



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets

30th November 2018

S4-6 Prelim diet and study support sessions

The study support sessions started this week and the uptake has been fantastic so far. We would encourage all of your young people to come along, particularly on Thursday evening which is the first of our study late sessions from 4-8pm (Full details attached). The prelim exams will begin on the 9th and finish on the 29th January.

Key dates...

26th November - 14th Dec - Study support sessions 3.45-4.45pm Mon-Thu, 12.45-1.45pm Fri

Thursday 6th Dec - Study Lates session 1 - 4-8pm (food provided)

Thursday 13th December - **S4 Inspire conference - study skills, well-being etc...**

Thursday 13th December - Study Lates session 2 - 4-8pm (food provided)

Thursday 13th December - Parent Information session

9th January - Prelims begin



Swim success



On Sunday 4th December, 8 of our St Margaret's Academy pupils competed in the West Lothian Swimming Championship. Our pupils swam exceptionally well resulting in St Margaret's Academy finishing 4th overall. Huge Congratulations to all pupils involved. In addition, huge congratulations to Drew McKenzie who won overall top girl. Drew won gold in 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly and 200m freestyle. Arsh Jindal won bronze in 100m back crawl. Jessica Dempster won gold in 100m back crawl and silver in 100m breaststroke. Sophie Monks won bronze in the 100m and 200m back crawl. Ellie Monks won gold in 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 200m freestyle and 200m IM. Caitlin Drummond won gold in the 100m back crawl and silvers in the 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly and the 200m freestyle. Amazing achievement by all of our club swimmers. Mr Haynes (PE Dept)

Christmas by Candlelight concert

The Christmas by candlelight concert will be held on Tuesday 11th December.

See the music dept for tickets



Staff update

Congratulations to Mrs Mabhena in the Science dept, she will now take on the role of Principal Teacher of Science on a permanent basis.



Fr Simon says...

On Sunday Advent begins. The Oratory in St Margaret's has been transformed to reflect the liturgical season. On Thursday morning Masses (only 3 to go!) will be quieter and more reflective. Why not come and join us and experience a little calm in all the hustle and bustle of preparation for Christmas. All parents and pupils are welcome to come and celebrate Mass, 8.15-8.30am every Thursday morning in the Oratory.

WLC Twinning Association

Last week Eloise and I were asked to represent West Lothian Council with the Twinning Association at a literary event in Arnsberg in the Sauerland, the area in Germany with which we are twinned. The event - the Vorlesetag - is one of hundreds of reading events which take place nationally on an annual basis across Germany. Eloise and I read a selection of Scottish poetry to students in the local college with children aged 17 and 18 and then answered their questions on our education system, culture and traditions on Scottish. In the evening there was a public performance at which we had to read the poems again to members of the public and important members of the Twinning association. In the course of the weekend we were introduced to various important people from the school and the town, including the Mayor who was most impressed with our trip. Overall, we are so grateful for the opportunity to share our Scottish culture and learn and experience the German culture. Lauren & Eloise S6



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St Andrew's Day celebrations



Parent Council

Reminder - The next parent council meeting is on the 10th December at 7pm.

School open evening

The school open evening is on Tuesday 4th December from 7pm.

Howden St. Andrew's Christmas Fayre

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Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December 2018
11am – 1pm



Please come along and support our
fabulous Christmas Fayre.

There will be lots to see and do
including raffle prizes, tombola,
Christmas stalls, games, cakes and
candy, crafts and much, much more.



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STUDY



Thursday 6th December, Thursday 13th December

Late night study sessions for
all S4-6 pupils from 4-8pm in
the school library and cafe.

Study areas

Cafe - group study area

Library - quiet study area and computer access

All food/drink to be consumed in the atrium

Plan for study session

Block 1 - 4pm-4.45pm

Interval - 4.45pm-5pm

Block 2 - 5pm-5.45pm (No phones)

Food (Soup & Sandwiches) - 5.45pm-6.15pm

Block 3 - 6.15pm-7pm

Interval - 7pm-7.15pm

Block 4 - 7.15pm-8pm (No phones)

Finish

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