



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER

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## Chaplaincy at SMC and St Cuthbert's Academy Trust

St Cuthbert's Academy Trust is blessed to have a team of four lay chaplains who work across the whole Trust. The Chaplaincy Team was recently restructured and is now under the guidance of Lead Lay Chaplain, Mrs Coyle, who ensures that all Trust schools have regular Catholic Life support.

Each Team member is linked with our Trust schools:

- Mrs Coyle – Trust Lead Lay Chaplain and Link Coordinator at SMC
- Mrs Collinge – Link Coordinator at St Richard's, St Vincent's and St Mary QOM
- Mrs Holtby – Link Coordinator at Endsleigh Holy Child and St Charles'
- Mr Coyle – Link Coordinator at St Anthony's, St Thomas More and SMC
- Sophie – One of our Grad interns this year is our Chaplaincy link with 6th Form

The Chaplaincy Office is located on the top floor of our SM6 building close to our Chapel and our newly formed Multi-Faith Prayer Room. We have recently restarted Chaplaincy lunchtime activities with Youth SVP on a Wednesday (helping people in our local community), Prayer Group on a Thursday and Mass – when a priest is available - on a Friday. Sixth Form students are invited to join their own prayer group on a Monday lunchtime. We are also in the process of arranging Reconciliation for students during Advent. We have also now appointed our Chaplaincy Reps and have 17 students across Years 7-11 who are involved in the leadership of the Catholic Life of the school.

Chaplaincy is involved with many of the school activities including our retreats and pilgrimages, Reflection Days, worship throughout the school year and fundraising for many charities.

Prayers are regularly said for our whole Trust community including students, staff, relatives and friends.

**MRS COYLE - LEAD LAY CHAPLAIN**



OUR MULTI-FAITH PRAYER ROOM IS A PRIVATE QUIET SPACE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE SCHOOL TO USE FOR REFLECTION, SUPPORT AND PRAISE.

### Chaplaincy Lunchtime Groups

Monday	<b>6th Form Prayer Group</b> Gather at 12.40pm in the Chapel
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<b>Youth SVP</b> Meet at 12.40pm in M15 (we visit the elderly in the local community and help to fundraise for different projects). Bring your lunch.
Thursday	<b>Prayer Group</b> Gather at 12.40pm in the Chapel (bring your lunch)
Friday	<b>Mass</b> Gather at 12.40pm in the Chapel (bring your lunch)

# WHITE RIBBON DAY 2021

St Mary's College will mark White Ribbon Day on Thursday 25 November, and launch an in-school campaign for the following 16 days to end violence against women.

We are part of a growing group of school communities, organisations and workplaces, who are coming together, to say 'no' to violence against women in all forms.

Students will be invited to sign the White Ribbon pledge in their social areas; Student Council members started the ball rolling at their recent meeting.



You can scan this QR code and make the pledge too

## HEADERS & FOOTERS...

It has been a real pleasure to see our students participating in inter-school sport competitions again. As we have navigated our way out of year group bubbles, it has also been a joy to start to move our extra-curricular programme back towards pre-pandemic levels of participation and engagement at lunchtimes and after-school.

We have had numerous successes so far this term. The Year 8 and 9 boys' football teams have reached the last 16 teams nationally in the ESFA National Cup. The Under 14 and Under 16 netball teams finished in third place at the Humber round of the National Schools Championships. The Year 11 and Year 7 A teams both won the Hull Active Schools Super Leagues. In rugby league, the Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 teams have qualified for the Yorkshire Cup. Finally, in cross country, St Mary's College had an outstanding day with 12 team titles and 10 individual medalists. All information of results can be found on our Twitter page SMCSport: @smc\_sport.



YEAR 7 STUDENT, SEVIL WON THE TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN BATH RECENTLY

I would like to thank parents/carers for their co-operation in our polite request for not attending after school sports fixtures. It is a decision that we have not taken lightly. Initially, the decision was taken across the city due to COVID case levels. However, as part of our process of continually reviewing policies, we are requesting to parents that they still do not attend after school fixtures for safeguarding reasons. If you have any specific queries into the detailed reasons as to why, please contact me via e-mail [SMCSport@smchull.org](mailto:SMCSport@smchull.org).

## MUSIC NOTES...



- Thursday 9th December - Teatime Concert 5pm
- Thursday 16th December - Carol Service 7pm

Following on from last years 'A Carol A Day', look out for our 'Musical Advent Calendar' on YouTube throughout December!



