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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SUMMER FAIR



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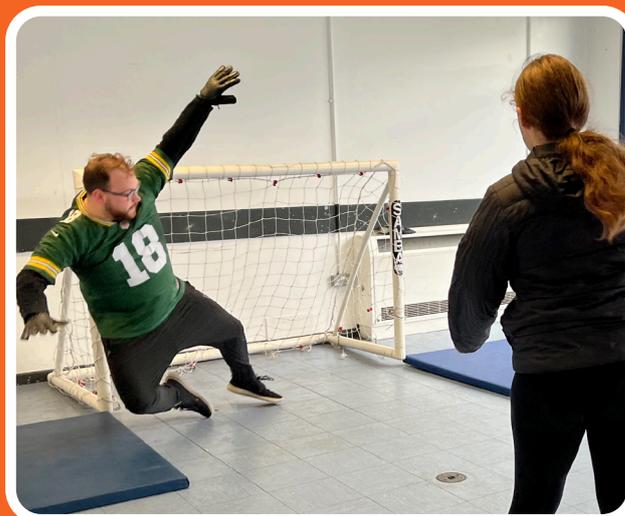
50 YEARS

2022

Summer Fair

50th Anniversary celebrations

On Saturday, July 15, we held our 50th Anniversary Summer Fair. We came together to celebrate our community with live music, stalls, games, face painting, giant inflatables, an art exhibition, live performances, and much more! It was a fabulous day, and it was so good to see so many new faces along with the more familiar ones of past students and staff. Thanks go to all those who performed on the day and for the continued support of the staff, parents, and carers that made the day a special one.





National Champions!

National Careers Challenge



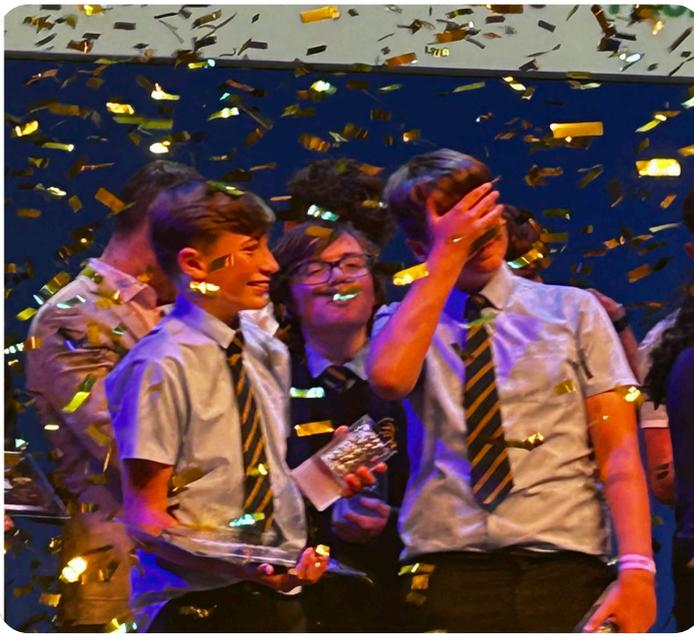
Back in February we entered into The National Careers Challenge; a nationwide schools competition for year 7 and 8 students. Year 7 were tasked with developing a promotional campaign that would encourage a local transport firm to adapt their vehicles to hydrogen fuel, whilst our year 8 students were challenged to look into the future of aviation technology, to create an airline of the future, operating a zero-emission fleet and create a fully inclusive recruitment campaign.

Mr. Reynolds, Miss Waring and Mr. Cotgrave took our two winning teams to the Grand final in Birmingham on July 5th. Over 40,000 pupils across the country entered this year and there were over 300 schools involved on the day. Both our year 7 and 8 teams had to present their campaign to a team of judges in the first round. The year 8 team made it through to the final two teams and presented their campaign live on stage to an audience of over 1000 people and another judging panel. After this process it was announced that they had won!



The year 8 team which consisted of Harry K, Jake A and Manny E, represented themselves and our college impeccably. Armed with a plethora of practical, planet-saving ideas for environmentally friendly travel such as using hydrogen fuel, recyclable food packaging, fresh food grown at airport allotments to minimise carbon footprint and air purifying plants inside the cabin, their USP was to plant trees in the Amazon for air miles travelled. For passengers, they had thought about everything from special seating for less able-bodied passengers to special family areas and interactive VAR sets for neurodiverse travellers. They really did think of everything and everyone! They were the smallest team to present and did an incredible job.





