



St Mary's Catholic College

NEWSLETTER

Work together; Succeed together

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Tuesday.

by Alison Carr



National
Theatre

CONNECTIONS 2023

St Mary's Performing Arts students on the big stage again
at The Lowry Theatre in Manchester..

Drama Department

Tuesday Performance

CONNECTIONS 2023

On Friday 28th April, St Mary's 6th form Performing Arts students travelled to The Lowry Theatre in Salford Quays, Manchester to perform "Tuesday" by Alison Carr. This performance was the final part of their involvement in The National Theatre's 2023 Connections Project.

On arrival at The Lowry they got a tour of the facilities and had the opportunity to participate in a technical rehearsal. They then took part in a bespoke acting workshop led by an industry professional and a Connections warm up activity with the other participating school. Miss McCallion said the final performance was outstanding, "Our students were amazing, the audience were captivated by their interpretation of this wonderful play. I am so proud of each and everyone of them. The Connections Project provides students with an opportunity to not only stage brand new plays but to work with The National Theatre and perform on professional stages like The Lowry".



Inspire Opportunities

Turning tables

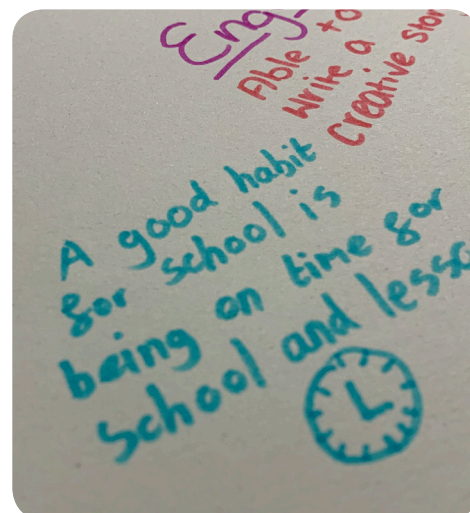
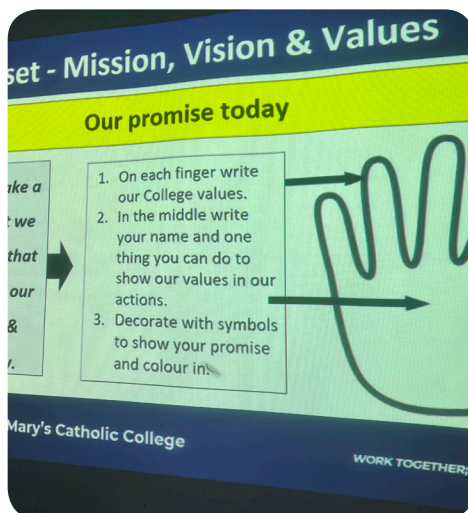
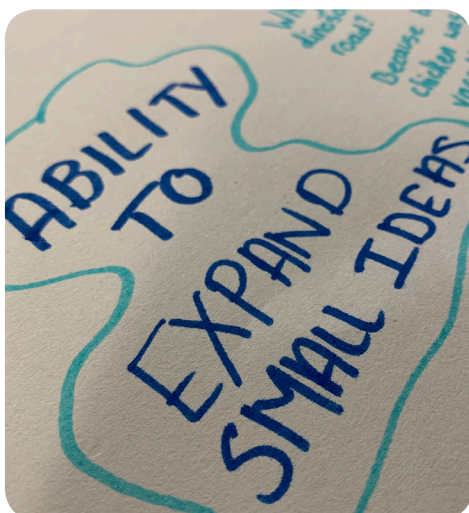
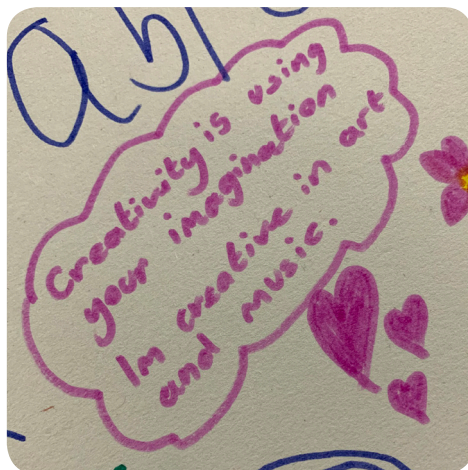
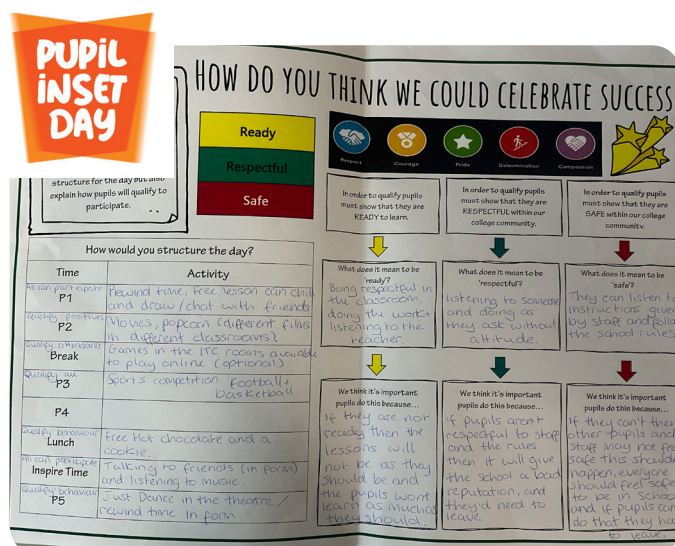
Staff at St Mary's College 'turned the tables' on pupils and provided a 'Teacher training Day' for pupils instead of teachers. Staff in many schools usually take part in 'Inset' days (in service training days) and students would work from home on these days. However, on Friday 21st April, all students at St Mary's were invited to take part in 'Pupil Inset Day' led by teaching and support staff and a variety of outside speakers and experts.

