



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

ANNUAL
AWARDS EVENING

Celebrating Success



2025

THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025

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1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and introduction by the Headteacher
3. A few words from our guest speaker Karen Okra
4. Presentation of the Awards
5. Vote of thanks

A Welcome from our Headteacher Maria Stead

I offer a very warm welcome to our Annual Awards Evening. Congratulations to our young people on their great achievements and their contribution to making St Mary's College such a special school and community.

Furthermore, I would like to thank all who supported our young people, staff who have worked so hard to make this evening possible and, of course, our guest speaker Karen Okra for their generosity and time.

Our Guest Speaker: Karen Okra

My name is Karen Okra and I am of dual heritage background and I have lived in Hull all my life. I have become an effective and resourceful practitioner and community activist with a keen interest and experience in culture, cultural regeneration and an advocate and champion of the city.



My role as Director of 'Back to Ours' and former Director of 'Freedom Festival Arts Trust' is that of strategic planning and delivering of distinctive events which are rooted in Hull, making maximum reference to the concept of 'freedom', showcasing local artistic talent city wide and UK partnerships and encouraging community contribution locally.

I was the voice of the people as a candidate of the Derry panel, clinching the bid for the UK City of Culture in 2017 and became a Director of the City of Culture 2017 Board.

I currently championing female and race equality holding the appointment of an Honorary Research Associate of Wilberforce Institute of Slavery and Emancipation (WISE) University of Hull and Wilberforce House Advisory group; shortlisted and winning national awards for decolonising museum spaces, with a keen interest in black history.

I feel strongly that children, young people and families are an important foundation and the core for a stable productive and inclusive community. I can relate to some of the issues, negative attitudes and behaviours that people face. I am currently a trustee of Tourette's Inclusion Syndrome in the Community (TIC Hull). My paid roles are that of a Youth and Community Worker for the St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre (SSNC) on Greatfield and the St John's Church and Community in Rosmead Street, Hull.

In addition, I currently support groups and campaigns such as Fairtrade Partnership, HER Breast Friends, Police Independent Advisory Group, City of Hull and District Rugby League (COHDRL) and project manage Blossom Festival (Greatfield and surrounding areas), the Hull Lord Mayor's Christmas Tree Festival and more.

Welcome

Our first Awards Evening, back in 2004, was set up to recognise sporting achievement in light of our designation as a Sports College. Since then, the event has increasingly cast the net more widely across the curriculum and life of the school. St Mary's College has continued to grow in size and stature and we are very proud to have secured our place amongst the top performing schools in the country now for many years.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of our students and staff, standards at the College have never been higher. Academically, St Mary's continues to flourish with record results at GCSE and A-Level. Whilst accolades are to be celebrated, we never forget that it is the individual students we serve who are at the centre of all we do and achieve. We are privileged and humbled to have students achieve such great things, not least in regional and national competitions across a range of disciplines within and beyond the curriculum.

Our Awards Evening

Tonight, will focus on academic achievement, effort and commitment across the school. Of course, when it comes to achievement and success, it isn't all about winning things. Many of our students have demonstrated courage, concern and compassion for others. They have overcome adversity to achieve. They have shown dramatic, literary, theatrical and entrepreneurial skills. At St Mary's College we know well that it is the effort and commitment, resilience and endeavour, the purposeful practise, which underpins success, and all of these are celebrated in our awards this evening.

We remain firmly committed to our contribution for young people in Hull and East Riding within our Catholic community and beyond, providing the platform from which they can flourish and make their way in the world.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and hope that you enjoy our celebration tonight.

The following prizes have particular significance for the College:

The Felix Rozenbroek Fund – Felix was a former student of the sixth form college, he worked hard to achieve his goals and was a kind and caring person but his life was cut short when he was tragically killed in an accident in 2023, his parents sponsor this award and for this we are very grateful. The fund is given to support young people living in Yorkshire to achieve educational or life goals. These students have demonstrated a commitment to learning and development. Evidence of working hard to achieve despite challenging circumstances and an understanding of the project's legacy.

The Catholic Virtues Award – These students are the embodiment of our Catholic Virtues showing Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. We are blessed to call them St Mary's students.

The Liz Swift Cup – Liz was a former student of the school who was tragically killed in a traffic accident. Her parents have sponsored this trophy for which we are very grateful. It is given for achievement to a pupil who it is considered has overcome several key difficulties to reach their goals.

The Catherine McAuley Cup – is named after the founder of the Sisters of Mercy – the co-founders of the College and is in recognition of the enormous contribution that the Sisters have made to the College. It is awarded to a student we consider has made a significant contribution to the community – just like the Sisters of Mercy have.

The St Mary's College Award for excellence in Rugby League for outstanding contribution to rugby league. This trophy will be presented to a student who has made an exceptional contribution to the sport.

The Carole Brown Cup is awarded in memory of a much loved and missed member of staff, Carole Brown. Carole was a Learning Mentor at St Mary's until her death from cancer in 2012. She had spent many hours supporting and building up girls' football in the College, which continues in her legacy, and this trophy recognises her contribution to the school.

The Julie Carr Trophy is in memory of a former teacher at the school who died of cancer in 2009. Julie made a massive difference to the College and all of us in it. She was champion of the underdog and the fighters among us. It is given to a student considered to have made great progress despite overcoming difficult physical challenges.

