



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

Co-Principals' Message

Friday 9th May 2025

SUMMER 1 –

Theme: Peace

Federation Value – Resilience

SMSC: Rights and Responsibilities

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Memory Verse

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now at a critical point of the academic year where we focus heavily on GCSE and A Level examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Both staff and students have been working extremely hard in preparation for these exams to ensure that our students approach them with confidence and a high morale. It is more important than ever that the students maintain strong routines and good learning habits so that they can continue to make the most of every lesson.

We kindly ask that parents reiterate to their children the importance of attending school every day and every lesson on time. This will have a significant impact on their overall outcomes. The students need to see each lesson as a golden opportunity to make final tweaks to their knowledge and understanding and to address any misconceptions they may have. It is also an opportunity for them to practice and refine their exam technique as they work their way through this highly demanding period. We will continue to support the students academically and emotionally as they navigate their way through this nervous and all- important stage of their academic journey.

Since our last newsletter, school life continues to be very busy and vibrant where we continue to place emphasis on not only learning inside the classroom, but also beyond it. We are delighted with the number of opportunities students have been provided with to enrich their socio-emotional skills and to engage in the wider life of the school. For instance, a number of students have attended multiple trips such as the Year 7 trip to Conover Hall, the KS3 Reward tips for Years 7, 8 & 9, the Year 7 Maths trip to Bletchley Park, the Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition and the Faith Team visit to the Southwark Cathedral.

We would also like to congratulate our Year 11 football team for making it to the Blackheath Cup final where they lost narrowly to Thomas Moore School in a highly exciting and competitive match. We would also like to wish our Year 7 football team all the best in the Blackheath Cup final against Woolwich Poly which takes place at Long Football Club on Wednesday 21st May. Kick off is at 4pm and parents are welcome to come along and support.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Benn & Mr. Riley
Co-Principals of School



Upcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th May 2025

Athletics Competition - Cambridge Cup Year 8
(2-5:30pm)

Friday 16th May 2025

Year 8 Cricket at The Kia Oval

Monday 19th May 2025

Athletics Competition - Cambridge Cup Year 7
(3-5:30pm)

Wednesday 21st May 2025

Artist Visit for Year 10 GCSE Art students
Y7 Blackheath Cup Final - Long Lane FC
(start time 4pm)

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - HALF TERM



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-Headteacher of School



Mr Riley
Co-Headteacher of School



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

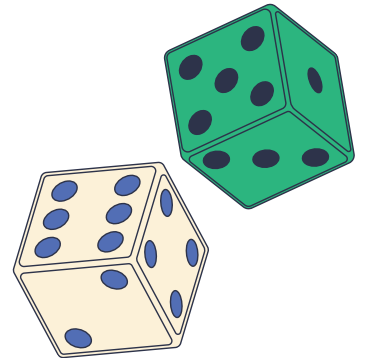
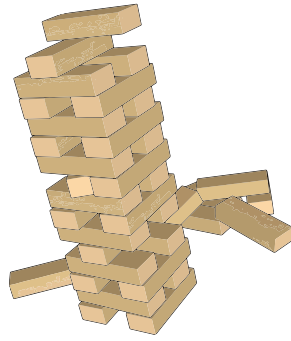
2025

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

Sixth form Games Night



Year 9 Reward Romeo and Juliet Trip

We were delighted to offer our Year 9 students a reward trip to the Hackney Empire theatre to see a live performance of Romeo and Juliet, in recognition of their excellent effort and behaviour in English.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience Shakespeare's work brought to life on stage, in line with their recent study of the play in class. The performance not only deepened their understanding of the characters and themes but also provided valuable context of Shakespeare in preparation for their study of Macbeth at GCSE.

Students enjoyed the experience and conducted themselves with exemplary behaviour throughout the trip, representing the school with pride.

Miss Asuquo.



Year 7 Residential Trip

In April our Year 7 students have been to a residential trip to Condover Hall in Shropshire. Nestled in beautiful countryside, the historic manor provided the perfect setting for three action-packed days of adventure, teamwork, and personal growth.

