



**ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE**

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE HEAD

Dear All,

It has been an incredibly busy yet rewarding start to the new school year. The students have been excellent: both in their behaviour and attitude to learning.

As a new Catholic Head of School, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all children & families who are new to our Catholic school. I am looking forward to us being able to partake in collective worship as a whole school community and weekly mass being reintroduced in the chapel as soon as it is possible. Having the chance to reflect and turn to God in a busy school must never be overlooked. Extra-curricular activities will start over the coming weeks and I would encourage all students to get involved- St Mary's offers a huge range of opportunities for everyone - which allows our young people to pursue their interests and try new things - so please take up our enrichment offer! Thank you also to parents/carers for all their support in ensuring students are in the correct uniform, are prepared for their school day and for working so closely with the school. This is a vital partnership. I hope you enjoy our first newsletter and that it gives you a flavour of the wonderful and unique school that is St Mary's College.

God Bless,

**MRS STEAD**



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# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - FUNDRAISING SUCCESS



## A LETTER FROM THE KINGSTON JUNIOR ACADEMY IN KENYA

Dear Mrs Stead,

I just wanted to write and express my gratitude for the fantastic fundraising that St Mary's school has recently completed for our school in Kenya. Please can you pass on our thanks to all staff, pupils and parents, who supported your International Week events.

It has been great working with Mr Berry, so I would especially like to express my gratitude to him, his enthusiasm for the project, from the first day we spoke, has been immense.

I was blown away when he informed me that in total, £1,574.58 had been raised by pupils, staff and parents. We were able to add to this by getting Barclays Bank to match fund with a further £1000 resulting in total funds raised of £2574.58, an absolutely outstanding result.

These funds will have a huge impact at our school 'Kingston Junior Academy'.

Over the next few months I look forward to updating you on how the funds are spent, and what a tremendous difference they will make to our pupils.

Our current goal is to connect electricity to every class and I am excited to confirm that your donation will enable this to happen. By connecting electricity to the school, this will open up greater opportunities to introduce the internet and computing to the pupils. The last year has really shown how important and just what an impact online learning can have, your funds may enable us to extend such opportunities to our pupils, a completely new experience for them.

Covid is still causing problems in Kenya but I look forward to providing update as soon as I can visit along with photos and my regular newsletters.

Fantastic fundraising like this, truly ensures the sustainability of our school, so on behalf of our Head Teacher, Mr Samuel, and all our pupils and staff, I wish to say a huge 'Thank You'.

With appreciation,  
Trevor  
Kingston Junior Academy



# STAY SAFE!

## Safeguarding:

- SMC is working proactively to protect our students from Peer-on-Peer Sexual Abuse. You may have noticed our new 'pledges' poster in student planners and displayed around the school which demonstrate that our school challenges inappropriate behaviour and that we will listen & respond to any concerns that are raised.
- Coming soon, the National Online Safety platform will be launched to parents and carers allowing information and training from home, watch this space.

## Covid Safe:

- Thank you for supporting good hand hygiene and the wearing of face coverings in college presently. These measures help in reducing the spread of infection and keeping our community safe.
- Don't forget to continue lateral flow tests at home every Wednesday and Sunday
- Please seek a PCR test if you have any of the main Covid symptoms, including a continuous cough, temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher and a change to, or loss of taste & smell.

## Road safety:

- Your cooperation is appreciated with safer drop offs and collections from school. Thank you for not parking on the double yellow lines and blocking driveways around the school neighbourhood.
- As the dark nights draw in please ensure your child has lights on their bike and wears a hi vis vest and cycle helmet.
- Don't forget high quality bike locks are available to purchase from school at a subsidised price of £10- please email [admin@smchull.org](mailto:admin@smchull.org) if you would like to purchase

**#MyPledge** ST MARY'S COLLEGE

**Pledge 1**  
I will not spread rumours about other people

**Pledge 2**  
I will treat others with empathy & respect & use respectful language to resolve problems

**Pledge 3**  
I pledge not to take and share images of others which violates their privacy and wellbeing

**Pledge 4**  
I promise to challenge sexist, homophobic and transphobic comments

**Pledge 5**  
I will educate myself on gender-based issues and how to beat oppression

St Mary's College operates a zero tolerance policy to sexual harassment and works proactively with staff and students to eliminate sexual abuse in the college. We ask everyone in the college to commit to these 5 simple pledges to make our environment safe for all.



# YEAR 7 - OFF TO A FLYING START!

Head of Year 7, Mrs Williams, has asked to make a small mention to new Year 7 students in particular for the wonderful start they have made at SMC.

"I am proud of their maturity, resilience and positive attitude to SMC, the start they have made has been fantastic. They really have adapted well considering many of them had never visited SMC before."

Please note there is a Parents' Evening for Year 7 parents and carers on Thursday 21st October - more details and information to follow in the coming weeks.



# CAREERS SUPPORT

The Year 11 Careers interview programme has started for this academic year. Pupils can request an early interview slot through their form tutor or the Year 11 Office.

Any other pupils who have careers queries can come along to the "Careers Drop-in" on a lunchtime in the LRC on the day scheduled for your year group. Check out the Careers page on the school website for more on the Careers team here at St Mary's and useful information for research.

<https://www.smchull.org/secondary-school/curriculum/careers>

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# EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

European Day of Languages will be celebrated at St Mary's College on Friday 24th September.

There will be tutor activities, lunch time events and micro lesson starters going on throughout the day.

## European Day of Languages



**Friday 24th September 2021**

- Year 7 passport challenge lunch time in the Y7 zone
- 12.45-1.15pm
- Sign up on the sheet in registers

Parlez-vous le français?

Sprechen sie Deutsch?



- Tutor Time Activity
- Lesson Starter Quizzes

Journée européenne des langues..... Día europeo de las lenguas..... Europäischer Tag der Sprachen.....

# GOOD NEWS FRIDAY - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

You may have received a text or email home recently telling you that your son/daughter has been nominated for 'Good News Friday'.

This is our weekly rewards system whereby staff nominate students who have really impressed them in lessons and tutors share this information with their tutor groups each Friday morning. . The number of weekly nominations received is testament to SMC students' diligent and enthusiastic approach to lessons.





# And finally.....



**YEAR 13 STUDENT ANTONIO HAS QUALIFIED AS A WORLD CLASS SCHOOLS ASSESSOR**



**YEAR 8 STUDENT AMEILIA WAS APPOINTED AS THE YOUNG LORD MAYOR OF HULL IN THE SUMMER TERM & HAS BEEN BUSY SUPPORTING EVENTS IN THE CITY WITH LOCAL MPS**



**ELEVEN OF OUR SM6 COACHING AND LEADERSHIP GROUP WERE YOUNG LEADERS DURING OUR 2021 SUMMER SCHOOL. THE YOUNG LEADERS LED ALL SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE FOUR-WEEK PROGRAMME TO NEARLY 200 SMC STUDENTS. THEY WERE A CREDIT TO THE COLLEGE & DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGHOUT.**

Coming soon.....



Coming this month: the launch of our new EduLink communications app.

Watch your emails & texts from school for more information on how to set up and get the best from the app. You can get ready & download this from the app stores on android and iPhone now.

## A PRAYER...



In loving memory of former SMC teacher Maria Lucatello who passed recently:

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,  
their lives change but do not end.  
We pray in hope for our families,  
relatives and friends,  
and for all the dead known to You alone.  
Amen

REST IN PEACE

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