

St Margaret's Academy Snippets

22nd February 2019

What's on...

25th February
Fairtrade fortnight
Parent Council meeting 7pm

27th February

S2 STEM careers fair

28th February

Senior Management drop-in session

6-8pm.

1st March - Fair Trade Cuppa in the cafe 9am

6th March

Ash Wednesday

7th March

S3 Parents evening

S4 Parent reports issued

8th March

Readathon 2019! 8.35am-8pm

12th March

S3 Immunisations

Pathways programme 2019

Over the coming weeks, our S2-S5 pupils will be making their course choices for next session. In order to best support our young people in making these choices we have put together a comprehensive support programme which includes a number of parent information sessions and the launch of a new online resource including course information materials and case studies.



Key dates

- S3 Parents evening 7th March 2019. 5-7pm
- S2 and S3 course choice parent information session 14th March 2019. 7-8.30pm
- S2 course choice forms due (return to Head of House)- 19th March 2019
- S3 course choice day 20th March 2019 All day
- S4 and S5 course choice parent information session 21st March 2019. 7-8.30pm
- S4 course choice day 27th March 2019 All day
- S5 course choice day 3rd April 2019 All day

Number of subjects

- S2 pupils moving into S3 will have 3 compulsory subjects (English, Maths & Languages) and 7 'free choice' subjects.
- S3 pupils moving into S4 will have 2 compulsory subjects (English & Maths) and 5 'free choice' subjects.
- S4 pupils moving into S5 will have 5 'free choice' subjects
- \$5 pupils moving into \$6 will select up to 4 'free choice' subjects.

Study Leave arrangements for S4-6 pupils

You will soon receive a letter outlining the study leave arrangements for all young people doing exams in May.

- S4 and S5 pupils will begin study leave on Thursday 25th April (Higher PE and Admin pupils will begin study leave on the 23rd April)
- S6 pupils will begin study leave on the 5th April. If they wish they can attend school on the 23rd and 24th April.
- A study immersion programme will run throughout May with full day study sessions prior to every exam. The immersion timetable will be available mid March.
- All S4 pupils will receive a personalised study timetable mid March. Pupils will receive 2 days study leave for every National 5 exam they are sitting.
- The full exam diet can be accessed at https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/ExamTimetable2019.pdf



Study support & Easter school arrangements

We are in the process of arranging the next block of study support. More details will be issued to pupils this week and a full timetable will be available on our website.

Easter school will run from the 8th - 17th April and a full timetable will be available soon. More information will be posted on snippets over the coming weeks so please keep checking our website or follow us on facebook or twitter.

Fr Simon says...

Isn't it great to see dawn happening a little earlier in the morning, and sunset a little later? Plants are starting to wake up too in our gardens. Life is returning! Soon it will be Lent and time for us too to join in the great wake-up to prepare for Easter. As Paul wrote -

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you!"













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Parent Council

The latest parent council meeting minutes are attached to this week's snippets. Our next meeting is on Monday evening from 7pm in the school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Readathon 2019



Everyone welcome to come along and participate - even if you can only manage an hour in the evening. Younger children welcome to attend. Refreshments available throughout the day with Pizza in the evening.

Modern Languages career talk

On Wednesday this week, a tutor from the Interpreting Section of Heriot Watt University, accompanied by two students in their final year, came to deliver a talk on the importance of Modern Languages in our society to our pupils learning a language and those thinking about taking one again soon.

Here are comments from some of our pupils:

"During the Modern Languages talk, I learnt that studying a language can lend to a career in more than interpreting, teaching and translating. It has opened my mind into taking Higher or Advanced Higher if I do well in my National 5. It has also opened my options into what I would take in University. French is now an option for me as I could take my French as far as working in the EU or it could help me get a job in the UK. This talk has helped and taught me more about where a language could take me." Rachel Jaconelli, S2. "We found the course information useful. It was good to find out about job opportunities using languages." The examples of former students' jobs were interesting. Aiden's interpreting at the football press conference was cool." Alejandro Uddin, Luis Alcalá, Michael Clark, Thomas Dryden and Ethan Wynne, S4.



Gymnastics success



A huge well done to our Gymnastics team who placed overall 3rd in West Lothian. Our Level 2 team placed Silver (with Elle Ryan placing 1st overall in WL and Nia Murphy placing 3rd individually). Our level 3 team placed 2nd overall (with John Traynor placing bronze individually). Finally, our level 4 team placed bronze overall (with Unnam Chaudry placing bronze individually). Our silver medalists have now qualified and will compete at the Scottish Schools Competition held in Perth on 3rd March.