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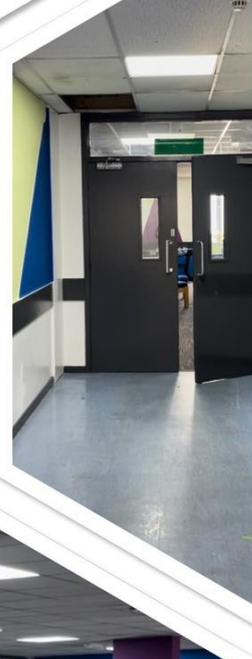
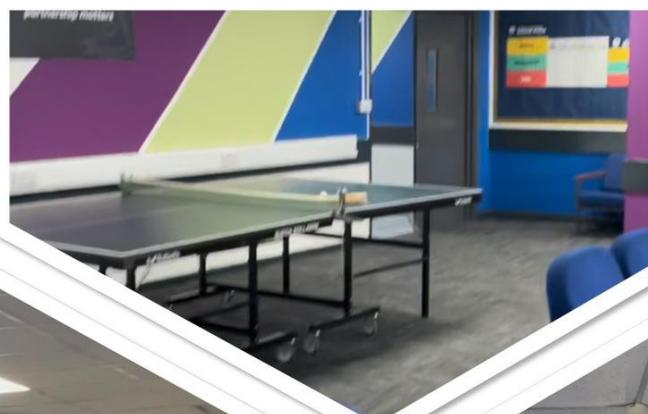
A representative from the event commented at the end of the presentation that St. Mary's were the only team to thank everyone and wish all the other teams good luck. After being announced the winners and receiving their prizes, the team went back up to the organisers to thank them as well without any prompts. Miss Waring said she wished she could bottle that feeling when she saw them up there and share it with everyone. A massive well done to the year 7 team of Will P and Dylan R who were confident and did themselves proud. They fielded some tough questions from the judges in the first round of presentations and answered them superbly.

Both teams have done our whole school proud and epitomised our core values.

Sixth Form Study Area

Credit to students

Our sixth form students have worked really hard during their work experience over the last two weeks. They became interior designers and painters, completely transforming the sixth form common room and study base into a productive academic work area with lots of connectivity points. It is also a space they can relax in too, with table football and table tennis. There are more plans over the summer to develop a kitchen area. It really is a credit to them all!



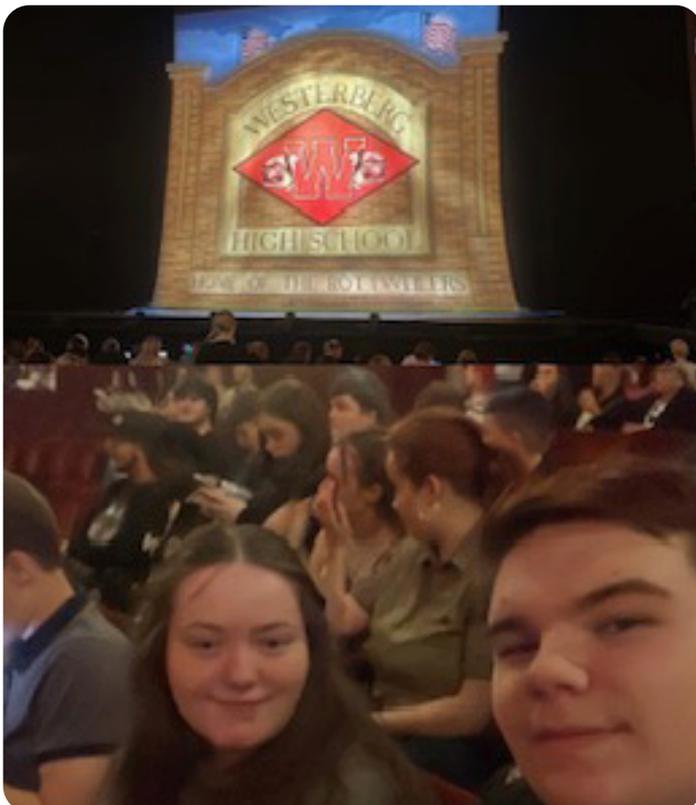
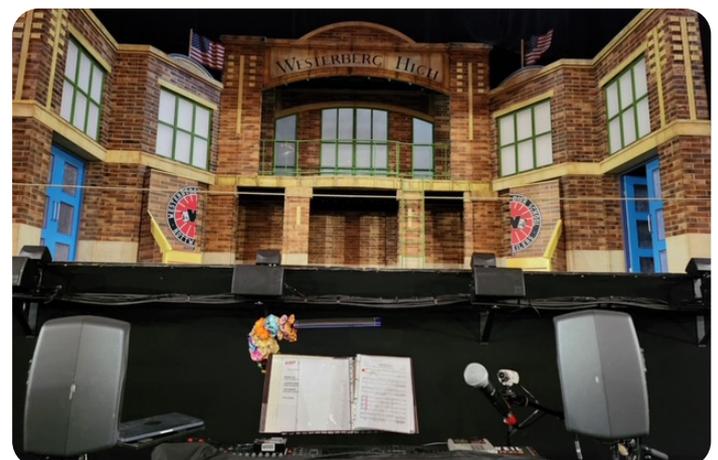
Work Experience

