



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets

1st March 2019

What's on...

- 4th March**
S5/6 reports issued
- 6th March**
Ash Wednesday (services throughout the day for all young people to attend)
S4 reports issued
- 7th March**
S3 Parents evening
S4 Parent reports issued
- 8th March**
Readathon 2019! 8.35am-6pm
- 12th March**
S3 Immunisations
S4-6 Study Lates session

Apprenticeships Day 2019

The St Margaret's Academy Apprenticeships Day was held this week and it was a huge success. The apprenticeships fair has been running for 3 years and is designed to help young people learn more about the range of apprenticeships on offer across the country. The format of the event was a series of workshops in the morning followed by an employer and pupil speed-dating event in the afternoon. The feedback from the 60 pupils who attended the event was excellent and they learned a lot from the experience. Thanks to Miss McIlwraith and Miss O'Hare for organising the event and to all the employers, SDS and West Lothian College who helped make the day a huge success.



Music exams

Good luck to all our young people who are sitting their music practical exam next week!



STEM event

Last Wednesday S2 pupils Shannon Vermeulen, Natasha Ssembatya, Julia Zuziak and Olivia Zurek attended an all-day event at Heriot-Watt University for girls wanting to find out more about Science, Engineering and Technology. "The Dragonfly event gave us the opportunity to take a glance into what STEM subjects can offer. We got to get involved in a balloon-chair making competition which Natasha's group won. We also got to make our own little musical instrument and solder the pieces into place. At the end of the day we made slime using different formulas." Shannon Vermeulen, S2.

The girls had a great time at the event. Thanks to Miss Adams in the Science Department for accompanying them.



Newcastle football trip

On Tuesday 26th of February 48 pupils from S1-S3 travelled to see the Newcastle vs Burnley Premier League game. Pupils also participated in an hour football session at the Lemington Football Centre with Newcastle United Community Coaches. The training included shooting, passing, crossing and games. After this our pupils had some down time in the Metrocentre before heading to the match. A great first half with a sublime first goal from Newcastle United. Can we thank all the pupils who were on the trip as they represented the school exceptionally well.

Applicant Medical Practice evening course for S4-6 pupils

Applicant are running a practical evening for young people to give them an insight into the medical profession. The event is open to all young people from S4-6, for more details please click visit <https://www.applicantcourses.com/regional-practical-days>

Time to remember and reflect

After the recent deaths of two former pupils we thought it would be appropriate to have "Time to Remember and Reflect".

We are organising a short event on Friday 22 March at 7.00pm in the school to which all are invited to remember our young people and to support all who have been affected by their deaths. For more details please visit...

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/time-to-remember-and-reflect-tickets-57864203390>

A Time to Remember and Reflect
St Margaret's Academy
Friday March 22nd
2019 at 7pm



Fr Simon says...

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and one of the busiest days of the year for people coming to Mass or various services celebrated today. All of us are called to commit ourselves again to 40 days of reflection on how we live our lives. What will it mean to you to receive Ashes this year?



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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.

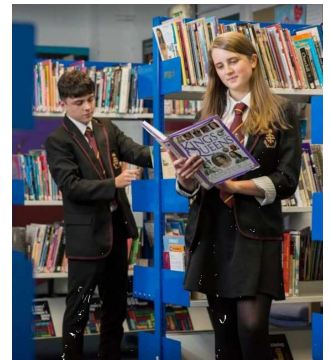
Key dates

- 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
- S5 pupils moving into S6 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.



St. Margaret's Academy



Pupil Bulletin

26th February 2019

General

School Uniform

Thank you to Ailish, Ella and Abbey (S3) who presented their case for black jumpers to be in the uniform policy to the staff Extended Leadership Team. The girls received high praise for a well researched and excellently presented case! Discussions on changes to uniform in the next academic session will continue with this in mind. S3 pupils have also approached myself about introducing an S3 prefect role. This is currently in discussion. Remember you can raise any issues/new ideas through pupil council representatives or directly to myself - Miss Beaumont (U15).

House Music Workshop

The music department will be hosting a music workshop after Easter on Tuesday 23rd April with KC Lights. If you are interested in the music industry or this house music workshop, please see Mrs Allan or Miss Saunders to sign up.

Running Club

There will be time trial this evening at running club. All club members can run, run/walk or walk the main loop whilst being timed. Any new members are welcome but please make sure you have an EE2 from PE.

Duke of Edinburgh

All groups meeting on Friday after school. Expedition letters will be available to collect at the meetings.

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 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 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

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SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2019

Eighth Sunday of the Year - Year C



Here it is no longer a question of love of enemies, but of love of one's brothers and sisters in the community. A Christian is his brother's keeper. But one cannot undertake to guide others unless one knows the way oneself. And criticism of others must be preceded by self-criticism.

