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St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

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## A Touch of Magic

*Acting Heads of School Update  
Mr Johnston & Miss McHugh*

Our Year 7 students made a trip to the 'Making of Harry Potter' exhibition at the Warner Bros. Studios this week (see picture), which is just one of the planned events for what is turning out to be a very busy last few weeks of the summer term. The Year 11 students have now finished their exams, and the Year 13s are not far behind them. I would like to commend the Year 9 students who have sat their end of term exams this week, in exam conditions for many of the papers, and responded very well as they prepare for the start of the GCSE courses in September. The Year 10s and 12s are soon due on Work Experience and there will be the end of year Liturgies, Sports Day, Awards Presentations, Proms (Y11 and Y13), Cultural Capital/ Enrichment Days and the PE Awards night. Over the course of the last two years, the school has really missed the energy and excitement of a full programme of events, and so it's really pleasing to see the students reaping the rewards of a full academic year. Thank you to the students, parents, teachers and staff for the touch of magic you bring to the St. Mary's community.

**Tom Johnston, *Acting Head of School***

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Week Commencing Monday 27th June**

Year 10 End of Year Assessments

Year 12 Work Experience Week

**Thursday 30th June**

Year 11 Prom

**Friday 1st July**

PE Presentation Evening

**Thursday 30th June—Saturday 2nd July**

Year 12 DOE Expedition



**FoSM—please follow  
Friends of St. Mary's**



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/friendsofstmarysbtortford/> for more info!



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## Year 11 and Year 13

To all Year 11 and 13 students: unwanted revision guides/ school laptop return



Now that your exams are almost over, **if you have a school laptop it is time to return it please** as we have younger students in need of a device. Thank you to those of you who have already returned these.

**Any revision guides, flash cards**, etc that were provided by school or that you don't need any longer and any **unwanted maths sets** and calculators that you are willing to donate will be very welcome as there are students who will be very grateful to use these next year!

I will be very happy to receive these from you in the Library at any time!



....AND UNIFORM—if you have any articles of uniform that are no longer required, we would be grateful for the donation of these to the school to support others.



Many thanks  
**Mrs Wilkin, Assistant Headteacher**

## Internal Exams

Year 10	Monday 27-Jun	Tuesday 28-Jun	Wednesday 29-Jun	Thursday 30-Jun	Friday 01-Jul
9:00 AM P1	First Exam - 9AM Start French Spanish	First Exam - 9AM Start Computing D&T Italian	First Exam - 9AM Start Business Drama Music	First Exam - 9AM Start Food & Nutrition PE	First Exam - 9AM Start History
10:05 AM P2					
11:25 AM P3	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start Religious Studies	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start Maths	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start Science (Paper 1)	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start English	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start Science (Paper 2)
12:30 PM P4					
2:05 PM P5					

Year 12	Monday 04-Jul	Tuesday 05-Jul	Wednesday 06-Jul	Wednesday 13-Jul
9:00 AM P1	First Exam - 9AM Start Year 12 - COLUMN B Computing Film Geography History Maths	First Exam - 9AM Start Year 12 - COLUMN D Art Biology H&SC Psychology RE D&T Core Maths	First Exam - 9AM Start Year 12 - COLUMN C Business English Lan Further Maths Italian Media	Year 10 Art (38) All day 38 students in C6 and C8
10:05 AM P2				
11:25 AM P3	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start Year 12 - COLUMN A Chemistry English Lit Maths	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start Year 12 - COLUMN E Economics Physics Politics Psychology Sociology French	Second Exam - 11:25AM Start CATCH-UP Session for absentees	
12:30 PM P4				
2:05 PM P5	PE Spanish			

## Maths Department—60/60!!

In Maths, we are closing **UKMT Challenges** for this academic year in style!

The results from the Year 7 and Year 8 Junior Challenge have arrived!

60 entries and 60 certificates with Dawid N and Daniel H (Year 8) both being awarded a title of 'Best in School' and 'Best in Year 8', and Hannah P (Year 7) being 'Best In Year' for her year group!



Brilliant effort everyone! We are so proud of you all and cannot wait for more exciting maths during the next season! Stay focused - go onto the UKMT website and keep practising! Mastery is the key!