Students enjoyed training on reading strategies, creativity in the classroom, well being, careers, revision skills and exploring mission/vision and values. The most up to date research in these areas was shared with pupils, with time for them to put the research into practical use and support them in their understanding of these areas.

Feedback from students was that they loved the event and were happy to be treated like teachers for the day. One student in year 8 said, 'It was good to be able to see why we are learning certain things and now we can help ourselves and other people in the class like the teachers do.'

Year 11 and 13 students enjoyed a day of bespoke revision, careers, sixth form and university information alongside an important wellbeing session.

We also welcomed visitors from Liverpool John Moores University to speak to pupils.



Department Focus: Social Sciences

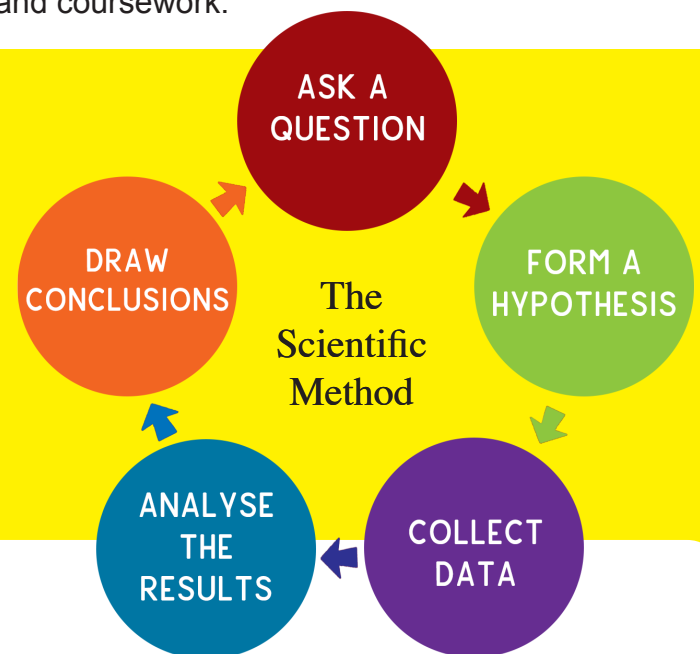
Studying human behaviour

Social Science is all about studying the different people in society, finding out how to meet their needs and being able to explain why people behave the way they do and how they influence the world around us. Our aim is to support our students to learn about individuals and groups and the context in which we can support them to grow and develop throughout their lives. Under our guidance our students are given the opportunity to excel and gain a wider understanding of society and their place within it. We want them to become empathetic individuals that understand the reasons for human behaviour and ways in which we can support people to overcome difficulties in their lives throughout all of the life stages.

It's been a busy year with classes working on a range of topics and most recently, students working towards final exams and coursework.

