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# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 1 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

After a turbulent year, Summer 1 has been a wonderful way to start our final term. Returning back to normal activities, such as the end of term service, sports fixtures, extra-curricular clubs, school and residential trips, has been greatly rewarding for all involved. Thanks to the brilliant work of our staff, we have ensured that opportunities beyond the curriculum have been prioritised and I thank parents and carers for your continued support.

Our Student Voice has taken a proactive stance, hosting student-led 21<sup>st</sup> Century Child parental events to support societal issues. They have been pivotal in helping to secure the gold standard in the School Mental Health Award. Yet again, through the hard work of our school community fund-raising initiative we have received recognition for our charity work through Birmingham Children's Hospital 100 Heroes Award.

For the first time since May 2019, Year 11s have been busily getting ready for their exams and I have been amazed by their courage, strength and motivation; as well as their resilience to ensure they are thoroughly prepared. Equally, their commitment and resolve to stay in school at the end of the day for a daily intervention is commendable. They are all truly incredible individuals who deserve the very best outcomes this summer.

I wish you all a lovely half-term holiday.



**Mrs Handy-Rivett, Headteacher**

### UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS:

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Students break up for half-term
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Students return to school
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7 parents' evening
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 10 parents' evening
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Students break up for summer
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Day off in lieu of Jubilee
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Staff training day
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Students return to school

### OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

What does the  
*Lord* ask of you?

To act justly, to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your  
God.

**Micah 6vs.8**



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## ST MICHAEL'S SCOOPS PIONEERING MENTAL HEALTH AWARD

St Michael's students and staff were thrilled to learn recently that the school has been awarded the Gold standard for its outstanding mental health and wellbeing provision.

The award was established in 2017 by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools – part of Leeds Beckett University – and social enterprise Minds Ahead, who aim to strengthen pupils' mental health by supporting schools to make a positive change at all levels of the UK's education system, improving students' outcomes and life chances. Doctor Steve Burton, Interim Dean of Leeds Beckett's Carnegie School of Education, said: "Achieving this award is not just recognition of a whole-school approach to mental health, it's a recognition of the school's commitment to improving the life chances of children and engaging with the wider community including staff and parents/carers. We're truly proud to have worked with St Michael's in this vital work and look forward to further collaboration." Nationally, more than 1000 schools have signed up to take part in the mental health award.



Headteacher, Mrs Handy-Rivett, said: "I am extremely proud of all our student-led initiatives. It is imperative that students are given a voice and are supported to help inform and shape events for our families and local community. Students' confidence, enthusiasm and passion for leading wellbeing initiatives and events is infectious; they act as the catalyst for change that we hope to see in society".







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# DANCE SHOW 2022

## MEET THE DANCERS



YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



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## DANCE SHOW

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022, St Michael's hosted its annual Dance Show. A massive congratulations to all the pupils who took part; they rehearsed tirelessly and the show was a huge success.



## OUR NEXT MILESTONE

Will you take on our latest challenge and complete 30 miles in 30 days during the month of June? How you complete your mile per day is completely up to you! Whether you jog, walk, ride or even cartwheel, you can make your challenge as fun or physically challenging as you like.

We are so close to reaching £50,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital and we would love you to be part of celebrating our next big milestone!

Anyone who participates can raise funds through our JustGiving page and all sponsorship which mentions a student's full name will equal house points.

[www.justgiving.com/1mileadayfor50k](http://www.justgiving.com/1mileadayfor50k)

JOG >> WALK >> RIDE

# 1 MILE A DAY

30 MILES IN 30 DAYS

## JUNE CHALLENGE

Can you jog, walk or ride a mile a day to help us reach £50k for Birmingham Children's Hospital?

Join the St Michael's community as we take on this challenge raising the vital funds needed to make a real difference!

To sponsor the team please log on to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/1mileadayfor50k](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/1mileadayfor50k)

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## PE NEWS

### NETBALL

The Year 7 netball team played their final matches of the league this term. They have all worked really well in training to develop their skills. I have been impressed by the squad, who have attended all the matches and played with excellent team work throughout. Students have had to be adaptable and have shown tenacity throughout this league: one student attended the Year 7 netball tournament and two games without playing at all, but she persevered and has established herself within the team as a flexible player who can play in most positions, even goal shooter!

A special mention to Eve Bennett, who has captained the team throughout with excellent organisational skills and maturity.

We are awaiting the league results and this will be announced in the final newsletter! Good luck team!

A big thank you to Miss Dowler who has given up her free time to offer her expertise in netball to the students.

Thank you, from Mrs Faulkner.



### SPONSORED BOUNCE



The annual sponsored bounce took place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May with 48 students from years 7 and 8 bouncing for 3 hours to raise money for equipment for the PE department. The students raised a massive £1483.45, which will go towards a professional high jump to use on sports day.

