okpattah, a journalist from ITV, joined the session to document it as part of a special report on a new national campaign highlighting the importance of addressing domestic violence early through school-based education.

The students—working as a mixed group—engaged in mature, meaningful discussion on what is often a challenging and sensitive topic. They handled the experience with insight, compassion and responsibility, clearly demonstrating a desire for these vital conversations to be part of wider national curriculum time in schools across the country.

In addition to filming parts of the workshop, six girls and four boys were interviewed by ITV, and you'll be able to see them representing the school during the ITV Evening News segment on Tuesday 25th June.

If you see any of the following students around school, please congratulate them for their outstanding contribution to such an important issue:

Saara, Glorian, Niesha, Shamira, Rachel, Tiana, Terrel, Anu, Ezekiel, Ayobami, Charlotte, Jenny, Eli, Esther, Andrew, Esther, Favour, Esther, Latara, Amirah, Bemka

We are incredibly proud of them all.



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Our Year 10 GCSE Citizenship students enjoyed a fascinating visit to the UK Supreme Court this week, where they learned about how key legal decisions are made and the role of those involved in the Justice System. The trip offered valuable insight into the way laws are applied in the UK and brought their classroom learning to life. It was both an educational and enjoyable experience for all of them.



Physical Education

Girls Flag Football – NFL UK London Championship Finals

Our Girls Flag Football Team rounded off an excellent second season in the NFL UK Girls Flag League. The team qualified for the NFL UK London Championship Finals Day where they competed against the best teams in London. Our girls were excellent throughout the tournament, finishing third overall and collecting the ‘Spirit of Flag Football Award’!

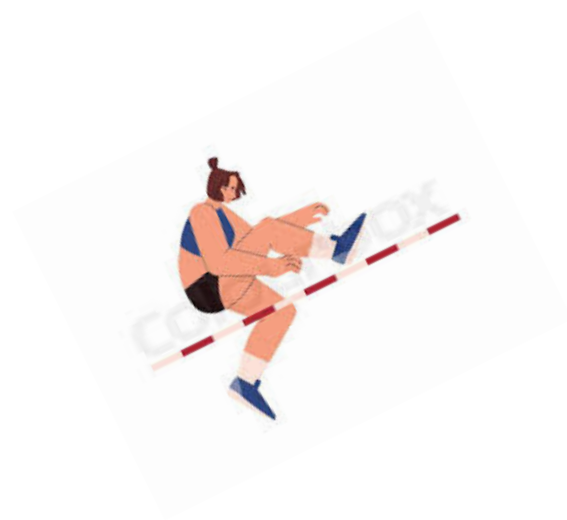


We are now also looking to recruit new players for next year’s team; if you are interested, please come along to the Flag Football Club on Tuesday!



Athletics - Cambridge Cup

Our Y7, Y8 and Y9 Athletics Squads competed in their first 'meet' of the season at the Cambridge Cup. This competition is held for all schools in the Greenwich Borough with pupils competing across various Track and Field Events.



Y11 Boys Football - BH Cup Final

Our Y11 Boys Football team played their Blackheath Final vs St Thomas More. Despite a very evenly matched first half, the team went into half-time 2-0 down. A spirited fightback and performance in the second half were enough to get two goals back but not enough to win the game as St Thomas More finished 3-2 winners. Well done to all of the Y11 Boys who have committed their time to this team, it has been a pleasure to witness!



Y7 Boys Football – BH Cup Final

Our Y7 Boys also narrowly missed out of Blackheath Cup glory after a 2-1 defeat to Woolwich Poly. This was a very closely contested game between two excellent sides. Congratulations to the Y7 team for getting to the final, we will all be cheering you on to go one step further next year!



Y8 Cricket Team Trip – The Oval: Surrey vs Yorkshire

The Y8 Cricket Team attended a reward trip to The Oval to watch a professional County Cricket match. The boys were fortunate enough to meet some of the Surrey players and even play on the pitch!



Y7 and Y8 Netball Tournament

Our Y7 and Y8 Netball teams recently hosted a tournament with The John Roan and Royal Greenwich Trust – well done to all pupils who participated; there will be more Netball throughout the summer term to look out for!



PE/Sports Clubs: Spring Term

Monday

Volleyball with Miss Liagki
Y7 Basketball with Mr Walsh
Netball with Miss Woolsey

Tuesday

Gymnastics with Miss Hinds
Y10/11 Basketball with Mr Lawrence
Y11 BTEC Sport Intervention with Mr Mudge
6th Form Basketball

Wednesday

Flag Football with BIGKID
Foundation

Thursday

Y10 BTEC Sport Intervention with
Miss Hinds and Miss Woolsey
Table Tennis with Mr Walsh
Cricket with Mr Mudge

Friday

Y8 and Y9 Basketball with Mr Ashong
6th Form Football

Coming Soon

Padel Club
Girls only Flag Football
Table Tennis



St Mary Magdalene C of E All Through School 2025 GCSE, BTEC and A Level Mock Examination Timetable