Year 10 Psychology

Our Year 10 Students have been learning about development this term and how children learn. They have now moved on to research methods and how psychologists go about researching their hypothesis and the methods they use, for example experiments, observations and questionnaires. Well done to Giulio Fontana and Lily Lloyd for their consistent performance across the year.



Year 12 Psychology

Yr 12 Psychology are learning Biopsychology, they have learnt all about the human nervous system, the endocrine system, how neurons and synapses work, they are just about to learn the areas of the brain and what they are responsible for they have been busy making brain hats that help them to remember this. They are also studying attachment in children and its importance and impact on adult relationships and development. Praise goes to the following students for excellent achievement in recent tests Hannah C and Ella B.



Year 13 Psychology

Yr 13 Psychology students have been busy revising for their exams and recapping a range of topics including Psychopathology, Schizophrenia and Gender. Good Luck to all of you.



Year 12 Sociology

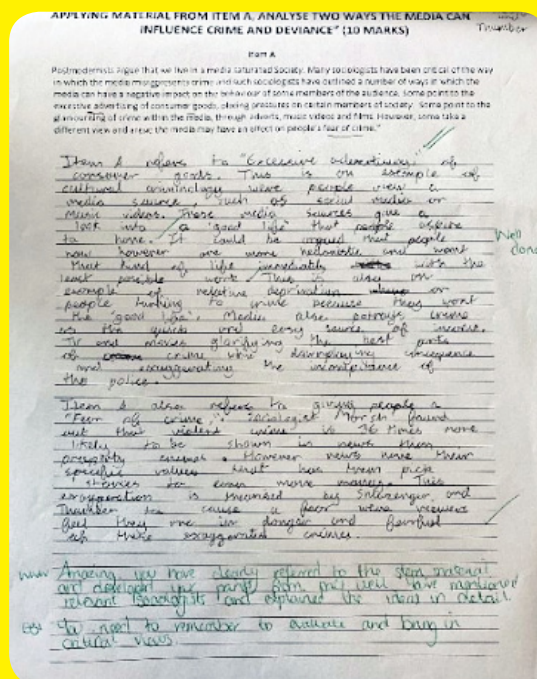
Yr 12 Sociology have been studying families and households most recently looking at marriage and divorce and the impact this has on families and wider society. Our students are also currently developing their own investigations, exploring a range of topics in society through a range of sociological research methods.

All of the students have shown excellent progress and understanding of this new topic, well done to you.



Year 13 Sociology

Yr 13 Sociology are learning about beliefs in society considering the importance of beliefs for individuals and society and most recently considering if science is a belief system. They have just finished learning the topic of Crime and Deviance, and how the media can influence patterns and trends of crime. Students enjoyed exploring why disadvantaged communities may resort to crime to meet the expectations society in the media imposes on them. This student has presented an excellent analysis of this topic, showing his dedication to revising and demonstrating his exam skills.



Year 10 Health & Social Care

Yr 10 Health and Social Care have been working on the first piece of coursework which is due to be sent off in a couple of weeks. They have worked really hard on a series of challenging tasks related to how we grow and develop and the different life events that can have an impact on us. The whole class has worked really hard to get their work in on time but particular well done for getting it in early goes to Lily Lloyd!

Year 11 Health & Social Care

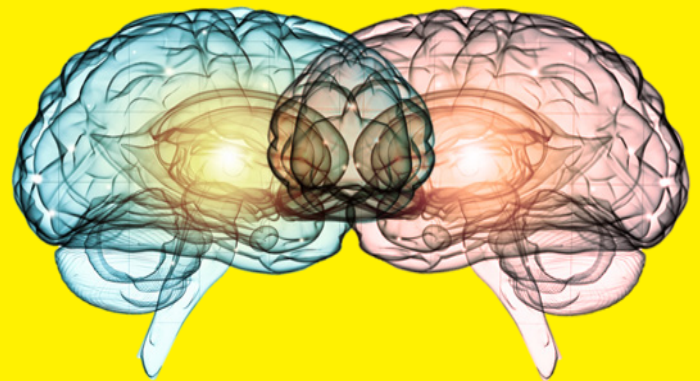
Yr 11 Health & Social Care completed role plays to demonstrate the importance of the Care Values in Health and Social Care for their final piece of work. They threw themselves into this task and are all showing excellent understanding and application.