Hot off the press!

A huge well done to our girls S1-3 basketball team who went on to win the West Lothian basketball finals on Thursday night. The girls played extremely well to win the championship. We'll have more on this story in next week's snippets.









St. Margaret's Academy

Pupil Bulletin

19th February 2019



General

S3-S6 Tapas Trip

For pupils studying Spanish:

Remember to bring your EE2 form back signed + payment ASAP to Mrs McDougall if you want to go to the Tapas trip next Tuesday 26th Feb.

Duke of Edinburgh

No meetings this Friday. Please spend the time updating your eDofE.

Equalities Club

Equalities Club - Wednesdays **5b** in the Oratory. All welcome!

School Canteen

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

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 <u>only</u>. 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 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

<u>S4 – S6</u>

S6

Prom

The Prom shall be held on Tuesday 11th June at Houston House. The total cost shall be £45, this includes Pre Prom Reception, Coach to Houston House and your evening at the hotel. Most young people have paid their £10 deposit, so remaining money due is £35.

Yearbook

The cost of Yearbook shall be £20. Please hand in baby photo and information sheet.

<u>Hoodies</u>

I am now taking orders for Leavers Hoodie, this order has to be placed by 28th February so hoodies are here for your last day. Please let me know your size and colour. Price £20.

We recommend that all payments are made through IPAY, if you have any issues please make me aware.

Many thanks
Mrs Ballantyne



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING Monday 14 January 2019 1900-2000

Minutes of Meeting

Present	Absent
Warwick Dredge	Mr & Mrs Batley
Susan Fleming	Alison Guthrie
Elizabeth Traynor	
Christine Cooper	
Doug Hook	
Jo Taylor	Staff Present
Mrs Amadin	Greg McDowall
Audrey Devlin	Tina Melville
	Martin Dobie
	Lynn Hynds

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Welcome back to all after Christmas break.

HT Report

- Prelims: straight back from Christmas holidays and into prelims. Good attendance for all so far with 200+ sitting English Nat 5. Pupils seem well prepared and preparation has been structured with good study support. SQA Invigilators will monitor exams to help prepare pupils for main exam conditions. S3 will have department led exams. Prelim results will be issued direct to pupils by 1st week February.
- Homework: Currently undertaking a review of home learning. Home learning parent forum session on the 13th February.
- Staffing: Laura McGinley (Art) has moved to a position in Falkirk. Her classes are currently being covered within department. Librarian position being covered at the moment by Martin Dobie.
- Health & Technology: An article featuring our Health & Technology Department will be feature in an upcoming issue of the Herald.
- A Healthy Eating parent forum will take place on 20 February

• The Burns Supper will take place on 25 January in support of the Malawi build. Tickets are still available.

Learning Together

• Statements reviewed at the end of the meeting showed a few responses in Amber which the school are continually working to improve. Looking for ways to reach wider group of parents in form of events/satellite events.

Fundraising

 Parent Council to contribute to fundraising where possible – e.g. St Patricks day event, Community BBQ/Clean-up – looking at developing some communal spaces within school grounds for pupils.

AOB

- 25th anniversary celebrations will take place next session
- Pupil Council will meet later this week and would like to invite Parent Council to attend
- Prom date moved to 11 June
- S6 Graduation event 6 June
- School show will be held 12 June
- Malawi group will leave on 18 June
- Student teachers: we have 14 student teachers this term
- 16 members of staff have been trained in Mental Health First Aid
- Pupil support team has been expanded and refurbished accommodation.
- P7 transition extended classes to include science, art and swimming
- Looking for feedback on BYOD Bring your Own Device would you have any concerns about your child bringing their own devices e.g. tablets/laptop to school. Main concerns would be damage/theft/insurance liability/distractions

