



St Margaret's Academy

Snippets

20th September 2019

What you need to know...

- 1 Lockers go on sale at the end of this week. Check the screens in the atrium and main foyer for more information
- 2 The S1 parents' evening is on 26th September from 5-7pm in the school. All parents should have received booking info
- 3 The Parent Council AGM is on Monday from 7pm in the school. All welcome to attend.
- 4 The extra curricular programme is now up and running. Please see full calendar attached and remember that all pupils are welcome.

Key dates Sep/Oct

- Monday 23rd**
Parent Council 7-8.30pm
- Thursday 26th**
S1 Parents' evening
- Monday 30th**
Naples Geography trip
- Friday 4th October**
S4/5 progress reports issued to pupils
Senior Awards Ceremony 9am
- Monday 7th October**
S6 progress report issued to pupils
- Friday 11th October**
Non-uniform day - all break

Parent Council

The Parent Council is a group of parents that represent all parents with children at St Margaret's Academy. We meet every month during term time to hear and discuss issues affecting the school and to voice our and other parents' suggestions and concerns. Our next meeting is on the 23rd September from 7-8pm with a 'cafe conversations' session from 8-8.30pm. Anyone with a child at the school is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

S1 Parents' Evening - Thursday 26th Sep - What to expect

The first parents' evening of the new session will be held on Thursday 26th September from 5-7pm in the school. All booking information was issued during the week so if you have still not received any notifications then please contact the school ASAP. You will have the opportunity to speak to the majority of your child's teachers but in some cases it is not always possible to get an appointment on the evening. If there are no appointments available then please speak to a member of the management team or support team during the parents evening and we will make arrangements to get you an update on your child's progress. All of the staff will be situated in the 2 large games halls to make it easier for you to stick to the appointment schedule and refreshments will be available throughout the evening in the main atrium. You will receive a text message on Friday asking for your feedback but if you have any concerns or queries then please approach a member of the management team who will be willing to help.

Friday Prayer

Christ has no body but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which His COMPASSION looks out upon the world. Your are the feet with which He walks to do GOOD. Yours are the hands with which he BLESSES all the world.

Senior Awards Ceremony - Friday 4th October

Our Annual Senior Awards Ceremony for S5&6 pupils takes place on Friday 4th October from 9am in the school. All parents are welcome to attend and the achievements of all young people in the 2018/19 exam diet will be recognised.

S1-3 Girl's Handball success

Huge Congratulations to our S1-S3 Girls Handball Team who managed to win 3 out of 4 games in the recent School Sports league. Thank you to all the girls who opted to represent the school, Miss Stryke was very impressed with all who competed.



Supporting your child: Social Media event

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Social Media event. Our S6 digital leaders were fantastic and provided parents and staff with a real insight into the latest social media apps and the potential benefits and dangers associated with them. We will share the resources and presentations from the event on our website over the coming weeks.

Extra Curricular programme

Just a reminder that the extra curricular programme is now well under way with a wide range of clubs and activities taking place throughout the week. If you would like to discuss getting your child involved in a club then please contact the pupil support team .



app - School App for Parents available for iPhone and Android



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Pupil Bulletin

17th September 2019

General

Lockers

Lockers not renewed have now had contents emptied. If your locker has been emptied, please collect your belongings from the school office as soon as possible. Locks will be changed in the coming days and made available for sale by the end of next week.

Naples Trip 2019

Can anyone who is still to hand in their EE2 form, their passport or their EHIC card please do so to Miss Stone in U19 as soon as possible.

Duke of Edinburgh

Deadline for this year's signup is FRIDAY! Please return your forms to the Science Base.

Non Uniform Collection

The total collected last Friday was £634, thank you, it will be split between Macmillan Cancer Care and the school fund.

Press Club

Are you interested in journalism-Broadcasting, Reporting or Photographing? Then, Press Club could be just for you!

Come, let's make it happen!

Room U63

Wednesdays, 3:30p.m-4:30p.m.

Please, ensure you have an EE2 completed and returned to Mr Amamize, Room U63.

Equalities Club

The Equalities Club now has a designated 'safe space' in the RE department. Miss McKeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and Thurs lunchtimes. Well done to Rachael, Erin and Rebecca for their tireless commitment to making this happen!

Mass

Mass will take place in the Oratory on Thursday morning at 8.15am. It lasts about 15 minutes. If your bus arrives after Mass has started you are welcome to come in late.

