

LIVING OUT OUR FAITH

Dear St Mark's Community,

Throughout the half-term students have demonstrated dedication to their studies and participation in extra-curricular and enrichment activities. Our mission "to live out our faith" continues to guide us in all that we do.

Our Sixth Form students have completed their examinations, displaying resilience and commitment. Year 11 students began the term with Mock Results Day, followed by a successful Parents' Evening. I have been impressed with the excellent attendance and engagement of our Year 11 students in Period 7 sessions.

This half term's Mission of the Month focused on Solidarity and Peace, with students writing prayers for peace, displayed in our reception area. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have supported various activities, including Mindfulness Colouring, Origami, Yoga, Badminton, and Lego sessions, helping students prioritise their wellbeing.

On 24th January, we launched the Jubilee Year for Catholic Schools with an assembly on the importance of being a Pilgrims of Hope. We also plan to redesign our prayer garden as a space for spiritual reflection, prayer and remembrance (Please refer to Chapaincy link on page 2).

Student Achievements

Rotary Public Speaking Competition: At the end of last term, St Mark's enjoyed great success in the Rotary public speaking competition. Cara Stanislaus in Year 13 won best speaker, whilst Emma Nagle & Aine Kynes received medals for their incredibly high scores on the night. The overall winners were Year 12 students Erin Murphy Amarteifio, Zofia Straczek and Andreas Pereira, who competed in the district semi-final this week and are now through to the regional final. We wish them the best of luck!



The Brilliant Club: Fourteen Year 8 and 9 students completed The Brilliant Club, an academic programme where they analysed American songs and wrote 1,500-word essays at university level. Special congratulations to Ian Araujo, Angela Cabillan, and Onyinye Okani, who achieved First-Class grades. They will celebrate with a graduation at Keble College, Oxford.

House Chess Competition: This closely fought contest saw Champion House win for the third consecutive year, with Pole House in second place.

Junior Girls' Football Rally: Our junior girls' football team finished runners-up in the borough rally, going the entire tournament without conceding a goal!

Enrichment Activities

Winter Reading Challenge: With over 50 students participating, special recognition goes to Ashton (Year 7), our top reader, who read 10 books. Well done to Roisin (Year 9), Phoebe (Year 10), and Aleksandra (Year 9) for reading 8-9 books each.

Sports Leadership Event: On 24th January, our Year 10 student leaders attended a Sports Leadership event at Springwest Academy, where they heard an inspiring speech from paralympian Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson.

Speed Read Event: On 6th February, St Mark's hosted a Speed Read event with Hounslow Library Services, bringing students from across the borough together to share their love of reading.

Art Exhibition: Our recent art exhibition showcased work from students in Key Stages 3-5, including KS3 'My Life in a Box' projects, GCSE coursework, and KS5 explorations. The event was well attended, and we look forward to our summer exhibition.

Ypres Trip: On 7th February, 45 Year 9 students visited Ypres, Belgium, exploring the In Flanders Fields Museum, Bayernwald trench system, and Tyne Cot Cemetery, where they laid a wreath in remembrance. It was a deeply moving and insightful experience.

As we approach the second half of the term, we encourage all students to remain focused and take advantage of the many opportunities available. We look forward to more exciting events and achievements in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Waugh-Lucas
Headteacher

KEY dates

- 25th Feb – Year 9 Options Evening
- 5th Mar – Ash Wednesday
- 6th Mar – World Book Day
- 6th Mar – Year 12 Parents Evening
- 10th Mar – Year 11 PPE's begin
- 27th Mar – Year 11 Parents Evening
- 4th Apr – Break up for Easter

HOUSE LEADERBOARD

- 1st – More
- 2nd – Fisher
- 3rd – Clitherow

Bedrock Winners

Congratulations to our winning
Bedrock classes
7 Campion, 8 Pole & 9b1

and our individual winners
Y7 – 1st-Nikitha, 2nd-Joylyn, 3rd-Weronika
Y8 – 1st-Keziah, 2nd-Riyan, 3rd-Aloysius
Y9 – 1st-Angela, 2nd-Lynelle, 3rd-Yestin



St Mark's Bedrock Stars

Individual Points



Connect With Us



St Mark's is now
on LinkedIn.
Please connect
your profile and
follow our page.



Follow our
Instagram
Page for
updates on
school life.



Spread the word
about our Alumni
Network and
encourage past
pupils to
register via the
[link](#) on our
website.

SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

Safeguarding Bulletin

CHAPLAINCY UPDATES

Can you help with our
Jubilee Prayer Garden?
Sign up here:
[Volunteer Your Help](#)

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Alumni News