Next Meeting - Monday 25 February 2019

Closing Prayer

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school/break	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department
Lunchtimes	S2 Choir S2 Choir Miss Saunders U46			S3&4 Choir Wrs Allan U47	
Lunchtimes	S1 Choir Wiss Saunders U46		P5a lunch Mrs Mabhena	P5a & 5b Miss Perl – E5	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtimes	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department	RE Youth Club RE department	
After school	Debate Club TTTT Miss Nisbet U21	Basketball (S4-6) PALDING Mr Downham Games Hall	Badminton Mr Murray Games Hall	Fit for Girls With the second of the second	Duke of Edinburgh THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD S3-6 Mr Hill
After school	Creative Technology Club U31 Mr Stewart	Swimming Club Mr Locke Pool	Wargames Club Mr Miller L42a	Boxercise Mr Locke & Mr Shafat	Water polo Mrs Melville Pool

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school	Basketball (S1-3) PALDING WITH Bradley Games Hall	Rugby GILBER Mr Haynes Grass	Football Mr Bradley Astro	Dance & Gymnastics Miss Stryke Dance Hall	S1 Football Team Mr Locke/Mr Haynes
After school	Mr McCurdy Astro	RE Department	Running Club Mr Hopkins	Skiing Mr Haynes Hillend	Girls Football Team Mr Bradley
After school	School show Drama department		Move Night No. 1000 Mr Stewart DMG Dept		S3 Football Team Mr Bradley
After school			Anime Club RE department		Handball Team Cross Country Team County Sports Team Volleyball Team Gymnastics Team Giant Heptathlon

ST ANDREW'S ST PETER'S ST PHILIP'S ST THERESA'S

Admin Office:

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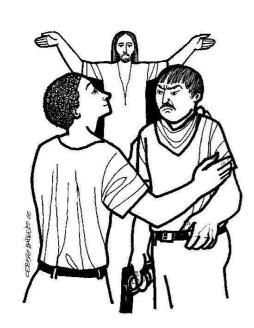
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SVDP Contact Numbers:

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019

Seventh Sunday of the Year - Year C



Love within one's group or fellowship is a natural and universal human trait. What makes the disciples of Christ different from other people is their ability to love those outside their own group or fellowship, and even their enemies.

Jesus goes on to stress the obligations of fraternal charity. His disciples are to imitate the kindness and compassion of God. He asks them to be compassionate, forgiving and generous towards one another and assures them that whatever they give to others will be given back to them with interest.

Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm

St Peter's: Sat 10am St Philip's: Sat 9am

St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am

Thu 7pm to 8pm

Sat 4.30pm to 5pm
St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am

St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat

9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

9.30am to 12.30pm





Youth Club: On Sunday evenings from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn. A reminder that there will be an outing on Sunday 10 March to Deer Park for 'bowl & dine'. Cost is £10, spaces on first come basis. Permission slips and payment should be handed in tonight. Speak to one of the leaders if you want more information.

PPC: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 February at 7.00pm in St Margaret's.

St John's Hospital Mass: Fr Kenneth will celebrate Mass in the hospital on Friday 1st at 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

World Day of Prayer: LSCC is hosting the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 1 March at 7.15pm in Murieston Hall. Everyone is welcome.

TAPP Theatre Group: Will next meet on Friday 1 March at 7.00pm in St Peter's. Anyone else interested in being part of something for Easter time is welcome to come to the meeting. Bring a recorder!

7.00am	St Andrew's	Fr Peter	
9.30am	St Philip's	Fr John	
9.30am	St Andrew's	Fr Kenneth	
9.30am	St Peter's	Fr Simon	
1.00pm	St John's Hospital	Fr Peter	
2.00pm	St Theresa's	Fr John	7
6.00pm	St Theresa's	Fr John	ASH
7.00pm	St Peter's	Fr Simon	WEDNESDAY
7.00pm	St Andrew's (Polish/English)	Fr Peter	

Pax Christi Scotland: Are having a meeting for those interested in peace issues on Saturday 9 March at the Conforti Institute, Coatbridge. If interested, please contact anna@confortiinstitute.org

Level 1 Safeguarding Training: Level 1 safeguarding training will be given at St Peter's on Tuesday 12 March at 7.00pm. All new volunteers must attend this training. Any volunteers who have not had training since 2016 also should attend.

House Masses during Lent: House Masses are not private affairs and whoever is hosting the Mass is encouraged to invite family, friends and parishioners in their area. If anyone is willing to host one of these Masses during Lent, can you please contact the parish office.

Jumbulance Youth Trip to Lourdes (18-27 July 2019): There are still a few spaces available for helpers (age range 18-25 years) and VIP's (those that need additional support with age range 12-21 years). If interested, please contact Bobby White (Tel: 07402 037 039).

