



St Margaret's Academy Snippets



15th November 2019

What you need to know...

- 1** All S1-3 reports have now been issued. If your child has not received their report then please contact their Head of House.
- 2** The first S4-6 study support block of this session will run from the 18th-29th November.
- 3** S3 Parents evening booking information has been issued to all parents and carers.
- 4** St Margaret's Academy 25th Anniversary is on Thursday. All young people will attend a special assembly in the cafe.

Key dates...

Monday 11th November

Parent Council 7pm

Tuesday 12th November

Careers trip - Film Festival

Monday 18th November

S4-6 study support begins (2 weeks)

Thursday 21st November

ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY 25th BIRTHDAY!

S1 Photos

Friday 22nd November

Community Education Mass - more details to follow

Tuesday 26th November

Supporting your child: Mathematics 7-8.30pm

Wednesday 27th November

Remember and Reflect service 7pm

Children in Need Appeal

Our S6 pupils organised a show during interval to raise money for Children in Need. A fantastic effort by everyone involved!



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A Time to Remember



S6 School Captains attended Remembrance services at Livingston and Broxburn

Study support arrangements S4-6

The S4-6 study support programme kicks off on Monday and will run for two weeks before the start of the prelims on 2nd December. All S4 pupils will attend the Inspire learning conference on Monday where they will take part in a number of different workshops including exam technique, revision strategies and positive mindsets. The workshops have been developed by our S6 pupils and I am sure the S4 pupils will get a lot from the conference.

Study Late sessions will run on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 28th from 4-8pm.

These sessions have proven to be very successful in the past and we would encourage all young people to come along.

Full details of the study support programme, study lates sessions and S4 prelim diet are attached to this bulletin. The S5/6 prelim diet will run from the 7th January and more details will be published in the next few weeks.

Mrs Wright, DHT.



Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



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Business Partnerships



Our Young Enterprise teams are being supported this year by SKY. Thank you to Shona from SKY for presenting our teams with laptops to help run their businesses. You will see our Young Enterprise teams at the parents evenings and other school events.



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Duke Of Edinburgh Awards

We had our first group of pupils receive their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards this week. If you are interested in taking part in the DofE programme then please speak to Mr Hill in the Science dept.



Your Child's School Report - advice and guidance

All S1-3 school reports have been issued to pupils and over the next 2 weeks we will be encouraging our young people to reflect on their report and begin to establish some targets to work towards over the coming months. At the back of each report is a reflection sheet with all your child's subjects listed on the left hand side. We would encourage you to discuss the report with your child and support them in establishing some targets for each of their subject areas. Your child can then bring the sheet into the school for use in their house assembly or PSE class where they will be able to add it to their profiles. By encouraging young people to reflect on their learning in this way and develop their understanding of where they are in their learning, we hope that young people will develop effective strategies that they can take forward into the Senior Phase of school.

British Council School Award

St. Margaret's Academy has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International Award 2019-2022. This is the 20th year of this award so an excellent time to be recognised for all of our International efforts.

The project began in 2016 following an eTwinning conference in Madrid when Mrs Godley began working with a team of International Teachers from all over Europe to develop an eTwinning project 'en los zapatos' meaning 'in their shoes'. Through an extensive exchange of information the lives of school students in different European countries were compared and contrasted. Of significant interest was the use of digital technologies. The project has generated much interest and is now used by many eTwinners across Europe.

A further development of the project entitled 'Brexit-what now' (which examined the possible effects of Brexit on our society) was produced in 2018 and this involved our S5 cohort. The project was entered into the eTwinning Maps competition winning £500 of Amazon vouchers for our school.

Due to the wide range of international activities being delivered within the school, including our recent Norwegian visit, ESOL teaching, celebrating Christmas around the globe, Shanty towns, Mother Tongue other Tongue, Rights Respecting schools and various International visits that our school partakes in each year, it became clear that a great deal of excellent work was being undertaken. An application was therefore made under The British Council's 'International Award Scheme'.

It was with much excitement that we learned in recent weeks that our school has been awarded the highest accolade that the British Council makes, namely full international accreditation.

This is indeed a major achievement for the school and huge congratulations must be given to all those involved over the past few years. Mrs Godley will represent the school at the awards ceremony in London on 25th November.

Well done to everyone who has contributed in this magnificent achievement.