People are judged by their deeds. Just as we judge a tree by its fruit, so we judge a person by his actions. Hence, the true Christian must be a genuinely good person.

It is not only one's deeds that show what kind of person one is, so too do one's words. One's words reveal what is in the heart - goodness or badness.

Lenten Events ...

Inspiration & Insights from John's Gospel: Led by Fr Kenneth in St Andrew's hall from 7.00pm - 8.30pm :

- 13 March - Week 1 The word Jn 1:1-18
- 27 March - Week 2 The conversation with Nicodemus Jn 3:1-21
- 3 April - Week 3 The woman caught in adultery Jn 8:1-11
- 10 April - Week 4 I am the Way, the Truth and the Life Jn 14:1-31
- 17 April - Week 5 The priestly prayer of Christ Jn 17:1-26

Stations of the Cross:

- St Theresa's Wednesday evening before Mass
- St Peter's Wednesday at 7.00pm
- St Andrew's Friday at 7.00pm (English & Polish)
- St Philip's Sunday morning after Mass



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

Shared News ...

Youth Club: On Sunday evenings from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn.

Wee Box, Big Change: This year's SCIAF Lent appeal focuses on Uganda and the thousands of vulnerable young people who, with your support, are being helped to create a brighter future for themselves. Please give to SCIAF this Lent and make big changes happen with your Wee Box.

St Andrew's & St Peter's Holy Family Lay Associates: Will meet on Monday 4 March at 7.30pm in St Peter's side hall. All welcome.

Race Night: The next Malawi fundraising event is a Race Night taking place on Friday 8 March at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Academy. Tickets cost £3 (under 15 years free with an adult); food included; BYOB; available from the school or at the door.

CIC: The next class will be on Saturday 9 March at 10.00am in St Andrew's hall.

Rite of Election: Takes place on Sunday 10 March at 12 noon in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. We have three parishioners who will be elected.

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

Time to Remember & Reflect: Given the tragic deaths of two young people in our parishes over the past months, St Margaret's Academy is organising a short event on Friday 22 March at 7.00pm in the school to which all are invited to remember our young people and to support all who have been affected by their deaths.

Day for Altar Servers - Saturday 23 March: Three of our teenage altar servers in St Peter's are organising an outdoor activity day for all the young people involved in altar serving in our four parishes. More details will follow but for now we need to know numbers. Please let either the sacristan in your parish know or contact the parish office if you would like to be involved. It should be a good day for everyone!

SCIAF Collection: This will take place on Sunday 24 March in our four parishes.

House Masses during Lent: House Masses are not private affairs so the idea is whoever is hosting the Mass should 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.

Next Sunday's Readings (10.03.19): Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

Recently Deceased: Nancy Muir, William Stewart **Anniversaries (March):** Iain MacGillivray, Fr Charles Barclay, Sandy Eadie, Kirsty Wallace, Donald Munro, Hannah Moffat, Benny Lynch, Margaret Horsburgh, John Lawlor

Safeguarding Audit: *The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh has been chosen to be reviewed by an external audit team from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)/Children in Scotland from 26 – 28 March 2019. The audit team would like to hear from anyone who has disclosed abuse, shared concerns of unsafe people or practice and also from survivors of non-recent Church-related abuse, their families and friends. Copies of a notice containing further information and contact details for the SCIE are on the poster at the back of the church.*

ST PETER'S ...

St John Ogilvie PFA: The next meeting will be on Monday 4th at 7.00pm in the school. All parents/carers/grandparents are welcome.

Knit & Natter Group: Are out for afternoon tea this week. Anyone who wishes to join the group should speak to Frances or Moraig after Mass.

Friday 8th: Everyone is welcome to join the primary school for Mass on Friday 8th at 9.30am to celebrate their feast day. Please note, no Mass in the parish that morning.

Last Sunday's Collection: £810.64; **Church Stall:** £55.00; **Sunday Tea Charity (Youth Club):** £132.36

ST THERESA'S...

Last Sunday's Collection:

£422.86; **Bonus Ball**

Proceeds: £216.00; **Bonus Ball**

Winner: TBC

ST ANDREW'S ...

Baptism: Please pray for Anastasia Doughty who will be baptised today.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£679.34; **Building Fund:**

£166.66; **Candles:** £264.04;

200 Club: No 27 & No 47;

Sanctuary Candle: Bert

Wardlaw RIP (Birthday

Anniversary)

ST PHILIP'S ...

Fairtrade: Stall today, Sunday 3rd.

SCIAF Wee Boxes: Boxes available today.

FareShare: There will be a community shop open from 12 noon - 1.00pm in the front lounge of the Lanthorn on Wednesday afternoons.