From the moment they arrived, students threw themselves into a wide range of exciting activities. Whether they were navigating obstacle courses, testing their nerve on the high ropes, or solving challenges in team-building exercises, each pupil had the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and discover new strengths.

Evenings were filled with fun and laughter, with group games and time to relax and reflect with friends. Staff were incredibly proud of the way students supported one another, displayed resilience, and embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and positivity.

The trip was not only a chance to build confidence and independence, but also a wonderful way for students to strengthen friendships and create lasting memories early in their secondary school journey.

A huge thank you to the staff who made the trip possible: Mr. Mukasa, Mr Greenhalgh, Mr Lewis, Ms Edwards, Mr Ashong and Mr Jones. Their support, encouragement, and tireless energy helped make the experience unforgettable for everyone involved.



Axiom Maths Club Visit to Bletchley Park

On Friday the 2nd of May, a group of our bright year 7 mathematicians visited Bletchley Park, to step back in time and learn about the secret work of the World War 2 codebreakers.

During their visit, pupils enjoyed a fascinating guided tour, learning about the site's pivotal role in the war effort and the extraordinary individuals who worked there - most notably Alan Turing, whose work is featured in the film

The Imitation Game and face is displayed on the £50 note. They were particularly interested in uncovering the vital role mathematics played in cracking enemy codes as we have looked at similar problems in their Axiom maths club this year.

The highlight of the day was a hands-on workshop, where students tried their own codebreaking skills, had an opportunity to use a real surviving Enigma machine from the war, and gained a deeper appreciation for the logic and problem-solving at the heart of this remarkable history.

The trip was a fantastic experience for all involved, bringing history and mathematics to life and showed the students the impact the problem-solving skills they gain in the mathematics classroom have had on the world.



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

Week 1	Start Time 8.40 am	
Thu 24th April	GCSE Art (Pearson 1ADO) 5hrs to complete during school day	
Fri 25th April	GCSE Art (Pearson 1ADO) 5hrs to complete during school day	
Week 2	Start Time 9.00am	
Wed 30 April	BTEC Business Principles of Management (Pearson 31588H) 3hrs	
Week 2	Start Time 8.40 am	
Wed 30th April	A Level Art (Pearson 9FAO) 5hrs to complete during school day	
Thu 1st May	A Level Art (Pearson 9FAO) 5hrs to complete during school day	
Thu 1st May	BTEC Sport: Unit 2 : Fitness & Programming (Pearson 31525H 2hrs 30 mins)	
Fri 2nd May	A Level Art (Pearson 9FAO) 5hrs to complete during school day	
Week 2	Start Time 9.00 am	
Fri 2nd May	BTEC Applied Science Science Investigaion Skills (31619H) 2hrs 15mins	

Morning Exams start at 9am

Afternoon Exams start at 1pm

Week 3	Morning	Afternoon
Thu 8th May	GCSE Turkish (Listening and Reading) (Pearson ITU10 1H & 3H) 1hr 50mins GCSE Drama (Written) (AQA 8261/1W) 1hr 45mins GCSE Psychology Paper 1 (AQA 8182/1) 1hr 45mins BTEC Tech Award Sport (Pearson BSP03/1) 1hr 30 mins	GCSE Citizenship Studies Paper 1 (Pearson ICSO/01) 1hr 45 mins
Fri 9th May	GCSE Sociology Paper 1 (AQA 8192/1) 1hr 45mins BTEC Business (Pearson 31489) 3hrs Developing a Marketing Campaign	
Week 4	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 12th May	GCSE English Literature Paper 1 (AQA 8702/01) 1hrs 45mins A Level Economics Paper 1 (Pearson 9ECO/1) 2hrs	GCSE Computer Science Paper 1 (OCR J277/1) 1 hr 30mins BTEC Health & Social Care - Unit 1 (Pearson 31490H) 1hr 30mins
Tue 13th May	GCSE Religious Studies A Paper 1 (AQA 8662) A Level Geography Paper 1 (Physical) (AQA 7037/1) 2hrs 30mins	GCSE Biology / Combined Science (Trilogy) Paper 1 (AQA 8461/2 and 8464/2) Higher Biology 1hr 45 mins Higher/Foundation Combined Science 1hr 15 mins
Wed 14th May	GCSE Geography Paper 1 (AQA 8035/1) 1hr 30mins AS Politics - Paper 1 (Pearson 8PLO/01) 1hr 45mins	A Level English Literature Paper 1 (Pearson 9ETO/1) 2hrs 15mins BTEC Sport - Anatomy & Psysiology (Pearson 31524H) 1hr 30mins
Thu 15th May	GCSE Mathematics Non-Calculator Paper 1 (Pearson 1MA1) 1hr 30 mins	GCSE Citizenship Studies Paper 2 (Pearson ICSO/02) 1hr 45 mins GCSE Psychology Paper 2 (AQA 8182/1) 1hr 45mins BTEC Business - Personal & Business Finance (Pearson 31463) 2hrs
Fri 16th May	GCSE History Thematic Study (Pearson 1H10) 1hr 20mins A Level Psychology Paper 1 (AQA 7182/1) 2hrs	

