



St Mary's University Student Newsletter



February 2022

Hello Simmie,

Welcome back to Semester two, we hope you had a relaxing break.

The SIMMIE Newsletter is sent to your student email address fortnightly and provides key updates from across the University. This week we've got information on the Dolce Vita reopening, why 'tapping-in' is important, the latest EDI activity update, and lots more.

Previous editions of the new student newsletter are available [here](#).

Have you read the latest Student Heart Update



The Dolce Vita, teaching rooms, and the J block Ground Floor corridor to Student Services and Registry will be open from **07 February 2022**.

[Read the full update here](#)

Attendance Monitoring - why it's important to 'tap-in'



As teaching resumes across most areas of the University please remember to 'tap-in' with your SMU campus card, using the card readers in all teaching spaces, when entering a classroom for in-person taught sessions on campus. Be aware that on some professionally accredited programmes, attendance is compulsory and therefore tapping-in is an important habit to develop.

Tap-in when you enter the classroom or lab, rather than when you leave. Tapping-in will also help your programme team to put in place timely interventions in cases where students may be struggling or 'at risk' of under-performing.

Improve your career prospects

Have you considered studying for a masters degree? Or are you interested in finding out more? Attend our postgraduate open day on 30th March at 5pm.

A masters programme can improve your career prospects – for example, by providing vital management skills through a business-related masters programme.

St. Mary's University has a range of programmes in sports, nutrition, law, education, to name a few. Most recently, the University has created a new programme in social justice and public service which combines further study with community service, preparing students for a wide range of careers in the charitable and non-profit sectors.



[Find out more here.](#)

Have you considered studying abroad?

Join St Mary's Study Abroad Programme



Travel, learn, and make new friends! All students may participate in our fantastic summer programmes in Australia, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, and South Korea, and you can earn a stipend working in Europe during the summer or for one year after graduation through Erasmus+. Undergraduates on most courses may earn credits studying for a semester in Australia, Europe, Canada, or the USA during Year 2. Funding is available for some programmes!

The application deadline is **1 March 2022**. Check out the Study and Work Abroad section of Moodle, or email goabroad@stmarys.ac.uk.

[Further information is available here.](#)

EDI activity - celebrating LGBTQ+ History month

LGBTQ+ History Month takes place across the UK every February. Keep an eye out for activities and events taking place across campus, including a book display and posters of LGBTQ+ heroes. Plus, on 24th February there will be a special public film screening at The Exchange, followed by a networking event, which students can attend for £5. [Vote now](#) for which film you would like to have shown.



We have provided a full update on other EDI activities taking place across the University, including:

- information on [Holocaust Memorial Day](#) which took place on 27 January
- UK students with a disability, long-term health condition, or specific learning difference, can access and participate in career-enhancing initiatives through our [Employability Confident programme](#).
- a very happy [Chinese New Year](#) to all our students and staff who will be celebrating this week.

[Read the full EDI activity update here.](#)

Student Senior Resident Applications Are Now Open!



Do you have experience living in halls of residence? We're looking for students who have strong teamwork, communication, and interpersonal skills with a willingness to become involved in the wider University community.

Benefits of the position include:

- Meeting new people
- Gaining experience in leadership
- Enhancing your CV
- A reduced accommodation fee rate

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, [submit an application today](#). Applications close on 11th February.

If you have any questions or queries please contact accommodation@stmarys.ac.uk or studentlife@stmarys.ac.uk as soon as possible

[Further information is available here.](#)

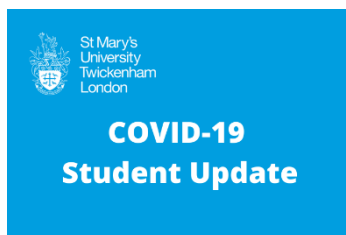
Quick round up of other news



Conversations in Race student forum

Join the BAME Student Network in collaboration with the Race Equality Charter for the first in their series of Conversations about Race. The topic is *Race in the Classroom - Do you see yourself in your course content?* Share your experience of being Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority student at St Mary's. The call takes place on **3rd February at 2pm**.

[Register here to join.](#)



'Plan A' at St Mary's

As of 27 Jan England returned fully to 'Plan A' COVID measures. The safety of our staff and students remains our highest priority, we strongly encourage staff and students to:

- continue wearing face coverings in indoor spaces;
- test regularly for Covid-19 at least weekly; and
- take up full vaccination and boosters.

[Find out more here.](#)



SU: Welcome Back Week

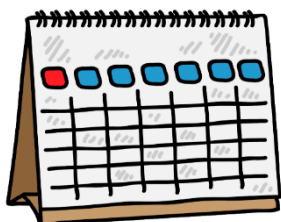
Your Student Union team are ready to welcome you back to campus!

From **7th - 11th February** they'll be running free, daily events for you to enjoy. From free Yoga to laser quest and much more.

Follow them on Instagram for regular updates.

[Find out more here.](#)

Key dates for your diary



February 2022 (Click the links for event details)

- LGBTQ+ History month
- 3 - Student Forum - [Join the Conversations in Race](#)
- 7 - 11 - [SU Welcome Back Week](#)
- 16 - [Carers Pamper Event](#)

March 2022

- 8 - International Women's Day
- 30 - Postgraduate open day at 5pm

Information about these campaigns will be shared on the Student Union and St Mary's University social media channels

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