Malawi 2019: Big thanks to all who supported the Family Quiz Night last week. In total, £660 was raised and best of all, Fr Simon lost! The next fundraising event for Malawi is a Race Night on Friday 8 March. Tickets cost £3 and are available now or on the night.

Next Sunday's Readings (03.03.19): Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Recently Deceased: Paul McNelis, Dennis Kiernan, **Anniversaries (February):** John McQuade, Frank & Bridget Brennan, John Loney, Olive Menzies, Thomas Feechan, John Wardlaw

ST PETER'S ...

Malawi 2019: Today, Maureen Casey will be sharing with us about the ongoing work of supporting various projects in Malawi and the summer trip. There is a second collection, as you know. Let's be as generous as we can be to support the young people.

Wednesday 27th: The children from P3 will join us for Mass.

Knit & Natter Group: Meet every Wednesday at 12.30pm.

Palm Crosses to Ashes: Weather permitting, after Mass next Sunday morning we will ritually burn the palm crosses you have handed in to prepare our ashes for Ash Wednesday. If anyone has anymore palms, bring them next Sunday and you will be able to put them on the fire yourself.

 $\textbf{Last Sunday's Collection:}\ £1,014.12; \textbf{Church Stall:}\ £80.55$

ST PHILIP'S ...

Tuesday 26th: The children from P3/2 will join us for Mass.

Fairtrade: Next stall will be on Sunday 3 March.

SCIAF Wee Boxes: This year SCIAF is focusing attention on the country of Uganda and the thousands of vulnerable young people who, with your support, are being helped to work their way out of poverty. You can collect your box from Sunday 3 March.

SVDP: A reminder that donations of food, toiletries and cleaning materials will be gladly received on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your continued support.

Last Sunday's Collection: £425.96; **200** Club: No 47 E Graham (03.02) & No 111 C Leggat (17.02); Sanctuary Candle: John McGovern RIP (Anniversary)

ST THERESA'S...

Friday 1st: The school children will join us for Mass on Friday at 9.00am.

World Day of Prayer: Takes place on Friday 1 March and this year has been organised by the Christian women of Slovenia. We are all invited and welcome to St Mary's, Dalmahoy at 7.00pm followed by refreshments.

Raffle Tickets: Will be on sale again today after Mass (£1) for 'Friends of Magale' charity. This charity, founded by Susan Comrie and her husband, supports an orphanage in Uganda and aims to improve the lives of around 130 children. They received charitable status in 2015.

Last Sunday's Collection: £446.20; Candles: £86.71; Bonus Ball Winner: St Theresa's

ST ANDREW'S ...

Last Sunday's Collection: £836.02; Building Fund: £229.27; 200 Club: No 43 & No 116; Sanctuary Candle: Drew Jess



Taking a risk with the fact that everyone in the UK is sick and tired of hearing this 'B-word, I've decided to give you my personal resume of the article I read: "As Brexit nears, Church leaders have concerns about future" written by C Collins on 1 February and available online at cruxnow.com

The Catholic Church has been cautious about commenting on the country potentially crashing out of the European Union.(...) Church leaders don't want to be seen as interfering in a political question, especially since Brexit has divided Catholics as much as the rest of the country. Although Britain as a whole supported Brexit in the referendum, both Scotland and Northern Ireland voted Remain.

If you were to poll the country's bishops, the vast majority would probably tell you they think leaving the EU is a bad idea (an opinion which would also be held at the Vatican, which has supported the European Union from the beginning), but they are keeping their cards close to the vest in their official statements about Brexit. However, as the date of Brexit gets closer, Church leaders have been highlighting some concerns about the process.

- 1) The Church wants the UK to stay engaged in Europe. Even though Britain might be leaving the European Union, it still remains a member of the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe; and NATO.
- 2) The bishops have been vocal about protecting the rights of EU citizens currently living in the UK. EU citizens can move, live, and work freely in all EU countries, and there are an estimated 3.7 million Europeans in the UK. About one million are from Poland, and a significant portion of the rest come from other Catholic-majority countries such as Spain, Italy, and France. (...) The bishops have also complained about the increase of hate crimes in the country since the referendum. Xenophobic comments and even physical attacks have been reported against EU nationals living in the UK, especially those from Eastern Europe.
- 3) The Church, especially in Northern Ireland, has been fearful about what effect Brexit will have on the Good Friday Agreement which ended the "Troubles" in Ireland. One of the key components of the Good Friday agreement was an open border between north and south. This was summarised by Archbishop Eamon Martin "I would ask this question: We are only seven or eight weeks from the proposed date of exit. I wonder are we really thinking enough about the impact on people on the ground?" Martin asked. "This is a time for us to talk with each other and not to talk at each other about Brexit," he added. (Whole article: https://cruxnow.com/news-analysis/2019/02/01/as-brexit -nears-church-leaders-have-concerns-about-future/)