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St. Margaret's Academy S4 Prelim Timetable December 2019

Start	End	Subject	Level	Paper	Exam Room
Monday 2nd December					
8:50 AM	9:50 AM	English	National 5	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	Café/Maths classroom
12:50 PM	3:10 PM	Geography	National 5	Question Paper	Café
Tuesday 3rd December					
8:50 AM	11:20 AM	Biology	National 5	Question Paper	Café/Maths classroom
8:50 AM	11:20 AM	Engineering Science	National 5	Question Paper	Maths classroom
12:50 PM	3:10 PM	Modern Studies	National 5	Question Paper	Café
12:50 PM	2:35 PM	Design and Manufacture	National 5	Question Paper	Maths classroom
Wednesday 4th December					
8:50 AM	10:05 AM	Maths	National 5	Paper 1	Café/Maths classroom
10:35 AM	12:25 PM	Maths	National 5	Paper 2	Maths classroom
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Art and Design	National 5	Question Paper	Café
Thursday 5th December					
8:50 AM	11:20 AM	Physics	National 5	Question Paper	Café/Maths classroom
12:50 PM	3:10 PM	History	National 5	Question Paper	Café
Friday 6th December					
8:50 AM	10:50 AM	Business Management	National 5	Question Paper	Café
8:50 AM	10:20 AM	Drama	National 5	Question Paper	Maths Classroom
Monday 9th December					
8:50 AM	11:20 AM	Chemistry	National 5	Question Paper	Café
8:50 AM	10:20 AM	Spanish	National 5	Reading and Writing	Café
11:45 AM	12:15 PM	Spanish	National 5	Listening	Café
12:50 PM	2:50 PM	Computing Science	National 5	Question Paper	Café
Tuesday 10th December					
8:50 AM	9:50 AM	Practical Woodworking	National 5	Question Paper	Café
8:50 AM	10:20 AM	French	National 5	Reading and Writing	Café
11:45 AM	12:15 PM	French	National 5	Listening	Café
12:50 PM	2:40 PM	Health and Food Technology	National 5	Question Paper	Café
Wednesday 11th December					
8:50 AM	9:50 AM	Practical Electronics	National 5	Question Paper	Café
8:50 AM	9:50 AM	Dance	National 5	Question Paper	Café
11:00 AM	11:45 AM	Music	National 5	Listening	Café
Thursday 12th December - CATCH UP DAY					



Monday 18th November – Friday 29th November

Monday 18th November			
Time	Subject	Level	Teacher
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	Higher (S5/6)	Mr Miller
3.30-4.30pm	Chemistry	National 5/Higher	Dr Abraham
3.30-4.30pm	Drama	National 5	Mrs Coulson
3.30-4.30pm	English – RUAE focus	National 5	Mrs Shaw
3.30-4.30pm	English	Advanced Higher	Miss Cochrane
3.30-4.30pm	English	Higher	Mr Bennett
3.30-4.30pm	English – Critical Essay focus	Higher	Mrs Sedgewick
3.30-4.30pm	Health and Food Technology	Higher	Mrs Cameron
3.30-4.30pm	Health and Food Technology	National 5	Mrs Don
3.30-4.30pm	Music	National 5/Higher Accompaniments	Miss Saunders
3.30-4.30pm	Maths	National 5	Miss McNamee
3.30-4.30pm	Modern Studies	National 5	Miss McLay
3.30-4.30pm	Physics	All levels	Mr Dudley
3.30-4.30pm	Psychology	Higher	Miss Nisbet
Tuesday 19th November			
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4/5)	Miss Grant-Forsyth
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4)	Mr Miller

3.20-4.15pm	Human Biology	Higher	Mrs Mabhena
3.30-4.30pm	Business Management	National 5/Higher	Mrs Campbell
3.30-4.30pm	Geography	National 5/Higher	Miss Stone
3.30-4.30pm	Maths	Higher (S5/6)	Miss Norman
3.30-4.30pm	Modern Studies	Higher	Miss McLay
3.30-4.30pm	Spanish	Higher/Advanced Higher	Mrs Millar
Wednesday 20th November			
3.30-4.30pm	Art and Design	National 5/Higher	Mrs Plenderleith
3.30-4.30pm	Business Management	National 5	Miss O'Hare
3.30-4.30pm	Chemistry	National 5	Mrs Barr
3.30-4.30pm	Dance	National 5	Miss Stryke
3.30-4.30pm	Drama	Higher	Mrs McDonald
3.30-4.30pm	Design and Manufacture	National 5	Mr Swan
3.30-4.30pm	English – Set Text ' <i>Men Should Weep</i> '	Higher	Mr Walsh
3.30-4.30pm	French	National 5	Mrs Dunkerley
3.30-4.30pm	Health and Food Technology	National 5	Miss McClatchey
3.30-4.30pm	History	Higher	Miss Morton
3.30-4.30pm	Maths	Higher	Miss McNamee
3.30-4.30pm	Music	National 5/Higher	Mrs Allan
Thursday 21st November			
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4/5)	Miss Grant-Forsyth
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4)	Mr Miller
3.30-4.30pm	English – Set Text ' <i>Sailmaker</i> '	National 5 (S4)	Mr Amamize
3.30-4.30pm	English - RUAE	National 5	Mr Houston
3.30-4.30pm	French	Higher	Mrs McDougall
3.30-4.30pm	History	National 5	Miss Morton
3.30-4.30pm	Maths	National 5 (S4)	Miss Norman
3.30-4.30pm	Physics	National 5 (S4)	Miss Adams