Week 8	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 16th Jun	GCSE Physics / Combined Science (Trilogy) Paper 2 (AQA 8463/2 and 8464/2) Higher Physics 1hr 45mins Higher/Foundation Combined Science 1hr 15mins A Level Chemistry A Paper 2 (OCR H432/02) 2hr 15mins A Level French (Writing) (AQA 7652/2) 2hrs	GCSE Music (WJEC C66OU30-1) 1hr 15mins
Tue 17th Jun	A Level Physics Paper 3 (AQA 7408/3) 2hrs GCSE Spanish Writing (AQA 8698) Foundation 1 hr Higher 1 hr 15mins	GCSE Food Prep and Nutrition Written (WJEC C560U0A-1) 1hr 45mins A Level Religious Studies Ethics (OCR H573/2) 2hrs
Wed 18th Jun	GCSE Design and Technology (AQA 8552) 2 hrs A Level Biology Paper 3 (AQA 7402/3) 2hrs	
Thu 19th Jun		A Level Maths (Stats & Mechanics) Paper 3 (Pearson 9MAO/03) 2hrs
Fri 20th Jun	A Level Chemistry A Paper 3 (OCR H432/03) 1hr 30mins A Level Religious Studies Christian Thought (OCR H573/3) 2hrs	

IMPORTANT: Candidates must remain available until Wednesday 23rd June 2025. This is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations.
A Level Results 14 August 2025, GCSE Results 21st August 2025

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Morning Exams start at 9am

Afternoon Exams start at 1pm

Week 1	Morning	Afternoon
		Start Time 1 pm
Wed 18th June		English Language (1hrs 45 mins) A Level English Literature - Poetry (1hr 15 mins)
Thur 19th June	GCSE RS (1hr 45 mins) A Level RS (2 hrs)	
Fri 20th June		Maths - non-calculator (1hr 30 mins)

Morning Exams start at 9am

Afternoon Exams start at 1pm

Week 2	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 23rd June	GCSE Combined Biology / GCSE Biology (1 hr 15 mins / 1 hr 45 mins) A Level Biology (2 hrs) BTEC Applied Science - Chemistry (40 mins)	French Reading and Writing Spanish Reading and Writing GCSE Sociology (1hr 45 mins) A Level French (2hrs 30 mins)
Tues 24th June	GCSE Combined Chemistry / GCSE Chemistry (1 hr 15 mins / 1 hr 45 mins) A Level Chemistry (2hrs 15 mins) BTEC Applied Science - Biology (40 mins) A Level Politics (2 hrs)	GCSE Geography (1hr 30 mins) GCSE History (1hr 20 mins) A Level Economics (2 hrs) A Level Geography (2hrs 30 mins)
Wed 25th June	SPORTS DAY	SPORTS DAY
Thur 26th June	GCSE Maths -Calculator (1hr 30 mins) A Level Maths (2 hrs) A Level Sociology (2 hrs)	GCSE DT (2 hrs) GCSE FPN (1hr 45 mins) GCSE Drama (1hr 45 mins) A Level Media (2 hrs)
Fri 27th June	GCSE Combined Physics / GCSE Physics (1 hr 15 mins / 1 hr 45 mins) A Level Physics (2 hrs) A Level History (1hr 30 mins) BTEC Applied Science - Physics (40 mins)	GCSE Computer Science (1hr 30 mins) GCSE Citizenship (1hr 45 mins) GCSE Psychology (1hr 45 mins) A Level Psychology (2 hrs) BTEC Computing (2 hrs)

Reminder: No Chewing Gum or Sweets at School

Dear Parents,

We would like to kindly remind all families that chewing gum and sweets are not permitted in school. While we understand that these items may be a treat for students, they can lead to distractions, littering, and issues with students' health and well-being.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a focused and clean learning environment for all students. Please ensure that your child comes to school without gum or sweets, and help us encourage healthy habits throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support!



**Message from the Chaplain
Re: Dominic Hubbuck**

Recently I attended a 3 day conference for those working within Deaf Churches. The conference was totally in British Sign Language. As a hearing person communicating in a second language it gave me an excellent experience of what it is like to sometimes feeling left out, or playing catch up. Sharing stories with others about what it is like when people assume things about you because of your culture or language, it was enlightening to hear that a space to worship in your own language can be liberating and life-changing.

As the church celebrates Pentecost – we see the great leveller that is God touching each and every person in that space regardless of class, background, history, culture, heritage or language. The Holy Spirit allows everyone to understand the power and love of God, the Good News of Jesus and what it feels like to be community to each other.

As we journey through June – and for some it is more special because it signifies Pride Month – let us be reminded that the Spirit of God touches ALL PEOPLE. The Spirit of God encourage and enables ALL PEOPLE. And the commandment of Jesus, with the help of the Holy Spirit, is to go into ALL the world and share the Good news of God: Salvation for ALL, eternal life for ALL.

Let us try to communicate God's love to all people in what we do and say. If the love is not being felt or heard or understood, may the spirit enable us to be understood in whatever ways are needed.

Lord God,
Spirit of truth and power and peace and love.
Challenge us to share the word of God that brings love into a divided world,
That brings compassion into a cold society,
That brings light and life into places of darkness and dismay.
As we are made in your image, may we mimic your ways.
And as we share in your joy, way we be bringers of joy wherever you send us. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