Morning Exams start at 9am

Afternoon Exams start at 1pm

Week 5	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 19th May	GCSE Chemistry / Combined Science (Trilogy) Paper 1 (AQA 8462/1 and 8464/1) Higher Chemistry 1hr 45 mins Higher/Foundation Combined Science 1hr 15 mins A Level Sociology Paper 1 (AQA 7192/1) 2hrs	A Level Economics Paper 2 (Pearson 9ECO/2) 2hrs
Tue 20th May	GCSE English Literature Paper 2 (AQA 8702/02) 1hrs 45mins BTEC Applied Science Princ & Apps I -Chemistry 40mins	GCSE Computer Science Paper 2 (OCR J277/2) 1 hr 30 mins GCSE Sociology Paper 2 (AQA 8192 1 hr 45 mins) A Level Politics - UK Politics (Pearson 9PLO/1) 2hrs BTEC Applied Science Princ & Apps I -Biology 40mins
Wed 21st May	GCSE French Listening and Reading (AQA 8658) Foundation Listening 35mins & Reading 45mins Higher Listening 45mins & Reading 1hr A Level Psychology Paper 2 (AQA 7182/2) 2hrs	GCSE Religious Studies Paper 2 (AQA 8062) 1hr 45 mins BTEC Applied Science Princ & Apps I -Physics 40mins
Thu 22nd May	GCSE Physics / Combined Science (Trilogy) Paper 1 (AQA 8463 and 8464) Higher Physics 1hr 45mins Higher/Foundation Combined Science 1hr 15mins A Level Geography Paper 2 (Human) (AQA 7037/2) 2hrs 30mins A Level English Literature Paper 2 (Pearson 9ETO/2) 1hrs 15mins	GCSE Arabic (Listening and Reading) (Pearson IAAO 1H & 3H) 1hr 50mins GCSE Turkish (Written) (Pearson ITU0 4H) 1hr 25mins
Fri 23rd May	English Language Paper 1 (AQA 8700/2) 1hr 45mins A Level Physics Paper 1 (AQA 7408/1) 2hrs A Level History - Thematic Study (OCR H505) 2hrs 30mins	BTEC Computing - Unit 2 - Fundamentals (Pearson 31769H) 1hr 45mins
HALF TERM		

