



Student Newsletter December 2022



The last newsletter of 2022 will be sent on Wednesday 14 December

Hello Simmie,



Christmas Light Switch on

Join us on the Piazza from 4:30pm on
Thursday 1st December.

Join us on at 4:30pm
TODAY in the Piazza for our
St Mary's Christmas lights
switch on. Come and enjoy
some light refreshments
and Christmas Carols as we
bring in the festive season.

Don't forget Christmas
Jumper Day on 8th
December!

[Find out more here!](#)

Save the date for Reconnect Week

To welcome you back after the Christmas break and help you engage with your studies, spend time with friends and enjoy some fun stuff, we're hosting Reconnect Week at St Mary's.

Join us on campus from **23rd – 27th January** for a range of mental health and wellbeing activities, careers workshops, sports activities, plus lots more!

Keep an eye on your email and the student's news page for more information coming soon.

[Here's a look back at last year's highlights.](#)



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At St Mary's, we are keen to learn from the feedback we receive, as we are committed to enhancing our student experience.

In response to your feedback, we've taken a number of initiatives and actions to improve service and to show that sharing feedback has a positive outcome.

If you've got ideas on how we can shape your student experience, there are lots of ways you can share your feedback, from online surveys such as the NSS to in-person feedback sessions.

[Find out how we use your feedback.](#)

Women's Rugby Union win in Scotland!

It's been a week of Cup matches, with a good chunk of our teams getting through to their next rounds!

Our Women's Rugby Union travelled to Scotland to play Strathclyde Uni Women's Rugby and brought home the WIN! Men's Basketball played City Men's and secured a nail-biting 69-66 win at the very end!

A big congratulations to the following teams for making it into the next round: Men's Basketball, Men's Football 1s, Women's Football 1s, Men's Futsal 2s, Men's Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Rugby Union, Women's Table Tennis, and Men's Volleyball

For a list of fixtures or queries on how to join a club, please email jen.fairfield@stmarys.ac.uk. To get involved in any social/recreational sport, please contact simon.jackson@stmarys.ac.uk.

[Find out about Sports Clubs and memberships here.](#)



What's you plan for Summer 2023?



Have you considered studying abroad? Are you interested in traveling, learning, and making new friends?

Simmies have the opportunity to participate in our fantastic summer programmes in Australia, Germany, Italy, 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+. Funding is available for all programmes!

[Attend an information session to learn more.](#)

Being honest in your academic work

As you enter a period of assessment and feedback please re-check the academic integrity modules provided to you. Over 1100 students have engaged with our Epigeum online training modules but we will continue to take academic misconduct extremely seriously, last academic year we made over 200 academic misconduct findings so please engage with the material provided, and if you need advice speak with your academics.



We've created some Top Tips for Academic Integrity to help you avoid unintentional plagiarism or collusion.

[Read our Top Tips here.](#)

Building Positive Relationships project



Complete the Ideals survey and share your experiences on religious diversity at university; your response will help guide efforts to ensure all students have a positive university experience.

[Complete the survey here.](#)

RAG Week in the SU

As part of her manifesto, Caitlin, your SLP, promised to bring back RAG Week and we're delighted to tell you that it's back and better than ever!

We've got more events taking place today and Friday, such as Family Fortunes, Big Brother, and Karaoke Night. Help us achieve our fundraising goal of £5,000



for Ordinary 2 Extraordinary, a leading children's charity, close to Caitlin's heart.

[Find out what's on this week.](#)

A year of art + opportunities for a fiver



A Student Art Pass lets you dive into culture on a budget with free entry to hundreds of museums and galleries across the UK, and 50% off major exhibitions.

Plus, you'll gain access to paid arts opportunities and grow your network by joining the #WeAreArtful @StudentArtPass community. All for just £5 a year.

[Grab your £5 art pass before 12 December.](#)

Mark your calendars!



December 2022

- 1 - Christmas Light Switch-on from 4:30pm on the Piazza
- 1 - [SU Lounge - Simmie £shop 11am – 2pm](#)
- 2 - SU Lounge - Karaoke 7pm - 1am
- 2 - 3 - Pool Room - Big Brother
- 5 - Shannon corridor 1-2pm - Meet our Study Abroad Champions
- 7 - Webinar 1-2pm - [Meet our Study Abroad Champions](#)
- 18 - Residential students' move-out date

January 2023

- 23 - 27 - Join us for Reconnect Week

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