Year 12 students work the big stage

Year 12 Performing Arts students Jay and Rachel took part in work experience at Liverpool Empire Theatre as part of our creative learning secondary school partnership. They learnt about the different career opportunities within the industry by spending time in all departments across the venue. They got a unique insight into how a professional show is set up and ran with backstage access to the UK touring production of *Heathers*, the musical.

Jay and Rachel have been part of The Empire's youth ambassador program this year looking at how the theatre can be more accessible. They presented their ideas on the last day of their work experience to a number of performing arts industry experts, professionals and teachers. We are so proud of how they have embraced this opportunity.

They returned to school and shared the experience with our younger students who are now eager to follow in their footsteps. They will continue their work next year with the ambassadors programme representing St Mary's. They will be part of the youth forum working to make theatre accessible to the young people of Merseyside.



Inspire Programme

Experience Week

This week, we have held 'Experience Week' for our students, it has served as the end of year finale for the inspire programme.

The Inspire Programme is a personal development programme that allows students to develop and practise our College's core values of respect, courage, determination, compassion, and pride. Through opportunities that take place both inside and outside of the classroom, It encourages students to consider their futures, the world around them, and their place in it.

The normal school timetable was collapsed for three days and replaced with a wide range of enrichment activities. There were a number of fully funded off-site experiences with trips to Chester Zoo, Delamere Forest, Llandudno, Chester, and Liverpool.

Another day of the experience week involved the students walking in conjunction with WaterAid's Walk for Water charity event that supports those who have to walk long distances to collect water every day

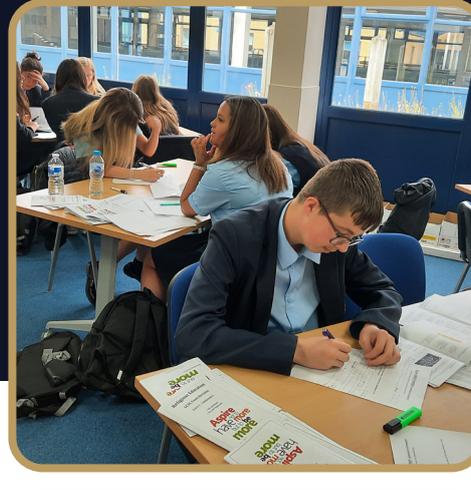
Students also spent time participating in reflective sessions where they created a form prayer board based on the college community and took part in collective worship as well as an end of year quiz. They also collaborated on art projects that reflected the core values of St Mary's.

As a result of The Inspire experience week, students improved their teamwork, built stronger friendships with one another in addition to developing further individuality and appreciation for the values of the college.

The week ended with a rewards assembly that celebrated the achievements of all students at St Mary's Catholic College.

We are very proud of our students and how well they continue to represent our core values of respect, courage, determination, compassion, and pride.