Year 12 Health & Social Care

Yr 12 Health & Social Care have been busy completing coursework and preparing for their exam. In their coursework they have been studying 'Meeting Individual Care Needs' and have been learning about human growth and development for their exam, including different theories of development for example Piaget. Most recently, they have focussed on the issues around an ageing population in our society for Health and Social Care provision. This half term, students have also been exploring how health and safety are promoted within settings such as hospitals and care homes, analysing the way rights are promoted for service users so they get the best quality care possible. This is a difficult topic to understand as professionals must balance rights with the risk of harm to service users, but it is evident our students have showed resilience and understand the concept completely.. Well done!

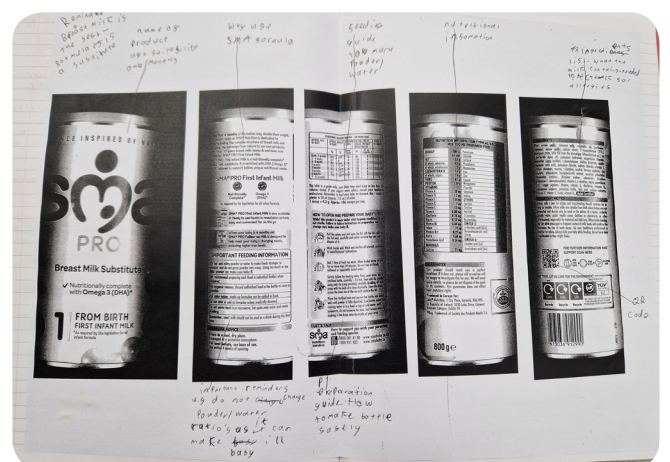
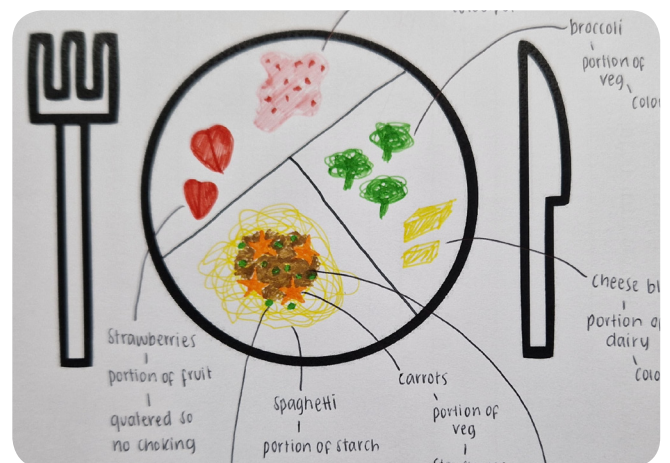
Year 13 Health & Social Care

Yr 13 Health & Social Care – are currently working on their coursework, having completed exams in January. They are looking at the different physiological disorders and how they impact individuals and how they are treated within health and social care services. They have also been using different psychological perspectives to explain phobias and OCD in 2 different individuals. Congratulations to all of you



Year 10 Child Development

Yr10 Child Development students have been working hard completing their coursework assignments to demonstrate their learning this year. They have completed tasks including designing a room in a nursery that will allow children to play and learn as well as keep them safe, researched items for transport and feeding for young children and planning meals to meet the nutritional needs of children from 0-5 years. Currently, our Child Development are researching the different roles and responsibilities in a nursery setting, understanding who nursery practitioners would contact in situations such as safeguarding. This will support our students in their future careers as Childcare Professionals! Particular praise to Paul N and Olivia C.

