



Diocese of St. Albans



ST MARY'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

20th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start with an email I received from a member of the public this week:

Hi there, I live in Cheshunt. Every day, I walk my dogs in Cedars Park, and often come into contact with your students as they come home from school. I really wanted to let you know that today, I met some of the nicest, most sensible and polite kids ever! They were a joy to stand and chat to, and were so interested in the dogs! I must have stood chatting to them for almost 20minutes and it made my day. They were probably around 14-15 years old, both boys and girls - anyway, much as I will usually report bad behaviour, I'm a firm believer in giving credit where it's due, lovely kids, and a credit to their school.

I think we all know how amazing our students (your children) can be, but it is lovely we hear this from members of the public. Perhaps you could ask your child if they had a conversation with a lady who was walking her dogs and, if they did, praise them for their great attitude.

On Wednesday, Y11 were welcomed at a Sixth Form information event. The year group were spoken to by Mrs Mathews and myself about the importance of making the right choices Post 16 and the available study pathways and the enrichment opportunities that exist at St Mary's. Our Sixth Form and Leadership centre is rated '**Good**' by Ofsted and has grown in number in recent years, with results consistently above National average. We are fully inclusive and welcome current Y11's and external applicants, whether they need to do an additional year of level 2 study or are ready to embark on three A levels. If you require further information please get in touch or see the school website. Students who are interested in coming in September must apply by 9 December, the transition information is [here](#) and the form can be found [here](#).

We ran our first virtual collective worships this week. They were celebrations of successes in Y7-Y10 (Y11 will be after the Pre-public exams are finished). They were led by Mr Daly and it was an honour and a privilege to celebrate with the students the successes in the various subjects, in embodying the Christian Values of the school and for excellent attendance.

Y10 have had a very successful start to their KS4 courses which was reflected in the Collective Worship (mentioned above). Form groups enjoyed the on-line collective worship where it was lovely to see so many students commended on their work, attitude and effort for the first half term. A total of 58 students were rewarded with hot chocolate for 100% attendance since September, with each Subject Lead being given the opportunity to reward a student who had shown outstanding effort in their field. Staff had the pleasantly difficult job of selecting 1 student who they had been most impressed by.

WE BELIEVE EVERYONE IS EQUAL: EVERYONE DESERVES THE BEST

Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire EN7 5FB t: 01992 629124 f: 01992 643354

e: admin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk w: www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Nicholas Simms B.Sc. (Hons), NPQH

'Students feel happy and safe at school' OFSTED 2019

'An exceptionally inclusive and caring community' SIAMS Inspection 2020

St Mary's CE Academy, Cheshunt, is a limited company registered in England and Wales
Company No. 07999861 Registered Office: As above

All these students were given a £5 Amazon voucher in recognition of their achievement. Charis, Enes, Daniel and Tallie were the recipients of the LEAD awards, to reflect the excellent and mature behaviours they have shown in and around school, as well as embodying the Christian Values of the school. Y10 have had a fantastic start and I look forward to seeing their future successes and achievements.

The Art Department and I would like to congratulate Rebecca in Year 10 for her incredible contribution in supporting her local community by creating a wonderful piece of public art for the NHS in her local area. This piece of art also represents her final piece for her Urban Art unit.



Fig 1: Urban Art / Thank you NHS

I am so proud of all our Y11 students and their attitude and behaviour in exams over the last two weeks. They had a tough time last year, having a chunk of their learning taken away so close to their GCSEs but they engaged well with the 'pre-public exams' we have run. The results will come out as the papers are marked and this will help us understand even more the strengths of the students as well as any areas we need to support them with.

Art was no exception to this and our Year 11 GCSE students produced some fantastic work during their Art pre-public exam. Every student produced a clay relief, plaster relief and a wire construction, to enrich his or her portfolio.

Here are some lovely 3D pieces of artwork:



WE BELIEVE EVERYONE IS EQUAL: EVERYONE DESERVES THE BEST

Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire EN7 5FB t: 01992 629124 f: 01992 643354

e: admin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk w: www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Nicholas Simms B.Sc. (Hons), NPQH

'Students feel happy and safe at school' OFSTED 2019

'An exceptionally inclusive and caring community' SIAMS Inspection 2020

St Mary's CE Academy, Cheshunt, is a limited company registered in England and Wales
Company No. 07999861 Registered Office: As above



Fig 2: Y11 GCSE Art

I mentioned in the previous issue that in each newsletter we will focus on a subject and the Careers this can lead to. This time the spotlight is on Technology (Product Design, Food Technology and Textiles).

Using Innovation, creativity and a wealth of knowledge, Technology subjects are impacting the world unlike any other. The world is changing and Technologists are the ones behind so much of this development. Rapid urbanisation around the world and lifestyle changes have led to tremendous growth in technology, from the food we eat, the clothes we wear and the products that we rely on. The need for product design involvement in computers and machines used in healthcare, the need for sustainable food products and the evolution of new materials are just a few areas that are at the epicentre of human existence.

Careers: Finance and Consulting

Modelling trends, customer demands and managing budgets can form part of any role in careers involving technology.

Careers: Product Design and Merchandise

From the creation of new fabrics or materials to designing products to support industry, the creative and practical skills learnt from Technology subjects are highly sought after and can be introductions into careers in Retail, the Hospitality industry and merchandise.

Careers: Building and Engineering

Engineers and building surveyors are required across the globe on large and small projects and can offer exciting careers for the practically minded from Architects to Project Managers.

Careers: Food Technology

As the impact of the food we eat has started to become an issue for the environment and our future health, the knowledge of food preparation, sustainability and safety in our food has become an ever evolving challenge.

WE BELIEVE EVERYONE IS EQUAL: EVERYONE DESERVES THE BEST

Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire EN7 5FB t: 01992 629124 f: 01992 643354

e: admin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk w: www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Nicholas Simms B.Sc. (Hons), NPQH

'Students feel happy and safe at school' OFSTED 2019

'An exceptionally inclusive and caring community' SIAMS Inspection 2020

With the current pandemic affecting events that we can organise in schools, I'd like to draw your attention to some online events for students and parents to sign up to and explore. These events are suitable for students of all ages:

World Skills UK

Next week (26th – 28th November) is the start of the World Skills events with talks from employers from a variety of industries and sectors as well as motivational talks from World Champion Athletes and celebrities on goal setting and overcoming barriers.

Although some of these talks will take place throughout the school day, students can register and be sent the recording via a link for them to watch at a more convenient time. Please encourage your child to take a look.

<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/worldskills-uk-live-online/spotlight-talks-on-careers-apprenticeships-and-excellence-in-partnership-with-bae-systems>

Generation Stevenage

Meet the world-class employers on your doorstep championing careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Healthcare.

Tuesday 01 December, 6-7.35pm

Click on the link below to register

<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/generation-stevenage>

It only remains for me to wish you and your families all the very best for the weekend.



Nicholas Simms
Headteacher

WE BELIEVE EVERYONE IS EQUAL: EVERYONE DESERVES THE BEST

Lieutenant Ellis Way, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire EN7 5FB t: 01992 629124 f: 01992 643354

e: admin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk w: www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Nicholas Simms B.Sc. (Hons), NPQH

'Students feel happy and safe at school' OFSTED 2019

'An exceptionally inclusive and caring community' SIAMS Inspection 2020