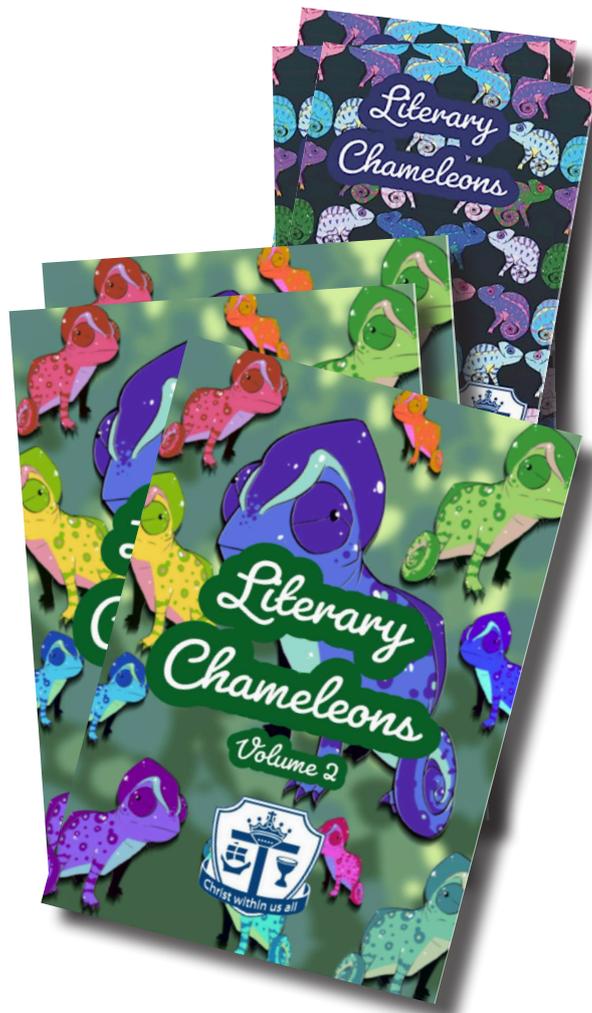
Library

Literary Chameleons

St Mary's celebrated a book launch this week, with the official release of Literary Chameleons Volume Two. A successor to 2022's anthology, it features over thirty poems, stories and songs all written by St Mary's students. The authors, who were from Year 7 up to Year 13, all received a complimentary copy of the book, alongside an exclusive bookmark. Teachers from across the school passed their congratulations onto the students, who were all thrilled to have become published authors.

Both this year's anthology and last year's Literary Chameleons were created by Miss Cullen in the library, who wanted to celebrate the creativity and talent of St Mary's' pupils. She writes in her editor's note that the students 'are all unique and brilliant', and the texts inside the book certainly seem to prove that!

Copies of the book are available for purchase on Amazon, [here](#) and the authors are very willing to sign their stories!



Chaplaincy

Giving thanks

This term we have celebrated mass for the 25th anniversary of the Ordination of Cannon Phil Moor. He has worked within our community for fourteen years, leading mass at College and offering continued guidance and support. We give thanks to him for his commitment to St. Mary's Catholic College throughout the years.

Last week saw us celebrate the end of the school year in a different setting, with Holy Mass at Holy Apostles and Martyrs' Church with our local priests; Father Ramesh, Father Michael and Cannon Phil. We thank the Parishioners who joined us in celebrating this special time.

We also held a special Thanksgiving mass to celebrate the end of the 50th Year of the St Mary's family with Year 11, Year 13 and past and present staff from our special community.



Reflection: *As the 50th school year of St Mary's comes to an end, it's a time to reflect on this special anniversary year and to give thanks for the growth, accomplishments, and relationships that have been remembered and formed.*

Prayer: *Dear God,*

As we come to the end of this special school year, we offer our thanks and praise to you for the blessings of the past. We thank you for the accomplishments of all the students, for the dedication and commitment of all the teachers and staff, and for the growth and transformation that has taken place within the St Mary's community. As the current students prepare for the next phase of their academic or personal journey, we pray for your guidance and direction. May they have wisdom, discernment, and protection as they navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

We pray that the summer break will be a time of renewal and refreshment, and that they will return in September with renewed energy, passion, and enthusiasm. We pray that all students past, present and future will continue to learn and grow in knowledge, faith, and character, and may your love and grace be with them always so that Christ will be within us all.