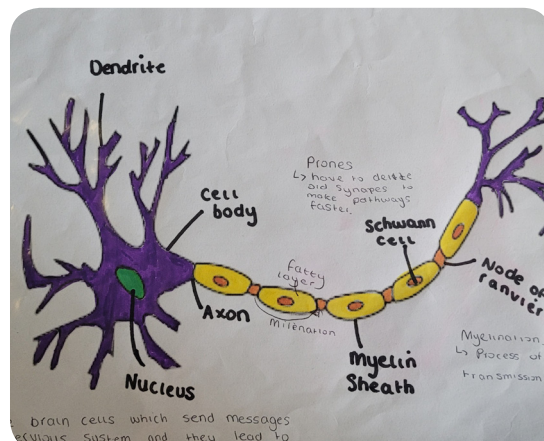
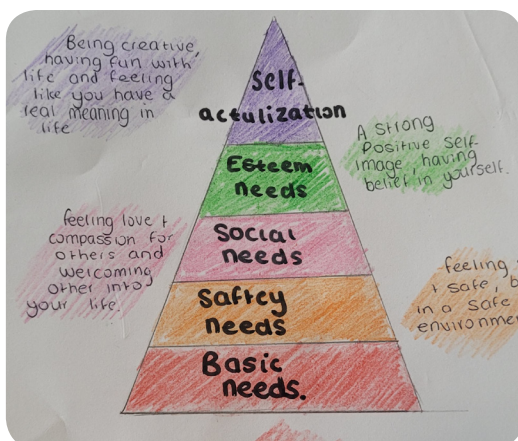
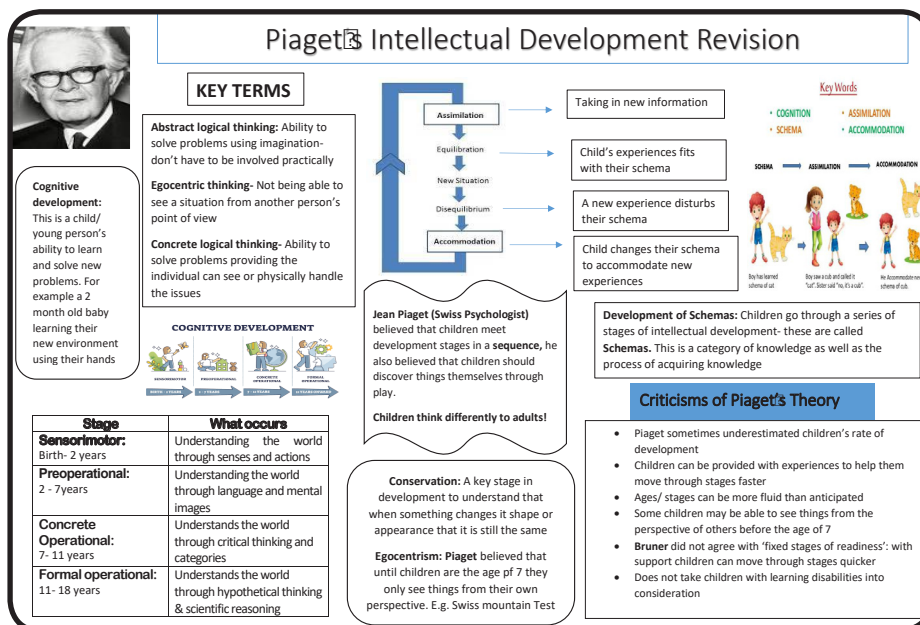


Year 11 Child Development

Yr 11 Child Development have been revising hard for their Unit 1 exam and completing their coursework to demonstrate their knowledge of inclusive practice and empowerment. Congratulations to Anna H, Emily H, Millie H, Jasmine T and Katie W for the production of some outstanding work over the two years.

Year 12 Child Development

In Child Development our students have learnt the different theories for both cognitive and social and emotional development in children, they have learnt how these theories are applied in practice in childcare settings by the different practitioners. They are now preparing for their unit 1 exam and looking forward to being able to demonstrate their knowledge of keeping children safe and play when on their two week work experience placement in a few weeks' time. Good luck to you all.



Year 13 Child Development

Yr 13 Child Development - Massive congratulations to our Year 13's who have successfully completed their Level 3 course especially Mia R, Francisca A and Ella T who have secured placements on Primary teaching courses in September.

Music Department

Live and Loud

On the evening of Friday 21st April, students from both St Mary's and SJP came together to put on a night of phenomenal musical entertainment. The third Friday Night Live! event was held at the Oakland Gallery in New Brighton, which rocked to the sounds of all the talented musicians on stage.

The event saw some more familiar acts return as well as providing an opportunity for some of our first time performers to shine. Headlining the event were former St Mary's students; the fantastic 'Ambedo Blue' who kept the dance floor full until the end of the event. This was a fantastic opportunity for our talented students to experience exactly what it's like to play on a big stage in front of an audience. Overall, the night was a huge success and plans for the next one are already in progress.. watch this space!



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!