MANY STUDENTS AT SMC ARE IMPACTED BY DYSLEXIA, THESE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS THEY ARE SUPPORTED DURING THEIR LEARNING TIME AT SCHOOL

## Dyslexia friendly classrooms

How it happens at SMC



1. We adjust the colour of the backgrounds in powerpoints and use pastel shades.
2. Students with dyslexia or dyslexic tendencies are seated close to the board and in a central position for comfort.
3. We use a minimum font size of 28 on the whiteboard and size 12 on worksheets, and use 1.5 spacing where possible.
4. We use dyslexia friendly fonts eg: Comic Sans, Verdana and Tahoma.
5. We provide printed copies of KEY slides and encourage annotation or highlighting.
6. We use clear, short instructions for tasks and homework and are always prepared to repeat these, allowing time for processing.
7. We always provide guided practice and create supportive resources – word mats, differentiated worksheets, task plans, or writing frames.
8. We may add line numbers to texts or ask students to do this in the lesson.
9. We guide the editing or proof reading of work and only correct two or three high-frequency or key words in an extended piece of writing.
10. We praise students with dyslexia or dyslexic tendencies for asking for instructions to be repeated, for checking a spelling, for reading aloud, for completing an extended piece of writing, for doing their best!

## STUDENTS IN THE HEADLINES!



YEAR 8 STUDENT CYDNEY, WAS AWARDED THE NADINE FUDGE 'ONE TO WATCH' YOUTH ENTERPRISE AWARD 2021 AT THE VIRUTAL AWARDS CEREMONY THIS MONTH



LORA IN YEAR 13 RECENTLY TOOK PART IN THE UKMT MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD FOR GIRLS AND CAME AWAY WITH A CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION. HER TWIN SISTER MIA WAS AWARDED A MERIT TOO! THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY DEMANDING COMPETITION AND ONLY THE MOST ABLE STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY ARE ENTERED FOR THIS.

## CENTRE STAGE...

The first term has provided our SM6 Performing Arts students with an array of exciting opportunities. We welcomed Lee Bailes (Cast member from Dirty Dancing the Musical) and Joel Montague (Chicago on Stage) who both delivered informative and exciting workshops for our students.



We also recently hosted our first Industry Panel Week which saw the Directors and Principals from The Brighton Academy, Expressions Performing Arts Academy, and SLP College hold auditions here on site for their BA (Hons) Degree programmes in 2022. We are very proud to say that 100% of our students who auditioned have been offered instant places, or have been offered a recall audition. This is an amazing achievement for the students.



On the 27th November, our SM6 Dance Company will perform at the La Volta Dance Festival here in Hull and we wish them the very best. The Company consists of Year 12 and Year 13 students from both the Performing Arts courses and others across the Sixth Form subject list.

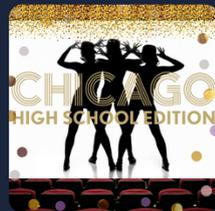


The Full Time Performing Arts students have commenced rehearsals for the Annual Pantomime.

Mr B Lancaster, Director of Performing Arts

## Chicago, Chicago

The most fabulous musical in town!



In 2022 the SMC Performing Arts faculty will present 'Chicago' the musical, a show of murder, greed and corruption!

We will be show-ready for our audiences w/c. 28th March with performances throughout the week and over the weekend.

In the Chicago rehearsals this week, we have made progress on the number 'All That Jazz,' which will open the show and set the mood for the rest of the performance. We have nearly choreographed all of that number and will have it perfected in about two weeks! So, find your hip flask as we're playing fast and loose! This will be the first of many updates on the show, stay tuned!

Victor Swift, Junior MD-Resident pianist of SMC



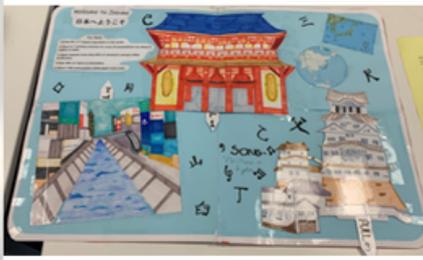
# And finally.....

## GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS

Geography has had some wonderful work created by Y7 and Y8 students for our recent half term competitions. Y8 had to design a volcano and Y7 their dream holiday destination! We had a difficult decision selecting 3 winners and 3 runners up from all the fabulous entries we received! The students showed great enthusiasm and dedication to their geography work and received some great prizes for their efforts!



Well done Meabh, Andrei and Denzel for these fantastic creations.



SMC INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

## FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL:

There can be no question that it is now Autumn- the leaves are on the ground and there is a chill in the air!

Even though the days are short and the nights long, the students never cease to amaze me with their tenacity in attending school as much as is possible and their focus on learning. We have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks in the lead-up to Christmas, not least the return of our Carol service and much-loved pantomime!

Please continue to praise your child where it is due, and remember that all children are precious gifts from God - even when it may seem hard to believe!

God Bless,  
Mrs Stead.



Mr Barnes and Miss Holgate have taken our Core Groups on some sports trips recently. They particularly enjoyed the Panathlon. Here are some pictures of them competing.

## REMEMBRANCE PRAYER...

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations.

God of peace and gentleness, we remember with deep sorrow the fault, fear, and failure that repeatedly leads to the forming of enemies, the escalation of hatred and to war.

We pray that we will have the courage and strength to accept your challenge, to love our enemies and to do good to those who would do us harm.

Help us to follow you in ways of gentleness and justice, continually resolving to form loving relationships, strengthened by the forgiveness of Jesus, the fearlessness of the Spirit and the transforming love of our Creator. Amen



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