The final award is **The Portlaw Cup** presented to a student who has made an outstanding contribution in sport and PE. It was donated by another former Chair of the Governors, Mr Mike Withers. This has become a very prestigious award. Four of the previous award winners have gone on to teach at the school.

The following have been awarded prizes for their achievements:

Jakob Eacott	The Felix Rozenbroek Fund
Matthew Russell	The Felix Rozenbroek Fund
Rupert Perry	Year 7 St Mary's College Catholic Virtues Award
Laura Cisternas	Year 8 St Mary's College Catholic Virtues Award
Lotanna Ezeike	Year 9 St Mary's College Catholic Virtues Award
Jeremy Sikanku	Year 9 St Mary's College Catholic Virtues Award
Luke Jones	Year 10 St Mary's College Catholic Virtues Award
Krzysztof Jablonski	Year 11 St Mary's College Catholic Virtues Award and KS4 Chaplaincy Award for outstanding commitment
Chloe Gibson	Year 7 Award for outstanding commitment
Jake Blakey	Year 7 Award for outstanding achievement
Denisa Borta	Year 8 Award for outstanding achievement and KS3 Art and Design Award for outstanding commitment
Maja Walkowiak	Year 8 Award for outstanding commitment
Maja Slaba	Year 8 Award for outstanding commitment and KS3 History and Art and Design Awards for outstanding commitment and effort
Jody Lazenby	Year 9 Award for outstanding commitment
Duaa Azar	Year 9 Award for outstanding achievement
Scarlet Robertson	Year 10 Award for outstanding achievement
Joe Price	Year 10 Award for outstanding achievement
Harrison Barwick	Year 10 Award for outstanding commitment
Bridget Donnelly	Year 10 Award for outstanding commitment and KS4 Music Award for outstanding effort and commitment
Jhorreign Bodena	Year 11 Award for outstanding achievement
Igor Tomaszewski	Year 11 Award for outstanding achievement
Lynn Lekani	Year 11 Award for outstanding commitment
Alvin Saji	Year 11 Award for outstanding commitment and KS4 Science Award for outstanding effort
Georgina Tarbutt	Malcolm Thompson 100% Attendance Award
Elisha Stewart	Malcolm Thompson 100% Attendance Award
Holly Platten	Malcolm Thompson 100% Attendance Award

Jacob Giger	Malcolm Thompson 100% Attendance Award
Christine Wang	Malcolm Thompson 100% Attendance Award
Charlotte McKenzie	Malcolm Thompson 100% Attendance Award and KS4 PE Award for outstanding effort
Alisha Marlin	KS3 PE Award for outstanding effort
Myles Carey	KS4 PE Award for outstanding effort
Katie Vipond	KS4 Maths Award for outstanding effort
Katie Storey	KS3 English Award for outstanding effort
Francis Asukwo	KS3 English Award for outstanding effort
Darcey Beaumont	KS3 SEN Award for outstanding effort
Abdul Hamidu	KS3 SEN Award for outstanding effort
William Merckel	KS4 SEN Award for outstanding progress
Aaron Quillopo	KS4 SEN Award for outstanding progress
Joshua Bempah	KS3 Chaplaincy Award for outstanding commitment
Ralfs Saldaks	KS3 RE Award for outstanding commitment
Dorota Jablonska	KS3 RE Award for outstanding commitment
Aaron Peacock	KS4 RE Award for outstanding commitment
Maria Raju	KS4 RE Award for outstanding commitment
Ted Healey	KS3 History Award for outstanding effort
Sofia Casap	KS4 History Award for outstanding commitment
Rafael Lonsdale	KS4 History Award for outstanding effort and KS4 Computer Science Award for outstanding dedication
Maria Kasperczak	KS3 Geography Award for outstanding effort
Emmanuella Ojobo	KS4 Geography Award for outstanding effort
Amanda Phiri	KS4 Geography Award for outstanding effort
Maciej Wieckowski	KS3 Science Award for outstanding commitment
Isabel Mestre Glossop	KS4 Science Award for outstanding achievement
Rosie Ralph	KS3 Computer Science Award for outstanding effort
Jack Marriott	KS4 Design and Technology Award for outstanding commitment

Tatiana Canelo Walker	KS4 Art and Photography Award for outstanding commitment
Raid Muhammed	KS3 EAL Award for outstanding commitment
Zoe Chu	KS4 EAL Award for outstanding commitment
Lennart Holle	KS3 Music Award for outstanding effort and commitment
Chelsey Edeh	KS3 Music Award for outstanding effort and commitment
Harvey Cone	KS4 Music Award for outstanding effort and commitment
Joanna Korzen	KS4 Dance Award for outstanding commitment
Penny Glansfield	KS4 Musical Theatre Award for outstanding commitment
Iris Jones	KS3 Performing Arts Award for outstanding effort
Anya Zobkiw	KS3 Performing Arts Award for outstanding effort
Ellys Townend	KS3 MFL Award for outstanding effort
Una O'Malley	KS3 MFL Award for outstanding effort
Libby Judd	KS4 MFL Award for outstanding commitment
Daniel Fortes-Kolesnyk	KS4 MFL Award for outstanding commitment
Logan McCarthy	The Julie Carr Award
William Allbones	The Liz Swift Cup
Judy Ugwo	The Carole Brown Trophy
Owen Bartle	St Mary's Award for excellence in Ruby League
Jessica Morris	The Portlaw Cup