



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES/EVENTS

Monday 20th April

Athletics Club Forms 4-5 12:40-1:15pm

Childline Talk Forms 6 and 7, 3:00pm

Tuesday 21st April

SMT 8:30am

Form 3 trip to the Zoo - 8:30- 1:30pm

Poetry Final 2:30pm

Wednesday 22nd April

1st XI Cricket v Fettes 1st XI (H) 2:00pm

U11A Cricket v Fettes (A) 2:15pm

U11B Cricket v Fettes (A) 2:15pm

U9A Cricket v Fettes (H) 2:15pm

Wednesday 22nd April (cont'd)

1st Rounders v Fettes (H) 2:30pm

2nd Rounders v Fettes (H) 2:30pm

U11 Rounders v Fettes (H) 2:30pm

U10 Rounders v Fettes (A) 2:30pm

U9/8 Rounders v Fettes (A) 2:30pm

Thursday 23rd April

Fixtures Meeting Cliftonhall 2:00pm

Friday 24th April

Athletics Club Forms 6-8 12:40-1:15pm

Form 7 to Art Day & Fettes Orchestra Day

Saturday 25th April

Tour de Lauder

NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

On the back of a very successful Melrose 7s, where Mrs Ann Wright and the Former Pupil Association excelled themselves with their hospitality at the pavilion, we have returned to school fresh and ready for the term ahead. I had much upon which to congratulate the pupils during Assembly on Tuesday morning, in particular the teams who represented St. Mary's at the Borders Cross Country Championships, in which St. Mary's finished second.

It was also a pleasure welcoming Abbie, Molly, Archie and Nicholas to St. Mary's, with Olivia, Orla and Tallulah joining us on Monday. Those who have been with us during the week have settled very quickly, and are adding hugely to the classes they are in.

I am pleased to report that the new double green doors have been installed as an entrance to the FP hall with an added security-coded entry system. This addition was in response to some feedback from you as parents, which we have now acted upon, and we appreciate your input.

We are delighted to have Mrs Zoe Wright back working in tandem with Mrs Kirkness as Form 3 Form teacher. The two ladies are working hard to ensure continuity of education for your children. As we approach the end of the first week back I have been particularly impressed with the volume and quality of work our Form 8 pupils have produced over the Easter break. These high standards are in part due to the support Miss Simpson, Mr Morris and Dr Morgan gave mid-way through the holidays, but also due to the very conscientious, hard-working approach of our senior year group; all bodes well for forthcoming examinations at various stages throughout the term.

Finally, our staffing curriculum and development plans are well under way for the coming academic year and I will be writing to you in due course with some news of staff adjustments and additions.

Enjoy your weekend.

Headmaster

POLITE NOTICE

Please refrain from allowing younger siblings to roll around the mat and run and down the corridor in the Sanderson Building before 4:00pm pick up. Senior children are still in classes in this building. Thank you for your understanding.

SMT

KINDERGARTEN

We are looking for more pots and pans to extend our fabulous musical wall.....if you have any, please hand in to Kindergarten. The noisier we can be the better!
Many thanks.



Mrs Berni

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

A reminder that the whole school photograph takes place on Tuesday 5th May at 11:00am. For the photograph we would ask that children wear summer uniform. Please ensure hair is brushed and shoes are polished. Girls should ensure hair clips etc are regulation.

MUSIC AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Stage Experience 2015- Into The Woods- Open Auditions

Following the success of the Oscar-nominated **Disney** film adaptation, Edinburgh Playhouse is set to stage **Stephen Sondheim's** multi award winning musical **Into The Woods** this Summer.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Playhouse's flagship **Stage Experience**, this year will see a new creative team led by acclaimed West End performer and director **Peter Corry**, who returns to the Playhouse having played 'Inspector Javert' in 1993's original record-breaking production of *Les Misérables*.

The Playhouse is looking for talented young people between the ages of 11 and 24 to participate in the production which will be performed on Friday 31 July and Saturday 1 August 2015.

Auditions will take place on the following dates:

Saturday 25th April at The Edinburgh Academy Senior School at 54 Henderson Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5BL

10am to 2pm – 11 to 16 year olds (registration from 9am)

3pm – Finish – 17 to 24 year olds (registration from 2pm)

Sunday 26th April – Edinburgh Playhouse - Principal call backs

For more information on the production or to pre-register for an audition place contact edinburghcreative@theambassadors.com

We welcome applications from all areas of the community regardless of experience. A limited number of bursaries will be available.

