



NEWS AT 6TH FORM



Presented by : Sixth Form Leadership Team

This newspaper is a brand-new way to keep everyone in our school community updated and engaged in upcoming events, sports, media and general information that is required to know about our sixth form.

Through creating this newspaper, it provides a platform for students to express their ideas and creativity .It helps to develop their critical thinking skills.

Moreover, it can be instrumental in building peer-to-peer relationship, while shaping their perspectives, opinion and identity

TO GROW IN FAITH, LIVE AS FAMILY
AND BE UNITED IN FELLOWSHIP

" Through this school newspaper we hope that it gives you an insight into our sixth form community and allows you to stay engaged and educated.

- The Newspaper Team <3



Our sixth form hub where students have the opportunity to do silent study, relax and get some work done.

The scoop of the day

Our mission is to provide excellence in academic achievement and to ensure that every member of our school community will go out into the world happy, courageous, resilient, motivated with a lifelong love of learning and fully equipped to make a positive contribution to society.

We will journey with you from where you are by strengthening, challenging, supporting and nourishing you.

Our all-through school celebrates and embraces the diversity of the communities from which you are from. We work hard to create unity through fellowship. You will flourish in companionship with others through mutual trust and sharing of experiences, interests and activities. St. Mary Magdalene is an outward looking school and works hard to serve its local community, such as through foodbank collections and responding to natural disasters in areas of the world where you may have family connections.



SPORTS

CURRENT AFFAIRS

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Parents were invited to attend an evening of discussion around our students' destinations, the application progress and alternative routes to academia. Many families and students attended and information was shared regarding how to apply; writing the personal statement; references and predicted grades. The evening allowed for open discussion between the school and those supporting at home, with various questions raised and some spirited dialogue from both sides.



Year 13 UCAS evening delivered by Sixth Form Head Mr Marshall

Faith and Reason Lectures

On alternate Wednesdays, we have been exploring Faith and Reason through different topics. Our first lecture focused on Faith and Theology, where we discussed what faith means and how theology helps explain and strengthen religious beliefs through reason and reflection. The second lecture examined Religion and Artificial Intelligence, looking at how faith can guide ethical choices and responsibilities in an increasingly digital and technology-driven world.



SMM 6th Form Christian Fellowship takes place every Wednesday during lunch from 1:15pm to 1:45pm in room R&D7 and is open to all 6th Form students. The fellowship offers a relaxed and supportive environment where students can take part in discussion, Bible study, prayer, music, and sharing. It is a space to explore faith, ask questions, reflect on personal beliefs, and connect with others in a welcoming Christian community. For more information, students can speak to Rev Dom or Mr Ogunmefun.

Our Games Night was a highly enjoyable and interactive event that brought participants together for an evening filled with fun, teamwork, and friendly competition. A variety of games were played, allowing everyone to get involved, connect with others, and enjoy a break from their daily routines. The event helped strengthen bonds and created a lively, positive atmosphere.

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Movie Night was a relaxing and well-attended event that gave everyone the opportunity to unwind and enjoy a shared experience. The comfortable setting, engaging film, and presence of friends made the evening enjoyable for all. It was a great way to de-stress while encouraging social interaction and togetherness.



In order to continue encouraging both students and staff we have a series of up-coming events to look forward to:

FIFA Night was an exciting and energetic event that attracted enthusiastic participants and spectators alike. Players competed in friendly yet competitive matches, demonstrating skill, strategy, and sportsmanship. The event was filled with cheers and excitement, making it a memorable experience that brought the community closer together.

Culture day- Tuesday 30th June
Sixth Form sports day- Date to be determined.
Year 13 Leavers Day- Tuesday 30th June

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	
Arsenal FC	AC Milan
Atalanta BC	Chelsea FC
Liverpool	AS Monaco
Inter Milan	Borussia Dortmund
FC Bayern	Manchester City FC
Tottenham Hotspur	Real Madrid CF
Paris SG	Barcelona
Juventus	AS Roma

SPORTS

St Mary Magdalene offers a variety of sports; all sixth formers are encouraged to participate in the after-school clubs are available. Fostering competitive relationships being physically active improves the physical but also the mental health of an individual, which can decline when accompanied with the stress, difficulty and challenge of A-levels. So, let's explore how sports at this school have helped people.