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. Please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

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 at the School 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 £6.96, 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.

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

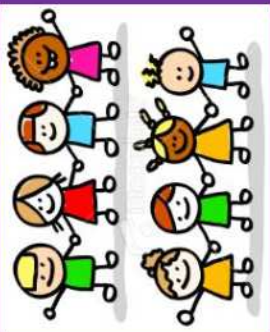
Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.




Extra-Curricular Timetable















Please see attached sheet for details.

S1 – S3

S4 – S6

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Before school/break</p>	<p>RE Youth Club RE department</p> 	<p>RE Youth Club RE department</p> 	<p>RE Youth Club RE department</p> 	<p>RE Youth Club RE department</p> 	<p>RE Youth Club RE department</p> 
<p>Lunchtimes</p>	<p>S1-S3 Choir Miss Saunders U46</p> 	<p>Equalities Group Miss Morton RE Department</p> 			
<p>Lunchtimes</p>	<p>Senior Choir Mrs Allan U47</p> 	<p>Drama Club (5a+b) Mrs MacDonald</p> 			

	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  Miss Nisbet U21	Basketball (S4-6)  Mr Cumming Games Hall	Badminton  Mr Murray & Miss Munro Games Hall	Fit for Girls  Mrs Rafferty Games Hall	Duke of Edinburgh  S3-6 Mr Hill
After school	Creative Technology Club  U31 Mr Stewart	Board Games Club  Mr Bringhurst	Wargames Club  Mr Miller L42a	AquaFun  Mr Locke Pool	Water polo  Mrs Melville/Mr Hopkins Pool

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school	Basketball (S1-3)  Mr Bradley <i>Games Hall</i>	Rugby  Mr Haynes <i>Grass</i>	Football  Mr Bradley <i>Astro</i>	Dance & Gymnastics  Miss Stryke <i>Dance Hall</i>	S1 Football Team  Mr Bradley
After school	Hockey Club  Mr McCurdy <i>Astro</i>	Electronic Games Club  RE Department	Running Club  Mr Hopkins	Skiing  Mr Haynes <i>Hillend</i>	Girls Football Team  Mr Bradley
After school	Water polo  Mr Hopkins <i>Pool</i>	Softball Club  Mr Haynes	Move Night  Mr Stewart DMG Dept	Roller-skating Club  Mrs Sim	S2 Football Team  Mr Cumming

After school	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Other Teams
	<p data-bbox="95 1657 127 1848">Fitness Club</p>  <p data-bbox="399 1646 430 1870">Miss McIlraith</p>	<p data-bbox="95 1243 127 1433">Netball Club</p>  <p data-bbox="391 1243 422 1433">Miss Munro</p>	<p data-bbox="95 772 127 1108">Electronic Games Club</p>  <p data-bbox="391 817 422 1064">RE Department</p>		<p data-bbox="95 78 335 324">Handball Team Cross Country Team County Sports Team Volleyball Team Gymnastics Team Giant Heptathlon Gymfest Team</p>
	<p data-bbox="494 1556 526 1948">Higher/National 5 Maths</p>  <p data-bbox="805 1657 877 1848">Ms Brennan TLC</p>		<p data-bbox="494 795 526 1086">School Brass Band</p>  <p data-bbox="798 840 869 1041">Mrs Downs Drama Studio</p>		
			<p data-bbox="933 862 965 1019">Press Club</p>  <p data-bbox="1260 840 1332 1041">Mr Amamize U63 - English</p>		

ST ANDREW'S

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SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

25th Sunday of the Year - Year C

The Bible doesn't always give us examples to be imitated. At times it gives us examples to be learned from painfully. The servant in Jesus' story is one of the latter.

The astute but dishonest steward is brought forward to teach Christians the wise use of money. Here Jesus stresses the impossibility of any compromise between God and Mammon. For Luke to use money wisely is to give it to the poor and thus ensure one's eternal salvation.



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 ...

Update on Fr Kenneth: Fr Kenneth is driving again and walked 4.3 miles yesterday!

Weekday Masses: Please remember to keep an eye on weekday Masses as they may be subject to change over the coming weeks.

Youth Club: The re-launch of the Youth Club went very well with 25 children going along with 13 adults/young people helping. If any child in P4-P7 would like to join, they would be very welcome. The club will meet tonight, Sunday 22nd, from 6.00pm - 8.00pm in the Lanthorn.