Week 6	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 2nd Jun	A Level Design & Technology (Product Design) (Pearson 9DTP/1) 2hrs 30mins	
Tue 3rd Jun	GCSE Arabic (Written) (Pearson IAAO 4H) 1hr 25mins GCSE Portuguese Listening and Reading (Pearson IPG0) 45mins & 1hr	GCSE Polish Listening and Reading (AQA 8688) Higher Listening 45 mins & Reading 1hr BTEC Computing - Unit 1 - Principles (Pearson 31769H) 1hr 45mins
Wed 4th Jun	GCSE Mathematics Calculator Paper 2 (Pearson 1MA1/2) 1hr 30 mins A Level Sociology Paper 2 (AQA 7192/2) 2hrs	A Level Maths (Pure) Paper 1 (Pearson 9MAO/01) 2hrs
Thu 5th Jun	GCSE History (American West, Elizabethan) (Pearson 1H10) 1hr 50mins A Level Economics Paper 3 (Pearson 9ECO/3) 2hrs	GCSE French Writing (AQA 8658) Foundation 1 hr Higher 1 hr 15mins A Level Biology Paper 1 (AQA 7401/1) 2hrs A Level Politics - UK Government (Pearson 9PLO/2) 2hrs
Fri 6th Jun	English Language Paper 2 (AQA 8700/2) 1hr 45mins A Level French (Listening, Reading and Writing) (AQA 7652/1) 2hrs 30mins	GCSE Geography Paper 2 (AQA 8035/2) 1hr 30mins A Level History British Period Study (OCR H505) 1hr 30mins
Week 7	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 9th Jun	GCSE Biology / Combined Science (Trilogy) Paper 2 (AQA 8461 and 8464) Higher Biology 1hr 45mins Higher/Foundation Combined Science 1hr 15mins A Level Physics Paper 2 (AQA 7408/2) 2hrs A Level Psychology Paper 3 (AQA 7182/3) 2hrs	CNat - Creative iMedia (OCR R093) 1hr 30mins
Tue 10th Jun	GCSE Spanish Listening and Reading (AQA 8698) Foundation Listening 35mins & Reading 45mins Higher Listening 45mins & Reading 1hr A Level Chemistry A Paper 1 (OCR H432/01) 2hrs 15mins A Level Politics B - Global Politics (Pearson 9PLO/3) 2hrs	GCSE History - Weimar & Nazi Germany (Pearson 1H10) 1hr 30mins A Level Religious Studies Philosophy (OCR H573/1) 2hrs
Wed 11th Jun	GCSE Mathematics Calculator Paper 3 (Pearson 1MA1/3) 1hr 30 mins A Level English Literature Paper 3 (Pearson 9ETO/3) 2hrs 15mins	
Thu 12th Jun	GCSE Geography Paper 3 (AQA 8035/3) 1hr 30mins A Level History Non British Period Study (OCR H505) 1hr	A Level Maths (Pure) Paper 2 (Pearson 9MAO/02) 2hrs
Fri 13th Jun	GCSE Chemistry / Combined Science (Trilogy) Paper 2 (AQA 8462/2 and 8464/2) Higher Chemistry 1hr 45mins Higher/Foundation Combined Science 1hr 15mins A Level Biology Paper 2 (AQA 7402/2) 2hrs	Polish Writing (AQA 8688) 1 hr 15mins Portuguese Writing (Pearson 1PG0/4H) 1 hr 20 mins A Level Sociology Paper 3 (AQA 7192/3) 2hrs

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

Physical Education


 Y7 Blackheath Cup Final

 Wednesday 21st May

 Long Lane FC

 Kick-Off: 16:00

 St Mary Magdalene vs Woolwich Poly

 Free Entry – All Welcome!



 **Y7 BLACKHEATH
CUP FINAL**

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY
LONG LANE FC
KICK-OFF: 16:00



**ST MARY
MAGDALENE** **VS** **WOOLWICH
POLY**

FREE ENTRY
**COME AND SUPPORT
YOUR TEAM!**

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



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**

The Chocolate Eggs have almost all been eaten – at least in my house. The Easter nests have gone and the homemade hot cross buns will be quite stale by the time I get round to finishing them off.

But Easter is for LIFE not just for April.

The Joy of remembering the tomb that was open and the risen Jesus meeting with His friends should carry us through and remind us of the NEW LIFE we have in Christ and the confidence we should feel from death being defeated and sin being overcome by God's love and power.

As we go into the Summer terms, we are greeted with warm weather, the greenness of the grass, the colour of the flowers and the fruit that will grow from trees - once looking like they were dead.

May we, as the weeks extend, grow in faith and confidence – in God, in ourselves, and in the skills and subjects we are seeking to learn.

May we remind each other through encouragement and smiles the hope we have in Jesus.

Lord Jesus, who rose from the dead to show us the immense love of God;

Remind us of the NEW LIFE you have given freely.

Restore in us the strong HOPE that we are loved utterly and cared for gently.

As eggs pass away, inspire us to see your Spirit at work in our lives, our homes and our communities.

Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

School Chaplain

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

