



St Mary's  
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# Student Newsletter



**Hello Simmie,**

The Student Newsletter will be sent to your student email every month. If you have any questions please email [ourfuture@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:ourfuture@stmarys.ac.uk).

## Support over the Easter break

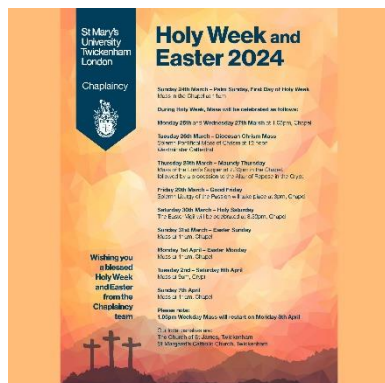


The University is closed from 5pm on **Wednesday 27th March**, re-opening at **9am on Tuesday 2nd April**. SMU Security remains on-site throughout the closure period for emergencies only and can be contacted on: Tel: 0208 240 4335.

Should you need support over the Easter break, services provided by [Togetherall](#) are available 24/7, 365 day a year. You can also access a variety of support by visiting our [student services resource page](#).

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## A message from your Chaplaincy team



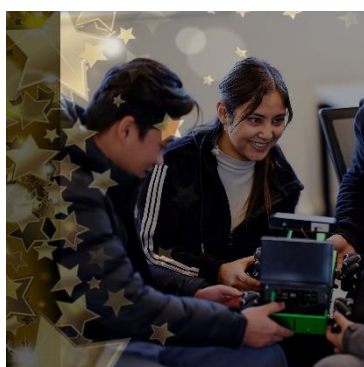
On behalf of the Chaplaincy, may I wish a very Happy Easter, to our University. To Christians this is the moment of death and rebirth, of potential grace-filled change to our lives. Longer hours of daylight, warmer temperatures can lift the spirit of religious and non-religious alike. All can benefit from the rebirth of life so evident in nature.

May your Easter break be a time of peace and joy, for you and your families.

Fr Peter Newby  
Chaplain

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## Celebrate your fellow SIMMIES!



Do you know a fellow student who has gone above and beyond for you, or other people, someone who has contributed meaningfully to the University?

If so, nominate them for prizes and awards so we can celebrate them at this years Student Engagement Awards 2024 on 22nd May!

Winners will receive £100 Amazon vouchers in recognition of this incredible achievement - and there will be some runner up prizes too!

The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday 22nd May from 4-6pm at The Exchange. All nominators and nominees will be sent an invitation to secure a ticket for the event, which will be free of charge.

**[Submit your nominations before 15th April](#)**

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## Share your thoughts on the MySMU app



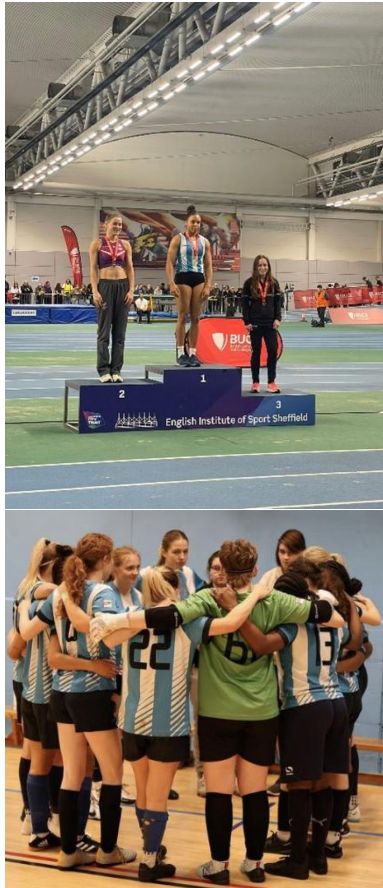
Help us improve the MySMU app by sharing your feedback on your experience. It takes less than 5 minutes and you'll be entered into a draw to win a £20 Amazon voucher.

The survey is open until the end of April. We'll contact the winners via email.

**[Click here to take the survey.](#)**

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## #Sports Season Wrap Up



Last week saw the last set of St Mary's fixtures played and the end of another fantastic season. Unfortunately, water-logged pitches meant football couldn't go ahead,, but women's rugby ended the season well with a convincing win over Surrey (league leaders) to finish second in their league. Men's hockey and volleyball also took the dubs with 2/3 of our netball teams winning!

Some highlights of the 2023/24 season!