*We offer this prayer of blessing in your Holy name, **Amen***

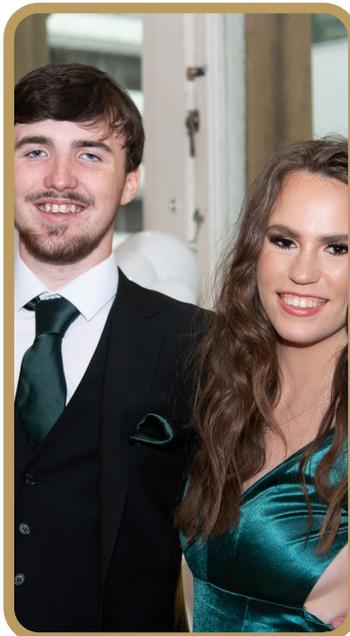
Sixth Form

Leavers Prom 2023

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2023

What a wonderful evening for our young people to celebrate the end of their school journey at St. Mary's Catholic College! The prom was a sensational evening, held at The Racquet Club, Liverpool, with a three-course meal followed by awards and non-stop dancing. Even the teachers put together a flash mob led by Mrs. Hickey, head of Sixth Form. The laughter was in abundance, the moves were wild, and the energy was electric. We wish all our sixth-formers the best of luck, health, and happiness for their future. We know that these wonderful young people will aspire to be upstanding members of our community, no matter what line of work or family life they choose. We are proud to teach each and every one of you such fabulous young people, and as we close this chapter, we move on to enrich the lives of so many other young people in our care.





T Levels at St Mary's

New education initiative

We are thrilled to announce that St Mary's Catholic College 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 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 academic progress but also personal growth and character development. Our college offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, sports programmes, 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. This qualification is open to students outside of St Mary's. Contact us for more information.

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.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Pupils recognised for achievement



Year 7 Lucy L, Kirsty S, Samuel W, Tilly J, George D, Ayden A,
Lily B, Leighton A, Erin Farrell, Alesha Sayle.

Year 8 Harrison J, Chloe C, Nikola Z, Chelsea G, Alfie McG, Mahka V, Jack K, Faith S,
Leon R, Isabelle S.

Year 9 Josh W, Lilly-May W, Kevin C, Alana G, Runa S-S, Nathan R, Carly R, Jake C.,
Leighton B, Katelyn S.

Year 10 Roisin K, Georgie O'B, Minnie W, Alfie W, Sean R, Felicite M, Charlie G, Kelly Anne S,
Charlie McL, Lily L.

Key College Dates

Upcoming dates to remember

Monday 4th September 2023

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Staggered start: Year 7 & 12 return

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Staggered start: Year 11 & 13 return

Thursday 7th September 2023

ALL students return

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Open Evening (5.45pm start)

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Open Morning (09-11.00am)

Tuesday 26th September 2023

School Photographs

Wednesday 27th September 2023

Yr 11 Parent Information Online Event

(6.00-7.00pm)

Thursday 5th October 2023

Yr 11 Parents Evening (3.30-6.45pm)

Wednesday 11th October 2023

Ski Trip Information Meeting (online-6pm)

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term Week

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**

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JOB OF THE WEEK



Sports Coach

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Emg3EN4X94&list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-IOca4dJRIPatZ&index=19

Year 12 – Apprenticeship Fair

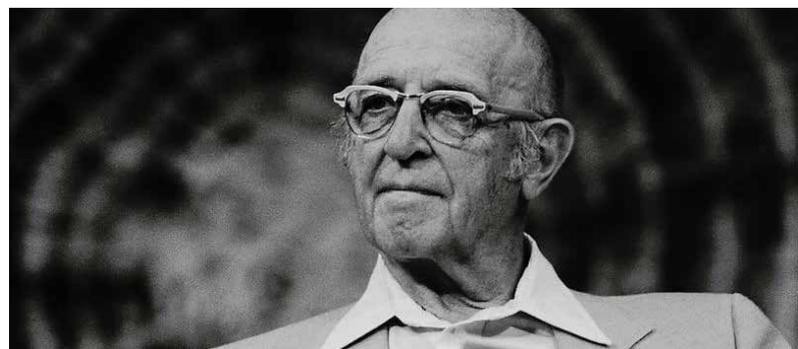
Please find below a link to an Apprenticeship Fair being held at Anfield on the 17th of October 2023
<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/storage/app/uploads/public/641/060/b22/641060b22f03c268187039.pdf>

Year 11 – Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship Community Coach – Level 2 - Chester Football Club
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000171417>

Quote of the Week

‘The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn, and change’
Carl Rogers.



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