## Science Department



### Year 10 Gold and Silver winners of the Biology Challenge

The Royal Society of Biology run three competitions each year to encourage students to look beyond their GCSE and A level courses. The Biology Challenge this year was completed by over 41,000 students from over 550 schools worldwide. Some of **our Year 10 students took part** in May with great success. Among the successes were **nine Gold Awards**, **seven Silver Awards** and **seven Bronze Awards**.

Below is a table showing the breakdown of the required level of competency to achieve the grades. This can lead to the British Biology Olympiad which challenges and stimulates students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates. This in turn can lead onto the International Biology Challenge.

Award	Percentage score	Percentage of students who took part in the Biology Challenge 2022
Gold	78.69%	5%
Silver	71.72%	10%
Bronze	65.54%	15%
Highly Commended	60.43%	15%
Commended	55.08%	15%



- Evie B
- Beatrice C
- Jessica L
- Lucian T
- Patrycja R
- Fimi S
- Ava W
- Veronica D
- Samrawit K
- Jaymie S
- Patrick C
- Ellis S
- Celine P
- Alexandra P
- Audrey A

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## Concert & Cultural Fashion Show

THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2022

HUME THEATRE @ 6PM

ST MARY'S

*Soirée*

CONCERT & CULTURAL  
FASHION SHOW

**See Eventbrite for tickets**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/368157528077>



## Webinar for Parents of Students in Year 11 or Year 12



**Sunday 26 June 2022**  
*Webinar for Parents*

Here is a QR code to a webinar this Sunday for **parents of students in Year 11 or Year 12** who are interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge for a STEM subject or Economics.



## Services for Young People Hertfordshire Holiday Activities

### Summer holiday activities 2022

Hertfordshire's  
Holiday Activity Programme



Services for  
Young People

Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People (SfYP) is running **an exciting programme of free holiday activities during the first three weeks of the summer 2022 school holidays**. The activities are for young people aged 13-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The Parent/Guardian will need the FSM code sent to their child's school to book a place.

The activities focus on healthy lifestyles and young people will have the opportunity to:

- Take part in sports, dance, art activities, physical games and team challenges
- Meet and socialise with other young people
- Join our fun and informal healthy lifestyles workshops on:
  - healthy food choices and cooking
  - emotional wellbeing and resilience
  - staying safe
  - healthy relationships
  - keeping active
  - smoking, drug and alcohol awareness
  - stress and sleep awareness

Get a free healthy lunch every day.

**The activities will run for four hours a day, five days a week: Monday to Friday, 25 July - 12 August 2022.**

***Click on these links to find out more and book onto your local programme:***

[Welwyn Hatfield, Hatfield Young People's Centre](#)  
[Broxbourne, Herts Young Mariners Base](#)  
[East Herts, Ware Young People's Centre](#)

**Mrs McGorrell,  
Pastoral Care and Safeguarding Lead**



## Chaplaincy News



### The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of the infinite love of God for all people. We are reminded that God suffered for us, even though we were sinners. This is not a 'nice' devotion, rather, it is a challenging thought that Christian love - love that follows the example of Christ – must act in a similar way. It cannot reject those in need, it cannot encourage hatred, it cannot despise others. As a Catholic school, our first and most important value is LOVE. Let us reflect on the great mystery of God's love and be conformed to the example of the love of God made visible in our LORD, Jesus Christ.

*O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,  
I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins.  
I offer you this poor heart of mine.  
Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.  
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.  
Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;  
give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,  
your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.  
Within your heart I place my every care.  
In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying,  
Heart of Jesus, help me.*

*Amen*



## Youth Service Essex Holiday Activities

**YOUTH SERVICE**

Essex County Council

### Summer Fun 2022, Essex

Join us for an action packed three days of learning, idea sharing, challenge, and games.

**Absolutely free to attend.** We have created a three day programme centred on the theme of interaction and challenge. On completion of the three days, you have the opportunity to complete an optional two day/one night walking expedition, camping in the great outdoors!

Taking place on 22nd and 23rd August 2022. This expedition will be recognised as the Bronze DofE Award expedition. All of the expedition skills taught during the three days will ensure the participant has acquired the necessary skills to complete the expedition element.

#### What's involved?

Open to all 13-19 year olds in Essex (up to 25 years with SEN).

Join us 10am-4pm Monday to Wednesday to take part in...