- Men's lacrosse winning their league and cup!
- Women's futsal winning the Premiership league and both men's teams winning their leagues
- Men's tennis winning their league
- Cheer placing 1st and 2nd in regionals and 3rd and 4th in nationals
- Jade Spencer-Smith winning a gold in pole vault at BUCS Outdoors and Bijan Bayati with silver in Karate
- Various EUS selections in women's hockey, men's lacrosse, women's basketball, and rugby league

For more information about our competitive clubs please contact Jen Fairfield: [jen.fairfield@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:jen.fairfield@stmarys.ac.uk)

If you would like to get involved in any social / recreational sport, please contact [jourdana.durrell@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:jourdana.durrell@stmarys.ac.uk).

**[Follow Sport St Mary's on Instagram](#)**

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## Join our SMU Disability Inclusion Working Group

Our goal is to enhance disability inclusion across our University community, and ensure that St Mary's remains a welcoming and accessible environment for all.

The Disability Inclusion Working Group aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Maintain our commitment to the Disability Confident scheme as a Disability Confident Employer (Level 2), and conduct regular audits to enhance our practices
- Improve the overall experience of staff and students with disabilities at St Mary's University
- Enhance onboarding and recruitment processes for individuals with disabilities.

Students and staff are invited to express interest to join, please email [EDI.Team@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:EDI.Team@stmarys.ac.uk) by 12pm on Friday 5th April 2024.

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## SMU Wins Varsity!







A huge congratulations to our SIMMIES teams on their official WIN against Brunel in the 2024 West London Varsity. It was a close race with 33 fixtures across the day. We're delighted that St Mary's brings home the trophy for the second year in a row!

- Men's Badminton: SMU 2, Brunel 7

- Women's Badminton: SMU 7, Brunel 2
- Men's Volleyball: SMU 1, Brunel 3
- Men's Athletics: Brunel No show, point to St Mary's
- Women's Athletics: Brunel no show, point to St Mary's
- Men's football 3s: SMU 0, Brunel 3
- Cricket: SMU 102, Brunel 108
- Women's Lacrosse: SMU 13, Brunel 6
- Men's Football 5s: SMU 1, Brunel 1
- Weightlifting: SMU 726.6, Brunel 733.1
- Men's Hockey: SMU 12, Brunel 0
- Men's futsal: SMU 2, Brunel 7
- Women's Volleyball: SMU 0, Brunel 3
- Men's Lacrosse: SMU 7, Brunel 5
- Men's football 2s: SMU 4, Brunel 6
- Men's football 4s: SMU 6, Brunel 2
- Women's futsal: SMU 7, Brunel 6
- Women's hockey: SMU 2, Brunel 1
- Wheelchair rugby league: SMU 22, Brunel 40
- Women's tennis: SMU 0, Brunel 6
- Men's tennis: SMU 5, Brunel 1
- Tennis mixed: SMU 0, Brunel 2
- Cheerleading: SMU won
- Men's rugby union: SMU 31, Brunel 38
- Men's football 1s: SMU 2, Brunel 0
- Women's football: SMU 2, Brunel 5
- Netball 2s: SMU 34, Brunel 27
- Netball 1s: SMU 18, Brunel 14
- Men's basketball: SMU 52, Brunel 94
- Men's rugby league: SMU 32, Brunel 20
- Men's table tennis: SMU 0, Brunel 17
- Women's table tennis: SMU 0, Brunel 5
- Powerlifting: SMU 63.4, Brunel 61.3

**Congratulations to all the teams that participated!**



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## Your SU: Take the Big Student Survey

[SMSU's Big Student Survey](#) is now open! Your responses will help us to find out more about the experiences you've had whilst at St Mary's University and how we can improve. The hot topics this year are learning resources and sport and physical activity. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete, and as a thank you for your time you will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a top prize of a £300 voucher for a shop of your choice.

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## Things to note:

- St Mary's Alumnae Selected for [Paris 2024 Olympics](#)
  - BBC Radio 4 programme '[Any Questions?](#)' [broadcasting from The Exchange](#), on 29th March.
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## Dates for your diary





## April 2024

- 1st - CLOSING SOON - [Get 20% off Dell Technologies](#)
- 15th - [Student Engagement Awards - Nominations close](#)
- 20th - [Monthly Bereavement Café - St Margaret's](#)
- 30th - [NSS closes](#)

## May 2024

- 22 May - Student Engagement Awards - The Exchange

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