



St Margaret's Academy Snippets

26th October 2018

Key Dates

The school calendar can be accessed in full at <http://stmargaretsacademy.org.uk/article/15524/Calendar>

Tuesday 30th October

S1 Halloween Disco (S1 pupils)

Thursday 1st November

All Saints Day Mass (all pupils)

Thursday 8th November

S4 parents evening

Monday 12th-Friday 16th Nov

Anti-bullying week

Monday 12th November

Parent Council 7-8.30pm

Friday 16th November - St

Margaret's Feast Day & Senior awards ceremony

Thursday 22nd November

S1 photos

Senior management drop-in (For parents who cannot attend 'cuppa in the cafe')

Friday 23rd November

Cuppa in the cafe - 9.30am

Friday 30th November

St Andrew's Day
Non-uniform Day

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th December

Study support block 1 (S4-6)

St Margaret's Academy Takes up the Reading Challenge!

We are delighted to report that The First Minister's Reading Challenge, which aims to promote a vibrant reading culture in our school communities, has been extended to secondary schools this session. St Margaret's Academy has signed up to the challenge!

We will be engaging in a range of reading related activities, including book clubs, storytelling, competitions, creating reading wall charts as well as writing reviews and blogs. Later this session, learners will display their reading journeys in creative ways, conveying its impact on their enjoyment of reading. Look out for resources that will soon be available on the St Margaret's Academy app and school website; these will offer new and exciting ideas for reading both at school and at home. Please join us on our journey to create a passionate reading culture in our school community and help our young people develop a life-long passion for reading.
Mr Houston



For more info visit <https://www.readingchallenge.scot>
<http://scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-lists/teens>

Taekwondo success

Recently we visited Strzegom, Poland for the ITF HQ Korea European championships. We have been training for over ten years and have built our way up to an international level by training very hard Monday to Thursday and occasional weekends. This competition was of a very high standard with over 12 countries and many competitors. We represented Scotland and our club Grand Master Sutherlands Martial arts and came away with three silver medals for pattern and sparring in two different age categories. Michael and Shaun (S3)



Pupil Bulletin

Every week our young people receive information via the pupil bulletin regarding excursions, sporting events etc... Although this information is made available online, I am aware that not every parent receives it. You will now find the weekly pupil bulletin attached to the snippets newsletter.

Extra-curricular programme

The extra-curricular programme has been updated slightly over the past few weeks. The full programme is attached to this bulletin. Mr Locke

A Question of Taste at Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre

Pupils had a full day, hands-on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) master class for Higher Biology and Higher Human Biology pupils. Using their own DNA, pupils discovered and compared their version of a bitter taste receptor gene (their genotype) to their ability to taste the bitter compound (their phenotype). They used cutting-edge equipment to carry out the modern laboratory techniques.

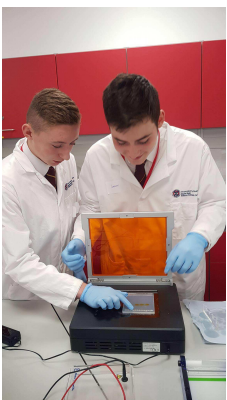
Pupil comments:

The trip was excellent as we got to work with equipment we don't usually get to work with.

It was also very relevant to what we are currently studying and gave us the chance to learn more about PCR in depth, it also gave us inside into what working in a lab would be like and for possible career choices with human bio. I would really recommend this trip!

The trip was really fun and insightful and allowed me to discover interesting facts about my genotype.

Mr Shafat



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Pupil Bulletin

23rd October 2018

General

Right of the Week Article 9

You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.

Right of the Month - Article 15

You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

Young Carers

Young Carers will have an information board available in the atrium at all lunches on Wed 31st Oct. Further information is available from Miss McCall in Pupil Support room U12.

Future Chef Competition

Anyone interested in entering in this years Future Chef competition please see Mrs McClatchey at break time today (Wednesday 24th October) in Health and Technology for more information.