Sports day was a memorable day where everyone participated, demonstrated team work and a strong competitive spirit. From 100m, to dodge ball, relay and more activities under the sun by the end of the day everyone had worked up a good sweat and enjoyed great fun.



Alongside exciting sports events and games, there is a variety of sports offered at SMM such as, Football, Basketball and Badminton.



During December there was a basketball match where the Y13s and Y12s played together against Thomas Tallis within the borough.
Below some of the players from the STM team felt about the match and basketball in general:

"...basketball is a team sport without the right people your lost"-Nehemiah Lubwika

"basketball is more about the team rather than the individual, if you focus to much on yourself you have lost the game already"-Oluwafemi Bamidele

Sixth form students recently participated in an informative two-day workshop with trained professionals focused on promoting healthy relationships and emotional well-being. During the sessions, they explored key themes such as respect, consent, communication, personal boundaries, and recognising unhealthy behaviours. The workshop was highly interactive, with students taking part in activities like role-play exercises using scenario cards, where they acted out different relationship situations to understand how choices and behaviours affect others. Another activity, the temperature line, encouraged students to physically position themselves according to their agreement with statements about relationships, sparking discussion, reflection, and thoughtful debate in a safe and supportive environment.



After the workshop, the students applied what they had learned by planning and delivering an assembly for their peers. The assembly combined the knowledge, activities, and insights from the two-day programme, making it engaging and relatable for the sixth form audience. Through interactive elements and real-life scenarios, students were encouraged to reflect on what constitutes a healthy relationship, identify unhealthy behaviours, and understand the importance of communication, respect, and consent in all relationships.

The seminar was very well received, creating a meaningful space for reflection, discussion, and peer learning. It highlighted the leadership, teamwork, and communication skills of the sixth form students while reinforcing the school's commitment to fostering student well-being and building a positive, respectful, and supportive community. The combination of professional guidance, interactive activities, and student-led delivery made the seminar both impactful and memorable for everyone involved.



AWARDS

Both the Y12s and Y13s had lots of achievements to celebrate and to be proud of last year before the Christmas break. Some examples are shown below:

R3/R5 AWARDS:

Favour Annams

Micheal Olukan

Youssef Mikhael

Roi Rajnak



Sixth Form Student Leadership Team



We would like to congratulate Ms March as she begins her maternity leave.
Wishing her a joyful and restful time, filled with special moments.

The 6th Form Special



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As Year Twelve students approach some of the most pivotal decisions of their lives — from securing apprenticeship placements and choosing university destinations to considering gap years, studying abroad, or stepping into the world of work — the importance of guidance and support has never been greater. Recognising this, the sixth form team has taken proactive steps to inspire and inform students as they begin shaping their futures.

A series of guest speakers and industry professionals have been invited to share their experiences, offering students valuable insight into a wide range of career paths and opportunities. The aim is not only to encourage students to begin planning ahead, but also to open their eyes to industries they may never have previously considered.

Among the inspiring visitors was former STM Sixth Form student Jumoke Latunde, who returned to speak about her journey into a degree apprenticeship at Shell. Alongside offering practical advice on how she achieved her current position, she also provided students with the exciting opportunity of a work experience placement at the company. Other speakers, including set designers and event managers, offered behind-the-scenes insight into their professions, breaking down the realities of their roles and giving students a genuine feel for life within those industries.

Through these opportunities, students have been encouraged to think ambitiously, explore their options, and begin painting a clear pathway towards their future.

In addition, Year Twelve students attend regular UCAS assemblies every Thursday afternoon, designed to help them navigate the application process and make informed decisions about their future. The sessions cover a wide range of topics, including guidance on using the Unifrog and UCAS websites, apprenticeship opportunities, and advice on selecting the most suitable universities for specialist subjects.

These assemblies provide students with a welcoming and supportive environment in which they can ask questions, gain a clearer understanding of their options, and feel more confident about the decisions ahead.

Their importance has become even more significant now that UCAS applications have officially opened, with students beginning to submit applications to their top five university choices.

The sixth form team continues to deliver these sessions with enthusiasm and dedication, hoping to equip students with the knowledge and practical steps needed to achieve positive outcomes and successfully plan the next stage of their journey.



UCAS