



St Margaret Ward  
Catholic Academy



**ST. MARGARET WARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

# **AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER**

We can hardly believe it's December already! We've had another packed term, topped off with our festive activities over the last couple of weeks. Take a look through our newsletter to catch up on everything that the students have been doing recently.



## YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Our Year 11 team attended the KMF awards presentation at Port Vale Football Club. See how they did and take a look at their project ...

Read more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/young-engineer-of-the-year-competition-2022-update/>

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



Remembrance Day is always an important date in our school calendar and the whole school community gets involved.

Find out more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/remembrance-day-2022/>

## CROSS CULTURE LINK PROGRAM – ADVENT MASS

Last year at St Margaret Ward, we launched the inaugural Cross-Culture Link Program with our partner school, De La Salle Santiago Zobel (DLSZ) in the Philippines. This term a lot of work has gone in to continuing and broadening the program to include more students, more subjects and events across the year.

Find out more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/cross-culture-link-program-advent-mass-and-launch-event/>



## BAE SYSTEMS EDUCATION PROGRAMME ROADSHOW

We were excited to welcome both the Royal Navy and Royal Airforce to the school in October.

Find out what they got up to here >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/bae-systems-education-programme-roadshow/>

## FUNDRAISING FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Some of our Y11 students have been fundraising as part of their award. Find out more about what they did here ...

Read more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/fundraising-for-duke-of-edinburgh-award/>

## LOUGHBOROUGH VISIT

Colleagues visited Loughborough University in October to learn more about delivering the PE curriculum.

Find out more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/loughborough-visit/>





## CHEESE MAKING AT REASEHEATH COLLEGE

Just how is cheese made?! In October, some of our Year 10 and Year 11 food studies students found out. And there was quite a bit of 'hands on' action!

See photos and more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/cheese-making-at-reaseheath-college/>

## WE'RE PUBLISHED AUTHORS!

Have we discovered the next JK Rowling?! Some of our students were busy over the summer writing their very own novel and in October went to Keele University to receive copies of it.

We're so proud of them and what they've achieved. Find out more about the trip and where you can buy the book ...

Find out more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/were-published-authors/>



## CAREERS PROVISION ACTIVITIES ...

October saw our first careers employer encounter day of the year where our Yr11 students had the chance to spend the day in workshops and industry talks with employers, learning about the opportunities available to them. This was followed by our Careers Fair on 20th October where we welcomed over 40 companies, colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers into school. It was a fantastic day with lots of information shared with our students. Then on 8th December we invited all 210 Y11 students to attend their first professional mock interview!

Read all the stories on our news page >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/news/>



## THE GRINCH AND SANTA!

Our performances of 'The Grinch' have been enjoyed by all the Yr 3 children from our collegiate primary schools and our staff and students have loved seeing all the happy faces.

And after the performance, our visitors got to enjoy activities such as face painting and a chance to meet Santa in his grotto!

See the photos >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/the-grinch-and-santa/>

## 100 YRS OF THE BBC ROADSHOW VISITS SMWCA!

BBC stars and staff are set to visit half a million students as part of BBC 100 years celebrations. The BBC is visiting over 400,000 students, in 700 secondary school visits across the UK, in a project called 'BBC Bitesize Careers 100 Yr celebration, Share Your Story'.