This is an opportunity for **all pupils** aged 12-16 to challenge classmates and local peers through a four-staged nationwide culinary competition. It culminates in a national final at Westminster Kingsway College where winners of the 12 regions go head to head and one talented student becomes the National FutureChef winner!

Scotland Rugby Trip

The £25 for the trip to see Scotland vs Argentina needs to be paid to Mr McCurdy in the PE Department by this Friday 26th November. If you have any problems with this please speak to the PE Department. If you have put your name forward, you have got a place on the trip. All the places have now been filled for this.

Choir

Pupils in choir should please attend rehearsals during SMART time this and next week in the Music Dept.

Duke of Edinburgh

Meeting this Friday after school - normal rooms.

War-Games Club

The War-games club in L42a will not be meeting this Wednesday (24th October) after school. It will resume, as normal, next Wednesday (31st October).

Behavior at Social Times

Pupils are reminded to behave appropriately at social times. Playing on the hill is not allowed. Thank you, Mrs Melville.

Late Pupils

Please sign in with Mrs Whitelaw U7 Library Office, when you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

Bus Tickets

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time only. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.73, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

School Tie Return

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned to the School Office by the end of the day.

Weekly Mass

Just a reminder that Mass takes place every Thursday morning at 8.15am in the Oratory.

Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room

If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

Lidl

Pupils should be reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time. Please advise pupils that they will no longer be served at Lidl during these times.

Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see attached sheet for details.

S1 – S3

S4 – S6

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school/break	<p>RE Youth Club</p>  <p>RE department</p>	<p>RE Youth Club</p>  <p>RE department</p>	<p>RE Youth Club</p>  <p>RE department</p>	<p>RE Youth Club</p>  <p>RE department</p>	<p>RE Youth Club</p>  <p>RE department</p>
Lunchtimes	<p>S2 Choir</p>  <p>Miss Saunders U46</p>			<p>S3 Choir</p>  <p>Mrs Allan U47</p>	
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After school	<p>Debate Club</p>  <p>Miss Nisbet U21</p>	<p>Basketball (S4-6)</p>  <p>Mr Downham Games Hall</p>	<p>Badminton</p>  <p>Mr Murray Games Hall</p>	<p>Fit for Girls</p>  <p>Mrs Rafferty Games Hall</p>	<p>Duke of Edinburgh</p>  <p>S3-6 Mr Hill</p>
After school	<p>Creative Technology Club</p> <p>U31 Mr Stewart</p>	<p>Swimming Club</p>  <p>Mr Locke Pool</p>	<p>Wargames Club</p>  <p>Mr Miller L42a</p>	<p>Boxercise</p>  <p>Mr Locke & Mr Shafat</p>	<p>Water polo</p>  <p>Mrs Melville Pool</p>

<p>After school</p>	<p>Basketball (S1-3)</p>  <p>Mr Bradley <i>Games Hall</i></p>	<p>Rugby</p>  <p>Mr Haynes <i>Grass</i></p>	<p>Football</p>  <p>Mr Bradley <i>Astro</i></p>	<p>Dance & Gymnastics</p>  <p>Miss Stryke <i>Dance Hall</i></p>	<p>S1 Football Team</p>  <p>Mr Locke/Mr Haynes</p>
	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>
<p>After school</p>	<p>Hockey Club</p>  <p>Mr McCurdy <i>Astro</i></p>	<p>Electronic Games Club</p>  <p>RE Department</p>	<p>Running Club</p>  <p>Mr Hopkins</p>		<p>Girls Football Team</p>  <p>Mr Bradley</p>
<p>After school</p>			<p>Move Night</p>  <p>Mr Stewart DMG Dept</p>		<p>S3 Football Team</p>  <p>Mr Bradley</p>
					<p>Handball Team</p>

					Cross Country Team County Sports Team Volleyball Team Gymnastics Team Giant Heptathlon
After school					