Last Sunday's Collection:

£540.78; **200 Club:** TBC;

Sanctuary Candle: Nancy Muir RIP



ASHES to ALLELUIA

Here we go again ... Lent. And the starting - point is ... ashes ... the reminder of the ultimate destiny of all organic matter. *Memento mori* ... 'Remember you are dust ...'

One of the most unusual qualifications I have is that of a Crematorium Technician. About 15 years ago I worked for Carlisle City Council's Bereavement Services and trained at the city's Crematorium. There's a lot of 'facts & figures' to learn and a lot of practical 'stuff' and then a day's exam to get the official qualification. As you might imagine a lot of the work Crematorium Technicians do is handling or packaging or scattering or burying ashes. Every day I was confronted several times with the reality of the certainty of 'all things ending' ... including myself. On one occasion as myself and my colleagues were standing around a coffin waiting for the signal to enter the Chapel one of them leaned across and, looking at the coffin said, in a low voice ... 'remember, Simon, your name will be there one day'. I've never forgotten that! My sister hates it when I talk about death and tells me 'you're just being morbid'. But I think that to face honestly the only certainty we have in life can help 'sharpen our senses' as to what is really important in life and motivate us to use the time we have to the full. And we can do this without fear because of the astonishing promise of Jesus: 'If anyone believes in me even though they die they will live!' Ashes to Alleluia! Lent to Easter!

In Lent we face and embrace the reality of our lives in praying (*try sitting absolutely still and quiet for 5 minutes a day*); we think about what really is important in life by fasting (*go on ... turn that mobile phone off*); we make the best of the time we have by loving charitably (*but don't forget to be kind to yourself, too*). Happy Lent to you all!

Fr Simon





Drodzy, wiecie dobrze, że w Watykanie zakończyło się bardzo ważne spotkanie dotyczące nadużyć seksualnych i molestowania w Kościele. Padło wiele słów i decyzji istotnych dla poprawy bezpieczeństwa i likwidacji przejawów jakiegokolwiek tolerancji dla tego rodzaju zjawisk. W krajach anglosaskich, gdzie skala tego zjawiska była w ostatnich dziesięcioleciach największa, wprowadzono już procedury mające chronić przed niewłaściwymi zachowaniami. Podobne procedury będą teraz wprowadzana na całym świecie, w tym także w Polsce. Więcej o efektach pracy ostatniego synodu: dziennikzwiazkowy.com/religia-2/prasa-0-szczycie-w-watykanie-koniec-zmowy-milczenia-w-sprawie-pedofilii/

Poniżej ważne ogłoszenie z kurii Edynburg: Audyt zabezpieczający: Archidiecezja St. Andrews i Edynburg została wybrana do sprawdzenia przez zewnętrzny zespół audytowy z Instytutu Opieki Społecznej dla Doskonałości (SCIE) *the Social Care Institute for Excellence(SCIE) Children in Scotland* w dniach 26 - 28 marca 2019 r. Zespół audytorski chciałby usłyszeć informacje od każdej osoby, która zna lub mogłaby ujawnić nadużycia, podzielałaby obawy dotyczące niebezpiecznych osób lub praktyk dotyczących nadużyć, a także od osób, które przeżyły jakiegokolwiek traumatyczne doświadczenia osobiste, ich rodziny lub przyjaciół. Kopie zawiadomienia zawierającego dalsze informacje i dane kontaktowe SCIE będą dostępne z tyłu kościoła przez kolejne tygodnie aż do dnia audytu. Ks. Piotr

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 3 Mar	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>For those who helped</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Jim Brennan RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass KO <i>Kate Nelson RIP</i>	8th Sunday of the year - Year C
Mon 4 Mar	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Catherine O'Hare RIP</i>	Monday 8th week of the year
Tue 5 Mar	9.30am Mass KO <i>Frederick & Grace Comerford</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass JS	No Service	Tuesday 8th week of the year
Wed 6 Mar	7.00am Mass PK 9.30am Mass KO <i>Francis Quek</i> 7.00pm Mass PK (English/Polish)	9.30am Mass SH <i>Brian Clark RIP</i> 7.00pm Mass SH	9.30am Mass JS	2.00pm Mass JS 6.00pm Mass JS	Ash Wednesday
Thu 7 Mar	9.30am Mass KO	9.30am Mass SH <i>Patsy Gillian RIP</i>	9.30am Mass JS	No Service	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Fri 8 Mar	9.30am Mass KO	No Service	No Service	No Service	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Sat 9 Mar	9.30am Mass KO 5.30pm Vigil KO	9.30am Mass SH 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS <i>Catherine O'Hare RIP</i>	No Service	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sun 10 Mar	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Pat Murphy</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Thomas & Mary Gavin</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass JS	1st Sunday of Lent - Year C