Sacramental Programme: The first parents meeting for those children in P4 who are eligible to celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion takes place on Tuesday 24 September in St Andrew's at 7.00pm. Parents of children still to receive First Holy Communion who attend non-denominational schools and who wish to join our CIC programme should also attend this meeting. **Rite of Enrolment** for the children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation this year takes place on Sunday 29 September. It is really important that you bring your children to Mass for this rite.

Social Committee: Will meet on Tuesday 24th at 7.00pm in the Lanthorn.

RCIA: This coming week the group will meet on Thursday 26th at St Peter's starting at 7.00pm.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - St Margaret's Academy: Come join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 4 October from 11.00am in the café. Get a cake and drink for £2.50. Tickets on sale after Mass.

Could you Volunteer? The Archdiocesan Pro-Life office is growing. We're looking for a couple of volunteers to help out at the Gillis office. The ideal candidates will be able to work at the Gillis Centre on a regular basis and be happy to use the phone and Microsoft office. To apply, contact Paul Atkin (Tel: 0131 623 8917 or prolife@staned.org.uk)

Next Sunday's Readings (29.09.19): Amos 6:1. 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.

Recently Deceased: Frances Johnston, John McGuinness **Anniversaries (September):** Peter Cochrane, Anton Thom, Sylvia Crighton, William Curran

ST ANDREW'S ...

Wednesday 25th: Children from P7 will join us for Mass.

Baptism: Please pray for Joey Gibson who will be baptised on Saturday 28th.

Sunday Teas: There is still a slot available. If anyone is interested, please speak to Veronica Phair or contact the parish office.

Loan Fund: The outstanding current loan figure is £3,610.39. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £877.89; **Aged & Infirm Clergy:** £510.36; **200 Club:** No 124 & No 175; **Sanctuary Candle:** Gertrude McLay (Birthday Anniversary)

ST PETER'S ...

Second Collection: Taken today for the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund.

Wednesday 25th: Children from P7 will join us for Mass.

Rosary Group: Meet on Wednesday at 10.15am in the side hall. Knit & Natter starts at 12.30pm.

Last Sunday's Collection: £799.22; **Church Stall:** £62.50

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ST THERESA'S...

Rosary: The rosary will be recited every Monday morning after 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection: £487.51; **Aged & Infirm Clergy:** £156.75; **Bonus Ball Winner:** No 28 M Gardener

ST PHILIP'S ...

Tuesday 24th: Children from P1 & P7 will join us for Mass.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Saturday 28 September from 10.00am - 12 noon in the Lanthorn. Entry is £2.50/£1.00.

Last Sunday's Collection: £489.29 (08.09); £549.26 (15.09); **Aged & Infirm Clergy:** £325.41; **200 Club:** No 70 (F McCue); **Sanctuary Candle:** God's blessing for a son (08.09); Special Intention (15.09)

Safeguarding Training: Anyone who volunteers for regulated work within our parishes must have a PVG processed by the Church and are asked to complete training on a regular basis. New training was introduced in 2018 and a number of PVG volunteers have completed Induction Part 1. Opportunities to complete Induction Part 2 of the training are now available; this is essential in order to complete the training course. A reminder to PVG volunteers who last completed training prior to 2016, you should now complete Induction Part 1 and then progress to Induction Part 2. Induction Part 1 training will take place on Friday 27th at St Peter's, Livingston from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Induction Part 2 training will be on Friday 13th at St John's, Fauldhouse or Tuesday 15 October at St Peter's, Livingston both from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

My recent experience of Scotland

Hello. My name is Maksim and I'm a seminarian at the Seminary of the Society of Catholic Apostolate (Fr Piotr's Order). It's a pleasure for me to share with you a short story about my recent experience of studying English in Edinburgh and about my experience of vocation.

These past three weeks of studying English has been a great experience and I've also learnt more about Scottish culture, traditions and history. It's my second time in Scotland because last year I had an opportunity to visit the country with other seminarians from Poland. That was my first experience of speaking English. A new country, new people, new culture interested me. It is a challenge: exploring something that I had heard about from other people, read in books or watched in films.

This year's course in ECS Scotland (the name of the school) concentrated on speaking and listening skills so I was really happy to speak with other students from different countries and of course with native speakers. During coffee break, I shared with other students my feelings about the things we had been looking at in classes and received feedback from teachers so it was very helpful.