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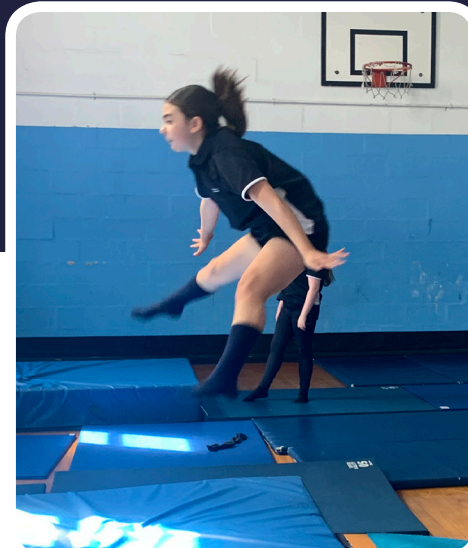




P.E Department

Gymnastics club

Miss Edwards would like to say a huge 'well done' to all the Year 7 students that have been attending her Gymnastics club at lunchtime and after school. The commitment and enthusiasm they bring to the team is amazing, and the progression of their skills this term has been outstanding! It has been a pleasure to teach them, not only this term, but the whole year.



Inspire Opportunities

First Aid for sixth form

The whole of year 13 were able to take part in a first-aid course last month. Class training came into college and students took part in the practical first-aid session. They learned the recovery position and CPR, as well as how to deal with minor injuries. For those who passed the online training and the practical face-to-face received a two-year qualification for first aid in the workplace.

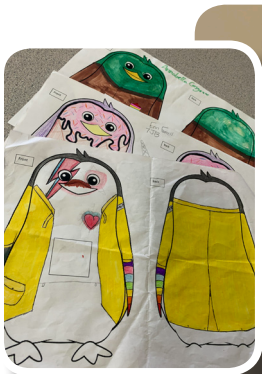


Art Department

Competition finalist..



Magdalena C. is St Mary's finalist for the Dot Art Competition in Liverpool this year. Voted for by hundreds of people online! We are really looking forward to the prize giving ceremony this year which takes place in the stunning 'Concert room' at St George's Hall and the exhibition preview in the city's iconic Walker Art Gallery. Well done to Magdalena, the other two finalists and the rest of her Year group for creating the most stunning work!



9JB student Maddie F
with her stunning
finished design

'The deepness of the Soul'
(acrylic on plaster)



Students have also been busy working on another competition. This time it's p-p-p-penguins! Taking inspiration from *Wild in Art's* temporary art trails seen in and around the city in recent years; St.Mary's are in the process of curating their own mini penguin exhibition. Made from plaster in the department, students were given a design sheet and asked to create a striking, design. There were so many amazing entrants with 20 students getting the chance to paint their own. When finished, they will be on display in local shops and restaurants with VR codes for customers to scan and find out more about the inspiration for the design and art at St. Mary's..Look out for our flippers friends in a shop near you!

T Levels at St Mary's

New education initiative

We are thrilled to announce that St Mary's Catholic College in Wallasey has received official approval to deliver the highly anticipated T Level Technical qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3). As an institution committed to academic excellence and preparing students for successful futures, we are proud to be at the forefront of this educational initiative.

T Levels are a new type of qualification developed in collaboration with employers, universities, and other educational institutions. They are equivalent to 3 A Levels and offer students a unique blend of classroom learning and industry placement, ensuring they are fully equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their chosen career.

The T Level Technical qualification in Education and Early Years (Level 3) at St Mary's Catholic College is designed to provide a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the education sector. Students will study a range of subjects, including child development, pedagogy, safeguarding, special educational needs, and curriculum planning. This robust curriculum ensures that students develop a strong foundation of knowledge and skills necessary for future academic pursuits.

Why choose St Mary's Catholic College for your T Level journey? Here are just a few reasons:

Great Teaching: Our college boasts a team of highly qualified and experienced educators who are passionate about their subjects. They are dedicated to nurturing talent, inspiring creativity, and supporting every student to reach their full potential.

Strong Industry Connections: St Mary's Catholic College has strong partnerships within our HFCM Academy Trust and with local educational institutions. These connections provide our students with unparalleled opportunities for hands-on experience and industry placements, ensuring they develop the practical skills employers are looking for.

Holistic Development: We believe that education is not just about academics but also about personal growth and character development. Our college offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, sports programs, and community service opportunities to help students become well-rounded individuals.

