



3 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

This is the 13th week in Ordinary time

On Tuesday 2 July 2024, we welcomed our new Year 7 pupils into school as part of their Year 6 Transition Programme. It was wonderful to see lots of happy and excited faces. We already know that our new Year 7s will make a great addition to our St Mary's community. We look forward to meeting them and their Parent/Carers on Thursday 4 July 2024, for the Year 6 Parent/Carer Information Evening.

Today, Wednesday 3 July 2024, is Day 2 of our Year 7 Science Fair. We look forward to sharing more about this event in next week's letter. Feedback from students, staff and visitors from Day 1 has been excellent. Well done Year 7.

LD Leeds Rhino's Rugby League Team

Patrick Preece in Year 10 has recently become a member of the LD Leeds Rhino's Rugby League Team. Patrick retired from Rugby at age 9 (picture on the right) and is now returning as a key player and Coach. Patrick has been coaching younger students with some of the key skills required to play Rugby League. The LD Team play in a Super League so we will be watching Patrick's Rugby career closely. We are really proud of Patrick and his achievements.

European Astro Pi Challenge

Last week we shared with you the news about St Mary's pupils, Evie Bent, Jacob Murphy, Daniel Prowse, Bona Cheng, Vincenzo Krzykowski, Riley Parker, Elohim Adu-Agyapong, Mihnea Negut and Christopher Darvasi taking part in the European Astro Pi Challenge along with Phoebe Gatenby who was recorded asking Markus Wandt, a real life astronaut, a question during the online 'Meet an astronaut' event that took place on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Mrs McLeer, Faculty Leader for Maths & Computer Science was lucky enough to watch the AstroPi Q&A session with Markus Wandt and has this to say:

"I have just had the absolute privilege of watching the AstroPi Q and A session with Markus Wandt. It was absolutely amazing and a great experience for our pupils. It's a fantastic achievement and I'm so proud of all the pupils and staff involved."

Faculty of PE and Sport Extra-Curricular Summer Timetable

The Faculty of PE and Sport are pleased to provide the following extra-curricular activities which will run from Tuesday 7 May through to the end of the academic year. Sessions run from 2.45pm to 3.45pm. No need to register, just turn up.

Monday	Girls' Football	All Years	ATP	Mrs Thornton
Tuesday	Softball		Fields	Mr Shields
Wednesday	Netball		Sports Hall	Miss Chrispin
	Athletics	All Years	Fields	Mr Thornton
Thursday	Cricket	Years 7-9	Sports Hall	Mr Pringle
	Rounders	All Years	Fields	Miss Marsh

WELLBEING / SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Contact Telephone Number for Parents

The school office will be open during normal school hours: 01943 883000.

If you are outside of school hours or it is a holiday and you have a concern you can ring the local authority social worker team directly.

- Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403 Further information can be found [here](#).
- Bradford Children's Social Work Services 01274 433999 further information from Bradford local authority can be found [here](#).

NSPCC Helpline

The Department for Education has commissioned the [NSPCC](#) to establish a dedicated independent helpline for people who have experienced sexual abuse in educational setting.