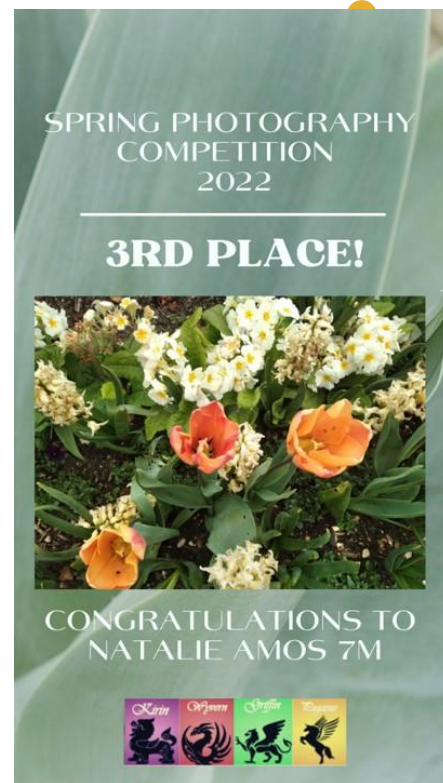
A big thank you to Amy-Leigh Tolley in year 10 for her leadership skills at the event.



## HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

During the second half of the Spring term, the Art department launched a photography competition, open to all staff and students, under the heading, *All Things Spring*.

Congratulations to the following winners:



## RE NEWS

There is no better way to learn about Sikhism than from a Sikh himself! Recently, Year 11 RE students had the pleasure of hearing from Mr Belkhu from the Science department about the fundamentals of Sikhism, as well as some of his own personal experiences.

This was excellent revision for Year 11 before their exam. There were some very mature, thoughtful questions posed to Mr Belkhu from our students, and the audience particularly enjoyed seeing the 5 Ks: the five physical symbols of faith worn by Sikhs.

*Photo right: Mr Belkhu showing Year 11 the bowl that is used in an Amrit ceremony (Sikh baptism/initiation rite).*





United  
Kingdom  
Mathematics  
Trust

Selected Year 7 and 8 students took part in **the Junior UK Maths Challenge**. We received some amazing results and the students below were awarded Certificates:

**Year 7:**

Student First Name	Student Last Name	Form	Certificate
Jasmine	Rickard	7M	Bronze
Matthew	Howles	7M	Bronze
David	Lango	7M	Bronze
Mae	Sadler	7M	Bronze
Edward	Walton	7M	Silver
Kelsey	Ball	7M	Silver Best in Year

**Year 8:**

Student First Name	Student Last Name	Total	Certificate
Jack	Smith	8S	Bronze
Esme	Cogger	8M	Bronze
William	Pedrick	8S	Bronze
Artan	Shamsnezhad	8A	Bronze
Christiano	Mersini	8M	Bronze
Emily	Amos	8S	Bronze
Manpreet	Singh	8S	Bronze
Niall	Clews	8S	Bronze
Sophie	Gleadall	8S	Bronze
Cait	Bridges	8M	Bronze
Mason	Towler	8S	Bronze
Hannah	Davis	8M	Bronze
Jack	Dewhurst	8E	Bronze
Joseph	Jackson	8A	Bronze
Rebecca	Willetts	8S	Bronze
Mustafa	Yasir	8S	Bronze
Fionn	Smith	8M	Silver
Japji	Bajwa	8S	Silver
Nathan	Smith	8A	Silver
Astle	Holloway	8S	Silver
Liam	Owen	8S	Silver Best in School



## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHILD: "Dear Parent..."



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, we held our First 21<sup>st</sup> Century Child event since the pandemic; and we were absolutely thrilled with the number of people who attended.

Our event was supported by BEAM, DECCA, Police Cadets, Brook and Mala Llama, as well as several representatives from Sandwell Council. Here is some of the fantastic feedback we received from parents and guests:

*Great to be back after 2 years! Brilliant as always, thank you!*

*Students being open and confident*

*Found it very informative and the event was executed amazingly*

*You guys were amazing – very powerful! As a parent it is so beneficial hearing young people's views and support needed*

*Great to hear the perspective of students. Interesting and thought provoking – thank you!*

*...the children were amazing – all the info was relevant*

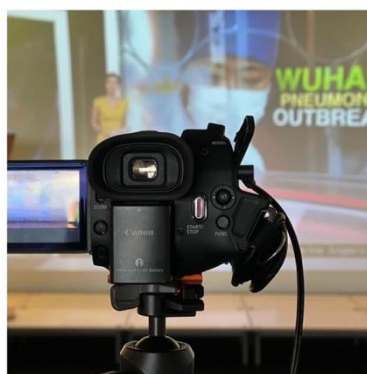
*Children really passionate about what they are saying*

*Knowing that people who may be struggling are not alone and the amount of support services*

*Good from students' point of view – very emotional*

*The students were very clear on what they meant*

*(Great) to see students happy with what they are doing this evening*





## SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES SHOW

Members of Student Voice recently showcased our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Child Programme at the Schools and Academies Show 2022 Safeguarding and Wellbeing Stage in London and are pictured below with Andy Mellor from the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools.



## 100 HEROES AWARD

St Michael's is, once again, one of Birmingham Children's Hospital 100 Heroes and, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, staff and students were delighted to attend a special event to receive the award on behalf of the whole school community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families who have supported our fundraising efforts, despite the very difficult last two years we have all experienced.

Our students used every opportunity to work the room and network – Ben Francis, CEO of Gym Shark, has even agreed to be interviewed for our radio show on Black Country Xtra!