My final comment ... after Brexit, one thing will be certain for us Catholics of different nations and languages ... "not one iota, not one line will change in the Bible." We have to repeat after St John the shortest definition of God and practice it even better after Brexit ... God is love. The one who remains in love remains in God and God abides in him... Amen!

WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Tak jak wędkarz wybiera najlepsze miejsce i czas dla udanego połowu, tak samo czyni Bóg, powołując wspólnotę. Nie ma przypadku w wyborze miejsca i czasu jej powstania. Różne są miasta, parafie i różni są ludzie tworzący poszczególne wspólnoty. Zaproszenie przez Boga do grupy modlitewnej to nic innego jak przejaw jego troski o Ciebie. W chwilach, gdy sam nie dajesz rady chodzić za Jezusem, masz innych wokół siebie, którzy będą Cię wspierać.

Ty jesteś wybrany i obdarowany dla innych, inni są wybrani i obdarowani dla Ciebie.

Przypominamy że na terenie naszych parafii działają dwie wspólnoty: **Grupa Mężczyzn Świętego Józefa**, która spotyka się w drugie czwartki miesiąca w Kościele St Peters o godzinie 19.30 oraz **Grupa Kobiet** która spotyka się w trzecie czwartki miesiąca w Kościele St Peters o godzinie 18.30. Serdecznie zapraszamy.

Edynburska Grupa Kobiet *Tota Tua*, z wielką radością pragnie zaprosić na kolejne Rekolekcje dla kobiet, które odbędą się w dniach **od 10 do 12 maja 2019** w Kościele św. Dawida w Dalkeith. Temat tegorocznych Rekolekcji to: "Pocieszyc Boga..."

Rekolekcje będzie prowadził Ojciec Michał Dragan wraz z siostrami Agnieszką Plasło i Aleksandrą Czapor ze Zgromadzenia Sióstr Maryi Niepokalanej.

Koszt rekolekcji z wyżywieniem to £50. Szczegolowe informacje znajduja sie na tablicy infromacyjnej lub bezposrednio u organizatorek: Paulina 07706 952 360; meetjesusedinburgh@gmail.com **Zapisy trwaja do 31 marca 2019.** Magda Rozmysłowska

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 24 Feb	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS	9.30am Mass SH People of the Parish 5.30pm Mass SH Arthur Cosgrove RIP	9.30am Mass JS John McGovern	11.30am Mass PK People of the Parish	7th Sunday of the year - Year C
Mon 25 Feb	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS Donor's Intention	Monday 7th week of the year
Tue 26 Feb	9.30am Mass JS John Loney	6.00pm Mass SH Eileen Metrustry RIP	9.30am Mass KO Donor's Intention	No Service	Tuesday 7th week of the year
Wed 27 Feb	9.30am Mass JS Francis Quek	9.30am Mass SH Frank O'Kane	No Service	6.00pm Mass KO Donor's Intention	Wednesday 7th week of the year
Thu 28 Feb	9.30am Mass JS Frederick Comerford	9.30am Mass SH Robbie Davidson RIP	9.30am Mass KO Donor's Intention	No Service	Thursday 7th week of the year
Fri 1 Mar	No Service	9.30am Mass SH Jack O'Donnell RIP	No Service	9.00am Mass JS Donor's Intention	Friday 7th week of the year
Sat 2 Mar	9.30am Mass JS 5.30pm Vigil JS Fred Comerford	9.30am Mass SH Iain MacGillivray 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass KO Donor's Intention	No Service	Saturday 7th week of the year
Sun 3 Mar	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS For those who helped	9.30am Mass SH Jim Brennan RIP 5.30pm Mass SH People of the Parish	9.30am Mass KO People of the Parish	11.30am Mass KO Kate Nelson RIP	8th Sunday of the year - Year C