



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).

## **Are you registered to vote?**

The UK General elections take place on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Make sure your voice is heard – it only takes [three minutes to register](#).

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## **Support over the Summer Break**



Whilst term has ended and lectures have wrapped up, the University will still be here to support you over the summer break.

If you need pastoral support, [Student Services](#) will still be open, Monday to Friday, 9-5, and the team will be available to speak with you. There are also a whole host of [wellbeing resources](#) that can be accessed from home 24/7.

The Careers team will be running both online, and in person appointments, and there are various online tools which you can access anywhere to help you to develop your CV, and find jobs, such as [CareerSet](#), and [Career Connect](#).

SMSU's advice service will be available throughout the summer to support with queries on a wide range of issues. Get in touch on [advice.smsu@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:advice.smsu@stmarys.ac.uk).

**[Find out more about the support available here.](#)**

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## **Congratulations and thank you!**



We are excited to be able to share the winners of this year's NSS prize draw! Congratulations to:

- Dale Cutlan
- Sasha Bentley-Thorburn
- Liliana Paciti
- Mario Phillipou
- Aneesah Wahid
- Zuzanna Fuksa
- Natasha Shearn

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the survey, your responses will provide invaluable feedback to help us to continue to Shape St Mary's.

We'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback throughout the year, they really help us to improve upon your experience.

[Share your feedback with us.](#)

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## Service Spotlight of the Month



The Library isn't just for books, it's home to thousands of different resources, study spaces, and information to help you make the most of your university experience!

So, what exactly can St Mary's University Library offer you?

- [Study Zones](#): From silent study to bookable rooms, there are different areas to suit your needs. Borrow a laptop, use a PC, or bring your own device to study whenever you want.
- [Lifelong learning](#): Beyond coursework, the library provides resources for personal and professional development, preparing you for life after university.
- [Amazing resources](#): Books, articles, journals, films, databases, classroom resources, and more. Curated by your lecturers so they're relevant for your course.
- [One-to-One support](#): Knowledgeable librarians offer one-to-one or group sessions on a range of topics, from referencing to resource searching.

[Find out more about the Library Team](#)

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## Celebrate Pride with the LGBTQ+ Network



Mark Pride Month with the St Mary's LGBTQ+ Network by attending their Lunch & Learn on Tuesday 25th June, 11.15am-2pm in the Shannon Suites, as well as online for those unable to attend in person.

All are welcome, irrespective of sexual orientation or identity.

This is an opportunity to hear from two fascinating speakers – Professor Zoë Playdon and St Mary's alumni, Yasmin Benoit – who will provide insightful talks on the secret history of Ewen Forbes, and asexuality.

Refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you. Any questions please email [lgbtq@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@stmarys.ac.uk).

**[Reserve your place now.](#)**

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## SMU Cricket Team host Memorial Match



This past Monday was a very special day indeed. Through the wonderful work of the St Mary's University cricket club

a heart-warming memorial game was held in honour of former member, Max Garvey-Windrich. Max sadly passed away last year, but the club have done a fantastic job in not only making sure team members felt supported, but also that Max's memory lives on.

The match against Max's former club, Old Isleworthians CC, was followed by a raffle and match teas. This is due to be an annual event and one we know Max would be proud of.

Club President, Dan Smith has won a Student Engagement Award further highlighting the amazing work he has done for the club.

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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## **Complete the SMSU Big Student Survey!**



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.

**[Fill in the Big Student Survey.](#)**

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## Things to note:

- Be in with a chance of winning an iPad with the [Santander Summer Tech Giveaway](#).
  - Take a look at the [Student Gym Summer offer](#).
  - The [Northcote Postgraduate Scholarship](#) programme is opening for applications.
  - Nominate a staff member for the [Champion of the Student Experience](#) award.
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## Dates for your diary



### June 2024

- 19 - [Festival of Teaching and Learning](#), Waldegrave Suite
- 25 - [LGBTQ+ Network Pride Event](#), 11.15am-2.00pm, Shannon Suites,
- 26 - Undergraduate Open Day
- 26 - [Postgraduate Open Evening](#), 5-7pm, Campus

### July 2024

- 17-18 - Summer Graduations, Westminster Cathedral