- Outdoor cooking
- Virtual reality
- Team building
- Navigation
- Sports
- Making art
- Crazy golf
- First Aid
- Planning a route for your expedition team
- Outdoor/expedition skills - expedition rucksack and kit, emergency procedures, tents



#### **Locations - Book your place, via this link** <https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/summer-fun-programme-2022/>

The three sessions will take place 10am-4pm Monday to Wednesday at our youth centres across Essex.

Full joining instructions will be emailed to you one week before the programme start date.

- 25th, 26th, 27th July - Basildon Youth Centre, 16-20 Southernhay, SS14 1EL
- 25th, 26th, 27th July - Chapel Hill Youth Centre, Chapel Hill, Braintree, CM7 3QZ
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd August - Colchester Townhouse, 39-42 East Stockwell Street, CO1 1SS
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd August - The Hermit, 15 Shenfield Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AG
- 8th, 9th, 10th August - Clacton Green Lodge, 180 Old Road, Clacton, CO15 3AY
- 8th, 9th, 10th August - Galleywood, Watchhouse Road, Chelmsford, CM2 8PT
- 15th, 16th, 17th August - Harlow
- 15th, 16th, 17 August - Halstead Youth Centre, Parsonage Road, CO9 2ES

#### **The Expedition - 22nd and 23rd August 2022**

Start, Finish and overnight camp at Essex Outdoors, Well Lane, Danbury CM3 4AB.

On completion of the three days you have the opportunity to complete an optional two day/one night walking expedition, camping in the great outdoors!

This expedition will be recognised as the Bronze DofE Award expedition.

Expedition teams will independently navigate their way through the Essex countryside, putting into practice their newly acquired expedition skills. Each expedition team (up to 7 participants) will be assessed against DofE's 20 conditions:

[The 20 Conditions of the Expedition section - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)

#### **What is included**

Registration on The DofE Award programme

All of the expedition skills taught during the three days will ensure the participant has acquired the necessary skills to complete the expedition element.

The use of tents, roll mats, maps, compasses, cooking stoves and rucksacks

#### **Participants need to bring - financial support is available**

**Please indicate on the form whether you require support with any of the below items:**

Travel to and from Essex Outdoors, Well Lane, Danbury CM3 4AB

Walking shoes or boots are ideal (these can be purchased for as little as £20). Trainers can be worn, except converse/pumps/plimsoll's

Sleeping bag

Waterproof jacket and trousers (we do have a supply of waterproofs in some sizes)

Food for the two day expedition

#### **A expedition kit list will be provided**

#### **Other sections of the DofE Award**

If you wish to complete the expedition element, we will register you on the DofE Award (free of charge) so that your expedition experience can be recorded. This also provides you with a fantastic opportunity to continue through the whole DofE Bronze Award beyond the summer. The DofE Award includes three other sections which are completed independently, including the skills section, physical section and volunteering section.







## Music Department



### Composer of the Month – June Edward Elgar

#### Sir Edward William Elgar, 1st Baronet, OM, GCVO

Born 2 June 1857, died 23 February 1934, was an English composer, many of whose works have entered the British and international classical concert repertoire. Among his best-known compositions are orchestral works including the *Enigma Variations*, the *Pomp and Circumstance Marches*, concertos for violin and cello, and two symphonies. He also composed choral works, including *The Dream of Gerontius*, chamber music and songs. He was appointed Master of the King's Musick in 1924.

Although Elgar is often regarded as a typically English composer, most of his musical influences were not from England but from continental Europe. He felt himself to be an outsider, not only musically, but socially. In musical circles dominated by academics, he was a self-taught composer; in Protestant Britain, his Roman Catholicism was regarded with suspicion in some quarters; and in the class-conscious society of Victorian and Edwardian Britain, he was acutely sensitive about his humble origins even after he achieved recognition.

Elgar's best-known works were composed within the twenty-one years between 1899 and 1920. Most of them are orchestral. Elgar's Violin Concerto and Cello Concerto. It has been said these concerti "rank not only among his finest works, but among the greatest of their kind".

Here is one of the finest performances of the Cello Concerto performed by Jaqueline Du Pre and conducted by her husband, Daniel Barenboim with the London Symphony Orchestra.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPhkZW\\_jwc0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPhkZW_jwc0)

Here is Nigel Kennedy playing the Violin concerto at the Proms with the BBC Concert Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mcU89I2r38>

#### Elgar's manuscript for his 'Cello Concerto





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