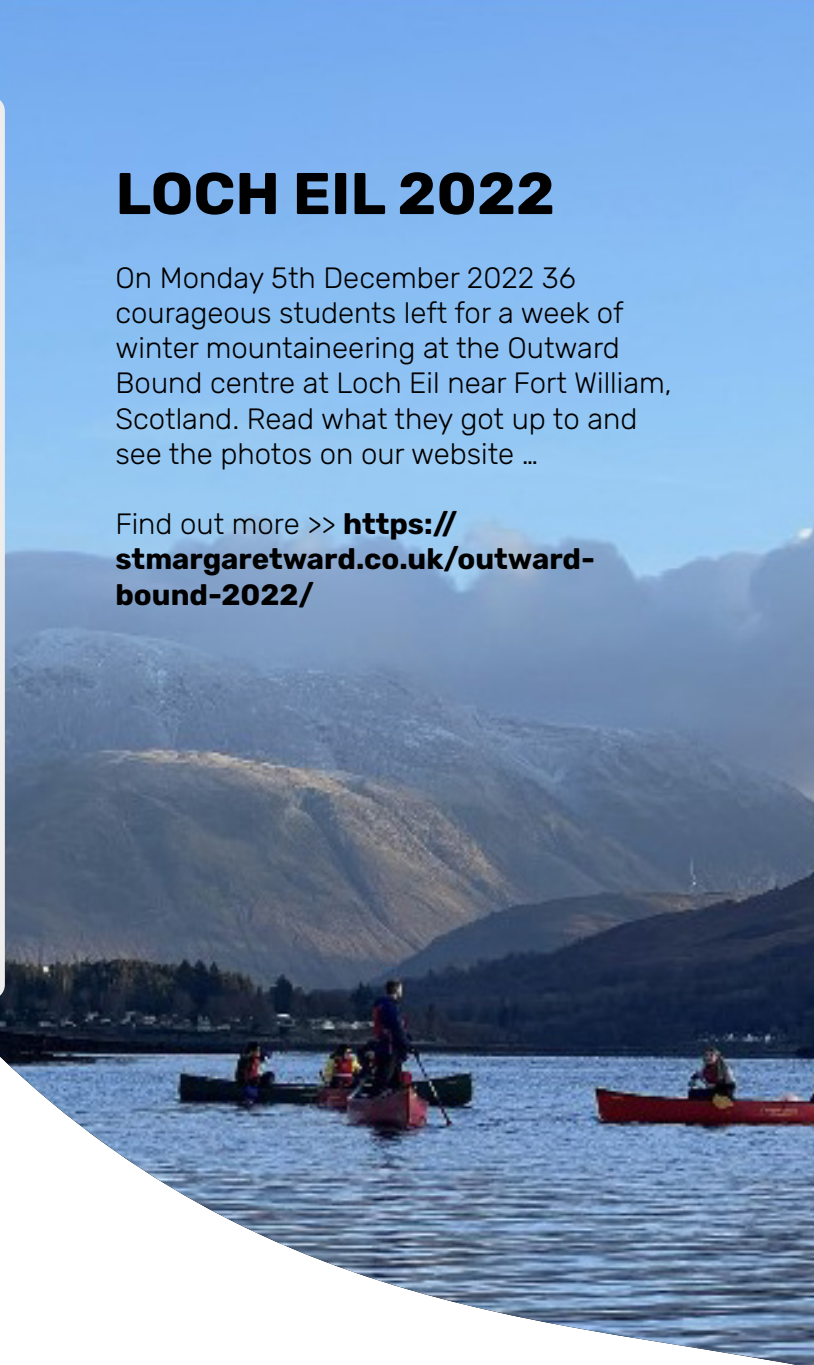
Students in Yrs 7, 8, 9, & 10 were lucky enough to view the roadshow performance on Friday 9th December.

Read more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/bbc-bitesize-careers-100-years-of-the-bbc-roadshow-visits-smwca/>

## LOCH EIL 2022

On Monday 5th December 2022 36 courageous students left for a week of winter mountaineering at the Outward Bound centre at Loch Eil near Fort William, Scotland. Read what they got up to and see the photos on our website ...

Find out more >> <https://stmargaretward.co.uk/outward-bound-2022/>



## OUR 2022 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our last live Christmas Concert was in 2019 and, after what feels like a lifetime, we finally had a live Christmas Concert on Tuesday 13th December.

Thank you to Miss Hayes, Mrs Smith and Mr Hurdley and all the students who took part – you were all brilliant.



**And finally ... We'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope that it's filled with joy, peace and love enjoyed with family and friends and we look forward to seeing our students again in the new year.**

**School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.**

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[stmargaretward.co.uk/news/](https://stmargaretward.co.uk/news/)

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