

St Mary's University Student Newsletter



May 2022

Hello Simmie,

In this week's newsletter, we're seeking feedback on the current student newsletter, take a virtual tour around the new Student Heart space, and catch up on all the latest EDI activities. Plus, lots more!

Previous editions of the student newsletter are available here.

What do you think of the Student Newsletter?



In October 2021 we launched the first SIMMIE Newsletter! Since then we've been providing a fortnightly update on key things you need to know from across the University. If you have 2 minutes spare we'd love to hear your thoughts.

To ensure we're providing you with the information you need, we're running a short survey to learn more about what's working and where we could be providing other information.

Share your feedback on the Student Newsletter here.

The NSS has now closed

Thank you to all of those who filled in the National Student Survey this year and took the time to submit feedback on your time here at St Mary's.

The winners of the Love2Shop vouchers will be announced at the end of May via email.

We look forward to sharing the results of the NSS with you in the summer, as part of our partnership for making further improvements to teaching, learning and life at St Mary's.



Sign up for the SU Summer Ball!



Calling all harlequins, acrobats, and ringleaders, SMSU's annual Summer Ball is back with a bang on **Friday 20th May**.

This year's spectacular theme is Cirque du Simmie!

Our Super Early Bird and Early Bird tickets have both SOLD OUT! But don't worry, you can still get your hands on our Standard Entry tickets by heading to our website.

Here's a reminder of what's included in your ticket:

- DJ set by Marvin Humes
- Funfair from 7pm-11pm
- Three bars including one outdoors
- A silent disco from 9pm-1am
- DJ Rhino
- Free candyfloss (while stocks last)

Sign up for your summer ball tickets

Have you visited the new DV Lounge?

Last week we officially opened the latest project to enhance the on-site campus experience for students and staff.

The <u>Student Heart project</u> has created a single walkway from the Library, through to the Dolce Vita, into J Block, and the new extension, linking to the SU hall. The DV café now has a bottle bar which will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. The new DV Lounge offers more social and study spaces, five 1-2-1 study or meeting rooms plus a large screen for movie or sports nights.



Take a short virtual tour of the new space here.

Summer Graduation coming soon



Graduation is a time to celebrate your success in the company of peers, family, and friends.

This year, our summer graduation will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 20th - Thursday 21st July 2022

<u>Further information is available here.</u>

An update on EDI activity

In this week's EDI update we introduce your new **SU representatives**. Your new Education President, George Chaplin, and your new Student Life President, Caitlin Finn.

Discover more about events happening for **Mental Health Awareness Week** and how you can get involved.

Don't miss your chance to add your voice to the **Race Equality Charter Survey**.

This year's Student Engagement Awards celebration takes place on Wednesday 25th May 4-6pm at The Exchange Twickenham. Come and celebrate our nominees and winners. **Register here** for your ticket before midnight on Sunday 15th May.

Finally, we are recruiting current students for the new **Student Experts Panel**. If you are interested in Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, we have an exciting PAID work opportunity open to YOU.



Click here to read the full update.

Dates for your diary



May 2022 (Click the links for event details)

- 16 <u>Student REC survey closes</u>
- 20 SMSU's annual Summer Ball
- 25 <u>Student Engagement Awards at The Exchange</u>

June 2022

- 3-6 Naylor Library closed
- 17 Festival of Learning & Teaching

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

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