



St Mary's University



November 2023

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.

Christmas Light Switch On TODAY!

Jump into the festive spirit and come along to our Christmas light switch-on in the Piazza (outside the Ref) this week

On **Thursday 30 November at 4 pm** - come and see our beautiful St Mary's University Campus light up for the festive season. Come and enjoy Christmas carol, hot drinks and festive cookies.



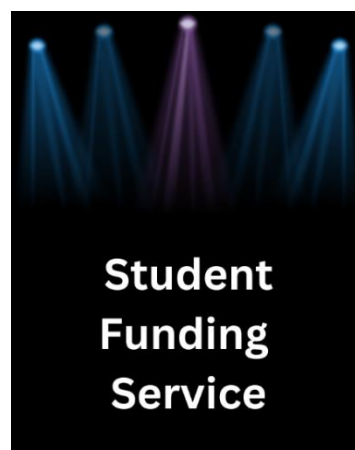
Service spotlight of the month

Each month we'll be putting the spot light on a key service so you know what support is available to you. This month the Student Funding Service to is under the spotlight! The Funding Service provides a variety of different pastoral support services for students, including,

the Hardship fund, and Student Finance navigation and support. They also run the St Mary's Cares programme, which can help put appropriate support in place for our care leaver students.

You can find the team up in Student Services, on the second floor of J Block, between 9am - 5pm Monday-Friday or you can email them:
studentfundingservice@stmarys.ac.uk

[Find out about the advice and pastoral support available](#)



Looking for a part time job?



As a St Mary's student, you have access to CareerConnect, our one-stop careers portal for all St Mary's students and graduates. By logging in to CareerConnect, you will find:

- 1000s of Job Vacancies to apply for, including part-time roles, internships, summer jobs, full-time roles and graduate schemes.
- Details about our upcoming Careers Fairs, including information on organisations attending and the opportunities available.
- 1-1 Careers Appointments, where you can meet with our specially trained Career Consultants and get confidential advice on anything related to you and your future, from job applications and CVs to Cover Letters, Mock Interviews and applying for further study. Appointments available every Monday-Friday via Zoom, Telephone or In-Person.
- A wealth of Careers Guides, Articles, Pathways and Quizzes. Got a question about your specific course and where it can lead you? Check out the resources available on CareerConnect and test your skills.

For further information about any of the services we offer, please email careers@stmarys.ac.uk

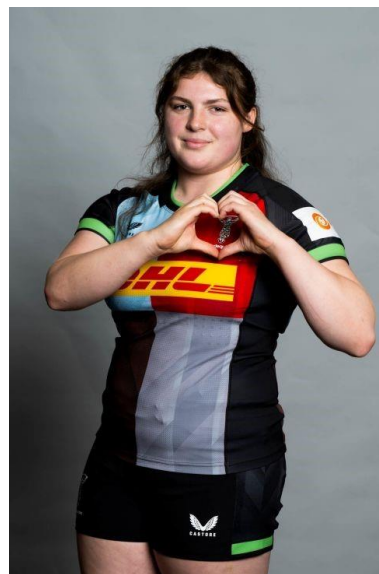
[Access CareerConnect and use your St Mary's IT details to log in.](#)

SMU Sports teams off to a flying start

The 2023/24 season is off to a flying start with 31 teams competing every Wednesday! We have three undefeated teams so far: Women's Futsal, Netball 1s, Men's Tennis, Men's Lacrosse, and Men's Futsal 2s, all with realistic chances of winning their leagues.

A massive congratulations to two of our men's lacrosse players, Tom Fletcher and Rahul Sharma for being selected for the South East England Universities Squad. We also have Carys Graham from Women's Rugby being selected as part of the U20 England training squad and is again part of the Harlequins RFC squad who play in the new Women's Premiership rugby league. Stay tuned for all their updates!

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



Get Ready for RAG week

RAG Week is just around the corner – a week of **Raising and Giving**. Through the week, your SU will be hosting events to raise money for the charity Ordinary 2 Extraordinary (O2E). Not only that, there'll be a range of fundraisers brought to you by clubs and societies – so make sure to show your support and donate as much or as little as you can!

Save the dates:

The Big Shave (Thursday 30th November): Join us on the last day of November where everyone will finally be shaving their mo's!

Big Brother (Friday 1st to Saturday 2nd December): Simmies will be spending 24hrs in the SU Bar, competing a set of challenges whilst raising money for O2E!

[Find out more about fundraising with SMSU](#)



Join a society at SMSU

Find your people at University and join a society at SMSU! Societies are all led by students, for students and we have loads on offer. From faith societies to creative writing societies and everything in between, there's something for everyone! You can even join an Academic Society for your course or faculty and develop a course community, foster relationships with



your lecturers and grow your knowledge. Society memberships run for the whole academic year.

[Check out what societies are available](#)

Last chance to win with Santander

Santander Universities have recently announced their Brighter Futures Grant, which gives ten SMU students a grant of £1000 to support your studies. All registered students are eligible to apply for a grant, including part time, full time, undergrad and postgrads.

Applications close **TODAY 30th November 2023**. You'll be informed on the outcome of your application by 8th December 2023.



[Register on the Santander Scholarship platform](#)

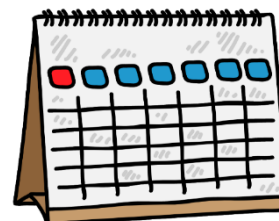
Things to note:

- Do you have a good business idea? Applications for [Start-Up St Mary's 2024](#) are now open!
 - [Share your feedback on Wobble Week 2023](#) for the chance to win an Amazon voucher!
 - [Join a free talk with visiting scholar, Ben Wildavsky](#), on his latest book about how to build a successful career.
 - Are you ok? If you or someone you know has experienced or witnessed an incident, you can [tell us anonymously or ask to speak to an advisor](#).
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Dates for your diary

November 2023

- 30 - Christmas Light Switch On (4pm on the Piazza)
- 30 - SU Bar - The Big Shave - 5pm - 7pm



December 2023

- 1 - 2 - SU Bar: Big Brother from 6:00pm
- 5 - Social in the Commuter Lounge with Student Engagement and SMSU - 1:30pm - 2:30pm

- 8 – [Patronal Feast Day](#)
 - 11am-2pm: Hot Chocolate & Cookies giveaway in the Piazza
 - 5pm onwards: Mass in the Chapel, followed by a celebratory dinner in the Waldegrave Dining Room, to book your free space email chaplaincy@stmarys.ac.uk
- 13 – [Carols by Candlelight](#), followed by refreshments in the DV.

January 2024

- 22 - 27 - Reconnect Week - Save the dates

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



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