



Student Newsletter December 2022



St Mary's will be closed from 22nd December, reopening on 4th January 2023.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Hello Simmie,

Dear Simmies,

Wishing you all a great Christmas celebration and happy holidays. We hope you enjoy the winter break and some well-deserved rest.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

From all of us at St Mary's

Support at St Mary's

While the University is closed over the Christmas break we want to ensure you have access to support, should you need it. Visit our '[Christmas Resources](#)' page for a range of information.

Free **mental health and wellbeing support** and advice is also available 24/7 via external providers:

- Togetherall: www.togetherall.com
- Student Space: studentspace.org.uk

[The Library](#) will remain open 24/7 throughout the Christmas period to students with a valid St Mary's ID card.

St Mary's Security team is on-site throughout the closure period (24 hours) for emergencies only and can be contacted by telephone 0208 240 4335.

[Further advice and support is available here.](#)

Support at St Mary's over the Christmas break



Join us for Reconnect Week: 23 - 27 January

Join us on campus for a week of activities to help you engage with your studies, spend time with friends, and have some fun.

The University, in partnership with the SU, has created a range of mental health and well-being activities, careers workshops, sports activities, plus lots more

Learn how to create an effective CV and prep for interviews. Try out a 'massage and wellness session', Mindfulness, or enjoy a Soul Walk around our beautiful campus. Is Karaoke your thing, do you excel at Quizzes, or enjoy Cheese and Wine nights? We'll have something for everyone!

Your Semester 2 timetables should now be showing in your St Mary's Office365 account. You can find a set of FAQs [here](#).

Keep an eye on your email and the SU's social media for more information.

Your SU wants to hear about your academic experience

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hear

academic experience



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Do you have thoughts on your academic experience including learning resources, online learning or placements?

We want to hear from you! Come to a focus group and get an Amazon voucher worth over £10!



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Want to have your say on online learning, learning resources, the library, facilities, and placements?

Your Education President, George, will be leading four focus groups, where you'll get the chance to give feedback on faculties, education, and support for international students!

To thank you for your participation, we will be giving you a £10 or £20 Amazon voucher!

[To find out more and sign up, click here!](#)

Have you seen our new flag pole?

The new flag pole, just outside of Student Square, promotes our visible commitment to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) for our staff and students.

The flag pole will be used to celebrate and recognise different EDI awareness days and SMSU campaigns throughout the year.

Get Involved in EDI

We have a wide range of student EDI networks/societies, welcoming new members and allies throughout the year.

[Discover more about EDI network/societies here.](#)



Student Heart: Architect's Drawings

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your campus is changing



Based on the feedback you provided during Student Heart Phase Two consultation, the University has been working very closely with architects to create sketches of the space!

[Watch our short video](#), to see the sketches and a chat between Chris Paget, Director of Estates, and Caitlin Finn, Student Life President, about the project.

Once you've watched the video, fill out our [quick questionnaire](#) to let us know what you think of the designs. This round of consultation will close on **Friday 6th January 2023**.

[Further information is available here.](#)

Sport St Mary's article

We're into our final week of fixtures; just in time before the weather really gets nasty! It has been a successful first semester with some fantastic results. Congratulations to all Teams who have been working hard in the background - it has paid off!

A shout out to the following teams who go unbeaten at the break: Men's basketball, Men's Football 1s, Women's football 1s, Men's hockey, Women's lacrosse, Netball 3s, and Netball 4s.

You can still join a club for semester 2 with a membership price of £92.50. This is gifted with a free gym membership.

[Follow Sports St Mary for all the latest news](#)



Mark your calendars!



December 2022

- 18 - Residential students' move-out date

January 2023

- 1 - Residential student halls open
- 10 - [SMSU Elections open](#)
- 23 - 27 - Join us for Reconnect Week
- 30 - NSS opens at St Mary's

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