Into The Woods is based on **Grimm's** fairytales and follows the not-so-innocent quest to live 'happily ever after'. Featuring some of Sondheim's most famous songs including *Giants In The Sky* and *Children Will Listen*.

Instrument Lessons

We currently have spaces on our Clarinet, Saxophone and Drumkit timetables with two highly experienced and enthusiastic tutors. If you are interested in your son/daughter beginning lessons, please let me know. Instrument loan/hire can be arranged for clarinet and saxophone.

DVD's and Pictures

I have been assured that Peter Pan DVD's will be with us shortly! Order forms for Keymaster DVD's are in brown envelopes today. Keymaster photographs will also be on display imminently.

Miss McRae

POLITE REMINDER – LATE ROOM PICK UP (Kindergarten, Reception, Lower and Upper Transition)

Please collect children by 3:55pm before collecting older brothers and sisters. Late room is in Kindergarten every afternoon. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

SMT

MAKE SUMMER SCHOOL – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Places are now limited for the Make Summer School being run by Freddie Main of Merchiston Castle School. This course is being held at St. Mary's from Monday 20th – Friday 24th July. For more information, see our school website or email

bookings@makesummerschool.co.uk

MAKE Summer School

A fun and creative way to spend your summer holiday, learning woodwork and other design skills through hands-on projects.

10am - 4pm - **£155 per week**
8:30am - 5:30pm - **£199 per week**

Merchiston Edinburgh
Monday 13 - Friday 17 July
& Monday 20 - Friday 24 July
Colinton, Edinburgh, EH13

St Mary's Prep School
Monday 20 - Friday 24 July
Abbey Park/High St, Melrose, TD6

North Berwick High School
Monday 13 - Friday 17 July
Grange Road, North Berwick, EH39

Sample Projects: ping pong ball launcher, elastic band crossbow, paddle boat, birdhouse, stixx challenges, treasure box and many more...

For more information email bookings@makesummerschool.co.uk

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Sold out 3 years in a row! 100% of parents would recommend MAKE to their friends.

PE/GAMES – SUMMER TERM

Please ensure that all pupils are supplied with a named water bottle for PE and games times. The school have a supply of baseball caps and one will be allocated to your child at the beginning of the season. These will be kept by the Games Staff.

FORM 7 TRIP – FRIDAY 24th APRIL

Form 7 will be visiting the Botanic Gardens to carry out some artwork before attending the Edinburgh Art School of Fashion, fashion show next Friday.

Mrs Hardie

LOST : Emerson's green shorts

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S

Please do come along to the pot luck lunch on **23rd April** at Torwoodlee, from midday: very relaxed and informal excuse for a chat, and a chance to meet other parents at school, plus a peek at this wonderful house. Just bring a contribution to lunch of whatever takes your fancy.... (as a suggestion, enough for, say, 6?) Torwoodlee is about a mile and a half north of Gala on the A7, on the left (turn off at the sign for the Torwoodlee Golf Course and continue past golf club up the drive to the house; post code is TD1 1TZ). It would be very helpful if you could email Alice (the kind hostess), if you would like to come, just so she has a rough idea of numbers: alice@torwoodlee.com.

Mr Morris's LAST quiz night is on **1st May at 7pm** in the Morrison Hall ! Tickets (in aid of FOSM and their 2015 charity Columba 1400) are available from the office at £10 per head, to include a light supper - and a hugely entertaining evening. Bring booze and friends: we suggest tables of 6 but this is definitely flexible...

Looking ahead to the end of term: **25th June at 2pm**, (after the swimming gala) is the Summer Fair. Nearer the time we will be looking for volunteers and contributions

Can we draw your attention to an event up the road at Abbotsford on **22nd April**: Tickets are available for Pippa Coles-Fairington's (St. Mary's parent til last summer) talk at Abbotsford on at 7pm – 'The Making of Abbotsford Estate'. Go to www.scottsabbotsford.com & click on 'What's On'.

FOUND – in the school grounds after Melrose 7s. The coats are in a black ruck sack.



FORMER PUPILS

Are you looking for a helping hand? We have just come back from a ski season working as a chalet hosts and are now available for:

Dinner parties; Freezer food; Help with children; Housesitting- we are good with dogs, horses etc. We are former pupils of St Marys, 19 years old and one of us is able to drive.

References available. Contact Nicola on- 07880686811 or email- Nicola.bruce@aol.co.uk and Flora- 07510330020 or email- flora.litchfield@hotmail.co.uk

