



# St Mary's University



January 2024

## 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).

## Calling all Final Year Undergraduates!



The National Student Survey opened on 29<sup>th</sup> January. Don't miss your chance to provide feedback which will help us to shape St Mary's. By completing this survey, you'll also be helping other students to make an informed decision about their choice of course and university.

Students who complete the survey by 30th April 2024 can be entered into a draw by IpsosMori for one of the following:

- 4 x £100 Love2Shop Vouchers
- 3 x iPad Minis

The winners will be drawn in May and announced via the Student Newsletter.

If you have any questions please email [ourfuture@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:ourfuture@stmarys.ac.uk).

**[Find out more about the NSS](#)**

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## Service spotlight of the month



Under this month's spot light Student Engagement- one of our key services that provides you with support!

The Student Engagement team supports students from traditionally less represented or advantaged backgrounds, to ensure all students can thrive at University.

Look out for our initiatives, such as Get Set for Success, Wobble Week, Commuter Mentoring, EDI training, Student Callouts, Mental Health events, Digital Equality Scheme, and Student Engagement Awards.

The **[Student Engagement Fund](#)**, enables students facing financial barriers to engage fully with SMU life, by subsidising the costs of extracurricular or course-related activities. The fund awards up to £175 each time and has supported many Simmies with the costs of: sports and society membership, DBS checks, BSL interpreters, visiting speakers, course kit, course trips, graduation, and more.

**[Find out more about Student Engagement.](#)**

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## **My SMU App reminder**

The MySMU app is your one-stop shop for all things St Mary's. Download the app to get all the information you'll need for your studies.

Your attendance is monitored through the app - your teaching staff will share a One Time Code at the start of each teaching session to ensure you register your attendance. Please don't share the one-time code to anyone not present.

The app is also how the University communicates with you! Please ensure you have your notifications enabled, you can also choose particular topics to subscribe to  
- *Settings > Alert Settings > Choose the topic you want.*

If you are having any issues with MySMU then contact the [helpdesk@stmarys.ac.uk]Hub Online and you can open a ticket or you can visit them in the Library.

**[Find out more about the Student App.](#)**



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**Become a Student Senior Resident**



Are you a great team player with a can-do attitude? Do you have excellent communications and interpersonal skills? If so, consider applying for one of our Student Senior Resident (SSR) roles. Applicants must be registered on a full-time course for September 2024, and ideally have experience of living on campus.

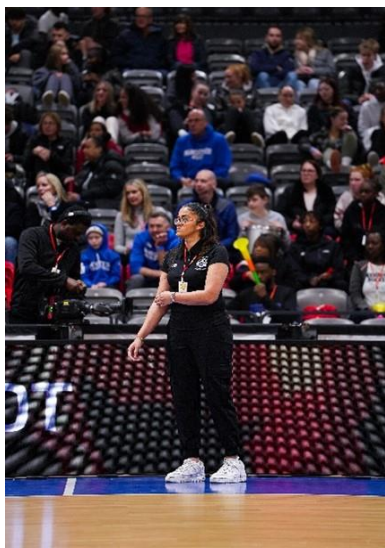
Student Senior Residents play an important role in the pastoral life of students living on campus, and working alongside the Resident Mentors are responsible for the good order of halls.

Applications close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

[Apply to be a Student Senior Resident.](#)

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## Sport St Mary's Update



Varsity is just around the corner (20<sup>th</sup> March), and we're excited to once again take on our local rivals Brunel! More to follow.

Congratulations to our women's basketball coach and current student: Chanel Mubeen. Chanel recently won Basketball England's National Cup Final with her U16 girls' team at Richmond Knights. Chanel said:

"I joined Richmond Knights through the St. Mary's Basketball partnership during my undergraduate degree and never looked back since! I got my Level 2 Basketball Coaching Qualification through the coaching bursary at St Mary's, which helped me financially and with my passion. Currently, through my MSc in Professional Development in Sports Coaching it has allowed me to develop massively with my coaching style and philosophy which has allowed me to experiment with new ideas which has had a big factor in my success."

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

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## SMSU Election Nominations are Open!



Want to make sure that students get the best possible experience during their time at St Mary's?

You can nominate yourself to become either a President, Vice-President or an NUS Delegate!

[Check out all the roles](#) that are available this year.

Nominations close on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 11:59pm!

[Find out more about the elections here](#)

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## Upcoming Careers Events!

The Employability Team are excited to be able to bring you some of their first events for 2024!

**LinkedIn Day** - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 12.30-2pm.  
Shannon Room 3

Have your profile checked and to get a professional LinkedIn profile picture taken!

**Sport, Allied Health, and Performance Science  
Careers Fair 2024** - Thursday 22nd February, 12-2pm  
- on campus.

Meet and network with employers from across the Sport, Health and Fitness sectors.

[Found out more about Employability Services.](#)



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## **Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month at St Mary's!**

Help us celebrate LGBTQ+ History month and join in with our activities over February:

Participate in the [Simmie LGBTQ+ Student Experience survey 2024](#). Open to **all students**, regardless of identity, this survey aims to gather valuable perspectives for a more inclusive campus environment. You will have a chance to win 1 of 3 £50 vouchers for a shop of your choice. Your confidential responses will guide initiatives to enhance the overall student experience.

Join us on 1st February at 12pm in the Student Square for a Flag Raising Ceremony, marking the beginning of LGBT History Month and grab a sweet treat from our Bake Sale in support of [Switchboard](#), the LGBT+ Helpline. If you can bake (or buy) something for the bake sale please email [LGBTQ@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:LGBTQ@stmarys.ac.uk).

Pose for our [LGBTQ+ photo exhibition](#) whether you're part of the community or an ally. Please email [LGBTQ@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:LGBTQ@stmarys.ac.uk) to take part.

Together, let's make St. Mary's University more inclusive and supportive.

here to  
**hear**

LGBTQ+ experiences



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## Things to note:

- Are you ok? If you or someone you know has experienced or witnessed an incident, you can [tell us anonymously or speak with our Student Life team](#).
- [A chance to win £200](#) - share feedback about St Mary's through the Whatuni Student Choice Awards.
- In case you missed it - [the Wellbeing activity which took place over January](#).
- Take a look at the [latest update](#) on Student Heart Phase 2.

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## Dates for your diary



### February 2024

- 1 - [Time to Talk Day](#) - 11am-1pm, Tea & Talk, Student Services
- 1 - 12pm, [LGBTQ+ History Month Flag Raising and Bake Sale](#), Student Square.

- 8 - 11am, [Born Barikor Talk](#), K217
- 16 - 1 (March) - [SMSU Elections](#).

## March 2024

- 8 - International Women's Day
- 11 - 2-4pm - House Hunting drop-in, DV lounge
- 14 - University Mental Health Day
- 14 - House hunting drop-in, DV lounge
- 17-18 - Spring Graduations
- 20 - Varsity at Brunel University
- 22 - 11am-1pm - House Hunting drop-in, DV Lounge



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