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St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

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Y11 Prom Highlights

Acting Heads of School Update
Mr Johnston & Miss McHugh

Last night we welcomed our Y11 students for a night of celebration, dancing, fun and festivities to celebrate the significant milestone in their life as they complete their GCSE examinations. The students were beautifully dressed in their finery and looked like superstars!

They danced the night away to every song the DJ played and were entertained by a magician between their buffet and photo booth sessions. The evening was filled with laughter, joy and the most wonderful friendships. Their conduct was exceptional, the Manager of the venue commented that in his 20 years in the Hospitality industry he had never seen such well-behaved, polite, well-mannered young people. As a staff body, we were in awe at our Year 11 students who showed our core virtues of Love, Respect and Flourish in all its glory in their wonderful celebration.

Our prayers and best wishes are with the Y11 cohort, a huge thank you to their families that make this school such a tremendous community. It really is testament to the Gospel values you as parents teach your children, the work of our dedicated teaching staff and support staff, that enable our young people to flourish and grow into the confident, ambitious future leaders that last

night witnessed. Please see in our "Headlines" a small selection of the hundreds of photos from last night. I will be uploading them to the school gallery on our website over the next few days.

This evening, we have our annual Sports Presentation Evening, with over 300 students and their families attending it promises to be a wonderful family night and a great celebration of all they have achieved. We also have 60 of our Y12 students currently completing their Duke of Edinburgh expedition due to return over the weekend so next week's Headlines promises to be just as jam packed of our student achievements.

It is only right and fitting to conclude this weeks message with prayer and thanksgiving. Lord, I lift up to you the students of St Mary's Catholic School and bless them in their young lives. Lord, reveal your calling for their life and give them the courage to follow your will. Help them pursue the desires of your heart for their life and fill it with fervor and tenacity. God Bless them always.

Miss D McHugh, Acting Head of School



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week commencing 4th July

Year 10 Work Experience
Year 12 Internal Exams

6th July

Year 6 Induction Evening

11th July

Sports Day

12th July

Cultural Capital Day

13th July

Year 8 HPV Vaccination Catch Up
Year 10 Art Exam

14th July

Year 6 Induction Day
Year 10 Geography Fieldwork
Year 8 Colchester Zoo
Year 9 Assault Course Kelvedon Hatch
Year 7 Activity Day
Year 12 Cambridge

15th July

End of School Presentations
End of Term 1pm Finish



St Francis of Assisi
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST



Year 11 Prom





Celebrating success!



The national Young Writers Competition invited entries from all over the UK to write poetry on a selection of themes. The winning poets will have their poems published in a printed Anthology book due to be printed in September 2022. We are delighted and exceptionally proud to have **FOUR** winners who will have their work published!

Congratulations to our four winners.

- Ruby C
- Daniel S
- Sofia M
- Ugo N



Leonardo C in Year 8 was selected to participate in the Juventus World Cup Academy Team representing England – a once in a lifetime opportunity for him and the school. There were nations from across the globe participating in the Juventus World Cup such as Brazil, Australia, USA and Chile. The opening and closing ceremony were attend by Nedved and Del Piero at the Juventus' stadium with. Leo's team finished fourth representing England, eventual winners were Argentina..

We are very proud of you Leonardo!



Harry Potter and the Students of St Mary's



Year 7 students who we took on the trip were like "Mr. and Mrs. Dursley of number 4, Privet Drive... [They] were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much." * But when we put them into the Houses of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin, we knew it was all about to change!

The students used the knowledge from the Movie Maths workshop to enter successfully the magical world of witches and wizards, following steps of Harry Potter and his adventures. Testing magic wands, practising flying skills on the Fireball, admiring the flavours of butterbeer ice cream, they had such a good time.



What a magical trip we all had!

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Concert & Cultural Fashion Show

THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2022

THE HALL @ 6PM

ST MARY'S

Soirée

CONCERT, CULTURAL FASHION
SHOW & ART EXHIBITION

Audience welcome to wear their own cultural attire!

See Eventbrite for tickets



KS3 SMCS Reading Challenge Cup

Counting for the St Mary's Reading Challenge Cup for Key Stage 3 will close on **July 8th**, and here are the current top ten AR classes:

1	10,619,788	7F
2	9,492,247	7A
3	9,238,368	7C
4	9,123,525	7B
5	8,450,496	7E
6	8,384,867	7D
7	8,354,623	8F
8	8,175,043	9B
9	8,109,911	8C
10	7,098,332	9C



What an achievement for Accelerated Reader group 7F to pass the **10 million word mark!**

There is a week left for students to do those final quizzes and get their group to the top spot. We will award the cup to the top AR group in each year at the end of year assemblies in the last week of term. There will also be a final word count total for the whole of KS3 at the end of the school year. Please encourage your children to keep reading and quizzing!



Bring back your library books before the end of term!

Check at home and remind your children to bring back any library books. They can renew items if they want to continue reading over the holidays.

Minus house points will be issued for overdue items on Friday 8th July.

Jayden, Year 9 wins £800 Alfred Gundry Piano Award



We were proud to nominate talented pianist Jayden for this Young Musicians Award and so delighted that this dedicated pianist was selected for this top award which will offer him a year of rich musical opportunities including workshops, mentoring, performance opportunities and creative projects plus a whopping £800 to spend on his own musical costs!

Jayden writes: The young musician's award has opened a lot of possibilities for me as a musician in the future. Along with an £800 grant for any musical need they have also given me the opportunity to get experience and learn from professionals in master-classes. This reward will certainly kickstart my career in musicianship and will get me some needed exposure as a musician.





Design and Technology KS3 Home Cooking and Baking Competition

This term the Design & Technology department set a challenge for students to cook and bake for their families to demonstrate their skills. Students have been busy sending in photographs and information about their dishes!

Here are the top nine students who all will receive a prize:

Amy H
Key Lime Pie



Jan P
Steak with Mushroom, Feta Cheese
and Asparagus



Evie H
Salmon, Parmentier Potatoes and
Roasted Vegetables



Joana E
Yam and Vegetable Stew



David DC
Pavlova with Vanilla Mascarpone
Cream, Strawberries, Mangos and
Grapes.



Leanita G
BBQ Jerk Chicken with Potato
Salad



Elysia B
Tiramisu



Dylan S
Spaghetti Bolognese



Sofia LW
Spicy Chicken Tacos with Mango
Rice and a Trifle Dessert



Well done to everyone that competed! There is clearly a passion and love of cooking and baking at St Marys, and the Design and Technology department is proud to help student's develop these important life skills! Every student that entered has been award with house points for their efforts.



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Health Education England

MindEd for Families – children and teens

Are you a parent or carer who is concerned about the mental health of your child or teenager? Do you just want some hints and tips on parenting? MindEd for Families has advice and information from trusted experts and will help you to understand what problems occur, what you can do to best support your family, and how to take care of yourself. MindEd for Families is written by a team of specialists and parents, working together. You do not need to register to use these resources. Further information can be found here:

<https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/>

MindEd is a free learning resource about the mental health of children, young people and older adults.



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**WE NEED
YOU!**

All parents of children at St. Mary’s are a ‘Friend of St. Mary’s’ (please support us!). Additionally, we would love to hear from you if you are able to give a little of your time to join our committee.

We are an open and friendly group ideally looking to expand so that we have at least one committee member from each year group to support events, fundraising and the community.

Please follow the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofstmarysbstortford/> for more info!

THANK YOU!