



St Margaret Ward
Catholic Academy



ST. MARGARET WARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

EASTER TERM NEWSLETTER

The year is flying by and now we come to the end of our Spring term! So much has happened this term – we've lots to share with you. Take a look through our newsletter for all the details.

WSL FOOTBALL MATCH



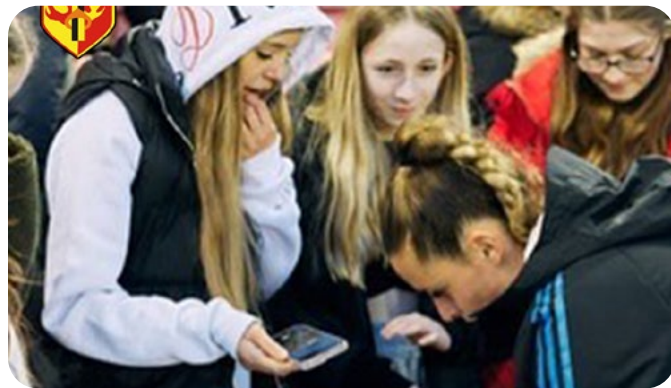
On Sunday 15 January, the girls' Game On football activators went to see the WSL football match between Manchester Utd women and Liverpool women at Leigh Sport Village.

The girls were treated to a fabulous match with 3 goals being scored in each half in Manchester Utd's 6-0 win. They had front row seats and even managed to be on the television coverage!

After the game, the girls met England Lionesses Alessia Russo and Ella Toone, and were able to have photographs and autographs from the players. In exchange, the girls presented the players with their SMWCA football club badges which they were delighted with.

It was a great day, and the girls were a credit to the school and really enjoyed themselves.

See the photos on Facebook
>> bit.ly/3ng9j3d



QUAYS THEATRE VISIT

On Wednesday 18 January our GCSE and Y9 students were joined by Biddulph High School to visit the Quays Theatre.

This amazing theatre is located in the Lowry gallery and art complex in Manchester. While there, students watched a theatrical adaptation of "Noughts and Crosses". Originally a novel by Malorie Blackman, Noughts and Crosses follows the lives of Sephy and Callum, two childhood friends

who are divided by a world full of racism and discrimination.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the production, which utilised a contemporary set infused with multimedia techniques to bring the story to life. As ever, our students represented the school impeccably with their conduct for the duration of the trip. Thank you all for coming! We hope that as a GCSE set text, it has been a valuable experience for all.

STEM OLYMPICS

Year 10 competed against each other in the SMW inter-form STEM Olympics on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 January. They had the opportunity to chat with some people with very exciting STEM related jobs and take part in some A- level practical work.

Find out who the winners were here >>
stmargaretward.co.uk/stem-olympics



YOUNG VOICES

On Wednesday 11 January a small group of Year 7 students joined forces with lots of other students from our Collegiate at Young Voices 2023 in Birmingham.

Read more >> stmargaretward.co.uk/young-voices



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

27 January marks Holocaust Memorial Day, which we commemorated in school. This date is significant as it marks the date of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

Take a look at what we did >>
stmargaretward.co.uk/holocaust-memorial-2023

GAME ON FOOTBALL ACTIVATORS

The new Barclays Game On football activators have started their training with a live launch from the FA.

Meet them and read more here >>
stmargaretward.co.uk/game-on-2023



PORT VALE STADIUM TOUR

On Saturday 4 February, a group of our Year 7 and 8 students attended the Port Vale vs Wycombe Wanderers FC football match at Vale Park.

They were treated to a tour of the Port Vale FC stadium and met the players!

A huge thank you to our students, who represented the school really well and to the staff at Vale Park, who were exceptional hosts as always.

Take a look at the photo on our Facebook page >> bit.ly/409E6xc



DANCERS PERFORM AT 023 DANCE

Wednesday 8 February, saw St Margaret Ward dancers perform at the 023 Dance performance at The Regent Theatre.

The dancers from years 8, 10 and 11 were an absolute credit to the school and were fantastic ambassadors for St Margaret Ward.

Read more >> stmargaretward.co.uk/023-dance



TAKE HER LEAD



Over the summer, SMWCA student Hera was invited by the "Take her Lead" team to go to London to take part in the filming of a national cricket initiative launch video 'Got Your Back' with Isu Guha, England captain Heather Knight and Sophia Dunkley.

Find out more and see the video here >> stmargaretward.co.uk/take-her-lead

LASALLIAN AMBASSADORS

On 17 January, 15 of the SMW Chaplaincy team (known as Lasallian Ambassadors) visited our local Diocesan retreat Centre, Alton Castle, for a training day provided by the Archdiocesan Youth service (known as Kenelm Youth Trust).

Read more here >> stmargaretward.co.uk/lasallian-ambassadors



LET GIRLS PLAY

On Wednesday 8 March SMWCA girls took part in Let Girls Play - an event to encourage equality in football for girls. It was a great success with pupils taking part from Y5 (St George and St Martin) to Y7-Y11.

Read more here >> stmargaretward.co.uk/let-girls-play

RECORDER FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 22nd March, St Margaret Ward Recorder Consort had the pleasure of taking part in the annual Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall. This concert marked 25 years since the Recorder Festival began! Over two days over 1000 students from around Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire took part in the event, on the day we performed we were in and amongst 750 recorder players and the sound was amazing!

Find out more >> stmargaretward.co.uk/recorder-festival



SAVIO HOUSE RETREAT

The fourth week of Lent is traditionally known as "Laetare" which means rejoice. This reflects the Gospel readings where we heard some of Jesus' healing miracles. This week, Year 8 and 9 pupils spent time rejoicing on their annual retreat to Bollington.

On the 20th March, 21 pupils from both Year 8 and 9 departed from St Margaret Ward to spend a few days away on retreat at Savio House.

Read all about it here >> stmargaretward.co.uk/savio-house-retreat



SECONDARY MUSIC SHARE CONCERT

On Wednesday 22nd March, 15 members of Voicebox, our Academy Choir took part in a 'Secondary Music Share Concert' at the Victoria Hall with three other schools from around the City.

Find out more >> stmargaretward.co.uk/secondary-music-share-concert



On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March, Year 11 Geography students completed their physical fieldwork for their GCSE. This involved river fieldwork along the River Dane in the Peak District, analysing how the features of the river change as you move downstream.

Pics and more info here >> stmargaretward.co.uk/y11-fieldwork



MO CHOUDRY VISIT

Year 10 and Year 12 Business students were given a talk by Mr Mo Chaudry who spoke about his life, what motivates him, how he built up his business empire and the lessons that he has learnt.

See the photos on our Facebook page >> bit.ly/40aUYUb



And finally ...

As we celebrate this special time of year,
we thank the Lord for his blessings and
wish you an Easter full of joy and peace.

School re-opens on Monday 17 April 2023.



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stmargaretward.co.uk/news

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