Three weeks in Scotland have flown by and now I've to go back to my seminary in Poland. Soon I'll go on retreat to prepare for the next step of formation and then a new academic year! Actually, I'm in the 4th year of theological studies and, if everything goes as I hope it will, I'll be ordained to the priesthood in 2022. So, for now, I ask you to pray for me and all seminarians because each vocation is unique and we need your prayers. When we pray it helps other people find this particular way of life. The first steps were difficult, but over time I discovered if I pray, something changes inside myself and takes on specific shapes. It's a necessary part of my vocation: to give God space where He can do and change things.

I would like to thank everyone who organised my stay in Scotland. Special thanks to Fr Kenneth, Fr Simon and Fr Piotr. I thank all whom I've met in Scotland for welcoming me. If you would ever like to come to Poland you'll be very welcome! And I would love to keep in touch with you. Here's my e-mail address ... maxbolondz89@gmail.com. Hope to see you again in Scotland or maybe in Poland. May God bless us all!



Maksim Bolandz SAC

WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Nie możecie służyć Bogu i mamonie! Tak brzmi podsumowanie niedzielnej Liturgii słowa. Czy to nam wystarczy? Czy nie rodzą się w nas pytania typu „dlaczego?” oraz „jak to rozumieć?”.

W pierwszym czytaniu, z księgi proroka Amosa, akcent pada na tę grupę ludzi, która za własne ‘credo’ wybrała hasło „cel uświęca środki”. Nic nowego pod słońcem, jak mawiał Kohelet. Spójrzmy na dzisiejsze realia, czy historia z pierwszego czytania nie rozgrywa się na naszych oczach?! Zmieniała się tylko zewnętrzna strona, sedno sprawy pozostało prawie nienaruszone.

Słowa z Listu św. Pawła do Tymoteusza mogą nas nieco zaskakiwać, ponieważ Apostoł narodów zaleca przede wszystkim modlić się za królów i sprawujących władzę. Czyżby nieustraszony głosiciel mądrości krzyża miał jakieś obawy? Czy brakuje mu ufności w Bożą Opatrzność? Spójrzmy na intencję św. Pawła, który pragnie prowadzić życie spokojne, godne i pobożne. Nie lęk, lecz troska. Nie obawy, lecz trzeźwe myślenie Apostoła pozwala prawidłowo spojrzeć na jego modlitewne motywacje.

Szczytem Liturgii słowa jest Ewangelia, gdzie możemy odnaleźć kwintesencję dzisiejszego słowa Bożego. To nie tylko przypowieść o nieuczciwym zarządcy, lecz także o podzielonym sercu. W naszej codzienności dość często staramy się odnaleźć optymalne rozwiązania, potrzebie zachowywania harmonii, niekiedy mówimy o złotym środku, tzw. sztuce zachowania umiaru. Zobaczmy, że ta sztuka nie ma nic wspólnego z podzielonym sercem, które z jednej strony niby chce służyć Bogu, ale nie omieszka również przyłgnąć do „mamony”. Chrystus w dzisiejszej Ewangelii wskazuje nam kierunek, który należy wybrać i właśnie w tym nurcie zachowywać umiar, nie zaś nieumiarkowanie.

al. Maksim Bolandz SAC

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 22 Sept	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>Jennie Baillie RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Fr Hansel D'Souza</i> 5.30pm Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS	11.30am Mass PK <i>People of the Parish</i>	25th Sunday of the Year - Year C
Mon 23 Sept	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.00am Mass JS <i>Mary Carr</i>	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina
Tue 24 Sept	9.30am Mass JS <i>Peter Greenan</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Tuesday 25th week of the year
Wed 25 Sept	9.30am Mass JS <i>Frances Johnston RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Huntly Briggs</i>	No Service	6.00pm Mass PK <i>Mary Pryde & Catherine Norris</i>	Wednesday 25th week of the year
Thu 26 Sept	9.30am Mass JS <i>Frances Johnston RIP</i>	No Service	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Thursday 25th week of the year
Fri 27 Sept	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>John McGuinness</i>	No Service	9.00am Mass PK <i>Alison Rae</i>	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul
Sat 28 Sept	9.30am Mass JS 5.30pm Vigil JS <i>Gertrude McLay</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Bill Wood</i> 6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass PK <i>Donor's Intention</i>	No Service	Saturday 25th week of the year
Sun 29 Sept	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Gary Craig RIP</i> 5.30pm Mass Fr Isaac	9.30am Mass JS <i>John Mallon RIP</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	26th Sunday of the Year - Year C