University Progression: The T Level in Education and Early Years is highly regarded by universities and is considered an excellent pathway for students aspiring to continue their studies in related fields. Successful completion of this T Level opens doors to a wide range of higher education opportunities, such as degrees in education, early childhood studies, psychology, or sociology. The solid theoretical grounding and practical experience gained during the T Level will provide a strong foundation for university-level studies.

Enhanced Employability: The T Level in Education and Early Years equips students with a range of transferable skills highly valued by employers and universities alike. These include communication, teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking, and the ability to work effectively with children and young people. The practical nature of the qualification ensures that students develop the necessary skills to thrive in a variety of educational settings, making them highly employable and sought after by educational institutions.

Pathway to Becoming a Teacher or Early Years practitioner: For students aspiring to become teachers, the T Level in Education and Early Years serves as an excellent stepping stone. It provides a solid foundation of knowledge and practical experience in the field of education, allowing students to explore different teaching methodologies and gain valuable insights into the profession. The T Level can serve as a precursor to further teacher training, such as a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) degree or a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), enabling students to progress towards a fulfilling teaching career.

By choosing St Mary's Catholic College for your T Level in Education and Early Years, you are embarking on a journey that will lay the foundation for a rewarding and fulfilling career.

Chaplaincy

Alton Castle retreat

Year 9 students were given valuable time out from college life to have fun and to reflect upon what it means to have faith in God and themselves with a stay at Alton Castle. Alton Castle/Strong Towers is a fast paced, active retreat programme which includes a day at Alton Towers; helping to face their fears and grow in faith by learning more about their determination and resilience. The theme of Strong Towers explores the foundations on which we build our lives and the significance of our relationship with God. A fantastic time was had by all with more than one student telling staff "I wish we didn't have to leave".



CAREERS BULLETIN #17

JOB OF THE WEEK

Retail Buyers are responsible for choosing and purchasing products to sell, usually with the aim of making a profit. Take a look at the short video below to find out more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DpUrmadIMc&list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-IOca4dJRIPatZ&index=19

Also, take a look at Fiona's story. Fiona is a Fashion Advisor who works for John Lewis at their flagship store in Oxford Street, London. Don't forget to read the labour market information as well, giving you details of qualifications required, expected salary etc.

<https://icould.com/stories/fiona-m/>



Pilot Careers Event – Manchester

Ever thought of becoming a pilot? If so, take a look at the attached PDF, which gives details of a careers event designed to answer any and all the questions you might have about how to pursue this.

Please note: tickets need to be purchased in order to attend this event.

<https://www.pilotcareernews.com/live/north/>

Year 13 Apprenticeship Opportunity – Level 7

Please find below a link to an apprenticeship with EY, working in technology audit assurance.

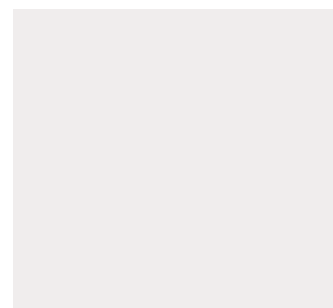
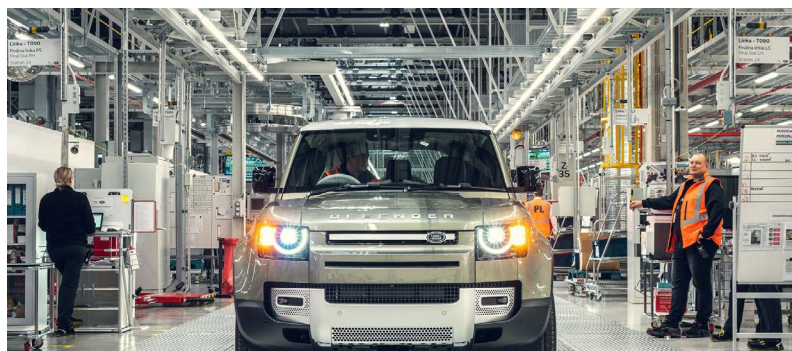
<https://pathwayctm.com/opportunity/assurance-apprenticeship-programme/>

Year 11 - Apprenticeship Opportunities

Please find below details of apprenticeship opportunities with Jaguar/Landover covering four specialisms;

- Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (3-year technical programme)
- Vehicle Sales (new 1-year commercial programme)
- Customer Service (new 1-year commercial programme)
- Vehicle Parts (new 1-year commercial programme)

<https://www.jaguarlandoverretailerapprenticeships.co.uk/>



Extra Curricular

Clubs & interventions

Lunchtime Sessions 1-1.35pm

Monday

Guitar Orchestra • Reading Intervention • Football • Trampolining • Dodgeball • Book Club • SMCC Drama Performance Club • Dance Club • Geography Club

Tuesday

Art Club • Choir • Football • Trampolining • Dodgeball • Chess & Board Games Club • Dance Club • Chaplaincy Mass • History Club

Wednesday

Art Club • Senior Choir • Maths Homework Club • Writing Club • Football • Trampolining • Dodgeball • Dance Club • Science STEM Club • Drama Club • Faith in Action

Thursday

Art Club • Choir • Football • Trampolining • Dodgeball • French Grammar Clinic • KS5 Drama Co • Dance Club • Faith in Action

Friday

KS5 Literature Club • Football • Trampolining • Dodgeball • French Culture Society • Animal Care Club • Drama Club • Dance Club • Eco Leaders Club

After School Sessions 3-4pm

Monday

Art Club • Maths Intervention • Basketball • French Drama Club • A Level Chemistry Intervention • DT/Engineering Intervention • DT Formula 1 Club • Debate Club • Health & Social Coursework Support • ICT/Computing study Support • Senior Dance • RE Homework Support

Wednesday

Business Coursework Support • Maths A Level Intervention • English A Level Intervention • Rugby • DT Formula 1 Club • DT/Engineering • Murder Mystery Club • Health & Social Coursework Support • Childcare Coursework Support • ICT/Computing-Raspberry Pi • Drama Connections Rehearsals • Drama Coursework Support • RE Revision & Master Class • English Intervention

Thursday

English Intervention • Girls & Boys Football • Engineering Coursework Support • Harry Potter Club • Junior Dance Club • RE Revision and Study Skills • DT/Engineering Intervention

Friday

A Level Biology Intervention • GCSE Chemistry Intervention • GCSE Physics Intervention • Drama College Show Rehearsals • Faith in Action Community Group

More information including room numbers and year groups can be found on our website [here](#)

Hot Chocolate Friday

Pupils recognised for achievement



- Year 7** Jacob McL, Olaf L, Edie M, Harry D, Dylan R, Milly McD, Kuldeep S, James H, Luca P, Amelia C, Eddie B, Keiran L
- Year 8** Jack K, Elsie P, Ellie Mae I, Nathan T, Sasha M, Cameron F, Thomas W, Tyler K, Ethan FP, Olivia H, Liam N, Brooke B
- Year 9** Harry Wa, Harry We, Patrick W, Holly W, Lilly S, Riley S, Harry W, Thomas M, Leyton LD Faith P, Maddie F, Matthew J, Lacey F
- Year 10** Amaia McC, Edwin M, Jake McN, Grace P, Joe L, Faye K, Charlie McL, Charlotte L, Jake R, Kian B, Jonathan DL, Sam W
- Year 11** Lily-May B, Ethan T, Janade P, Jacob H, Zach W, Benedict C, Josh G

Key College Dates

Upcoming dates to remember

Monday 5th June 2023

ALL students return.

Wednesday 7th June 2023

Online parents' Information Eve 3- Careers

Year 9 Science Career visit

Monday 19th June 2023

Year 10 Mock exams start

Thursday 22nd June 2023

Yr 12 Univerity of Liverpool STEM Experience

Wednesday 28th-30th June 2023

Sixth Form Soli House residential

Friday 30th June 2023

Year 13 Leavers Prom

Wednesday 5th July 2023

National Careers Challenge Finals

Monday 10th July 2023

Year 10 & 12 Work Experience

Friday 14th,17th & 18th July 2023

SMCC Experience

Saturday 15th July 2023

SMCC 50th Anniversary Summer Fair

Wednesday 19th July 2023

End of Term. Students finish at 12.30pm





St Mary's needs your uniform

As part of our commitment to recycling we are asking you to play your part by donating any uniform that you no longer need so that it can be reused.

What we need:

Blazers Jumpers Skirts Bags
Shirts Blouses Trousers PE Shorts
PE Tops Trainers Lightly worn shoes





Put your uniform in the FUSS collection tub as you come into school