3.30-4.30pm	Practical Metalwork	National 5 (S5/6)	Mr Stewart
Friday 22nd November			
12.30-1.30pm	Chemistry	Higher	Dr MacAllister
12.30-1.30pm	Human Biology	Higher	Mrs Mabhena
12.30-1.30pm	Maths	Higher	Miss Norman
12.30-1.30pm	Spanish	National 5	Mrs Godley
Monday 25th November			
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	Higher	Mr Miller
3.30-4.30pm	Drama	National 5	Mrs Coulson
3.30-4.30pm	English – RUAE focus	National 5	Mrs Shaw
3.30-4.30pm	English	Higher	Mr Bennett
3.30-4.30pm	English	Advanced Higher	Miss Cochrane
3.30-4.30pm	English – Critical Essay focus	Higher	Mrs Sedgewick
3.30-4.30pm	Health and Food Technology	Higher	Mrs Cameron
3.30-4.30pm	Health and Food Technology	National 5 (S4)	Mrs Don
3.30-4.30pm	Maths	National 5	Miss McNamee
3.30-4.30pm	Modern Studies	National 5	Miss McLay
3.30-4.30pm	Music	National 5/Higher Accompaniments	Miss Saunders
3.30-4.30pm	Physics	All levels	Mr Dudley
3.30-4.30pm	Psychology	Higher	Miss Nisbet
Tuesday 26th November			
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4/5)	Miss Grant-Forsyth
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4)	Mr Miller
3.30-4.30pm	Business Management	National 5/Higher	Mrs Campbell
3.30-4.30pm	Geography	National 5/Higher	Miss Stone
3.30-4.30pm	Physics	Higher	Mr Hill
3.30-4.30pm	Spanish	Higher/Advanced Higher	Mrs Millar
Wednesday 27th November			
3.30-4.30pm	Art and Design	All levels	Mrs Plenderleith

3.30-4.30pm	Business Management	National 5	Miss O' Hare
3.30-4.30pm	Chemistry	National 5	Mrs Barr
3.30-4.30pm	Dance	National 5	Miss Stryke
3.30-4.30pm	Drama	Higher	Mrs MacDonald
3.30-4.30pm	English – Set Text ' <i>Sailmaker</i> '	National 5	Mr Amamize
3.30-4.30pm	English – Set Text ' <i>Men Should Weep</i> '	Higher	Mr Walsh
3.30-4.30pm	Design and Manufacture	National 5	Mr Swan
3.30-4.30pm	French	National 5	Mrs Dunkerley
3.30-4.30pm	History	Higher	Miss Morton
3.30-4.30pm	Maths	Higher	Miss McNamee
3.30-4.30pm	Music	National 5/Higher	Mrs Allan
3.30-4.30pm	Physics	Higher	Mr Hill
Thursday 28th November			
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4/5)	Miss Grant-Forsyth
3.30-4.30pm	Biology	National 5 (S4)	Mr Miller
3.30-4.30pm	English – Set Text ' <i>Sailmaker</i> '	National 5	Mr Amamize
3.30-4.30pm	English – RUAE focus	National 5	Mr Houston
3.30-4.30pm	English – Critical Reading focus	National 5 (S4/5/6)	Mr Boyle
3.30-4.30pm	French	Higher	Mrs McDougall
3.30-4.30pm	Health and Food Technology	National 5	Miss McClatchey
3.30-4.30pm	History	National 5	Miss Morton
3.30-4.30pm	Maths	National 5 (S4)	Miss Norman
3.30-4.30pm	Modern Studies	Higher	Miss McLay
3.30-4.30pm	Physics	National 5 (S4)	Miss Adams
3.30-4.30pm	Physics	Higher	Mr Hill
3.30-4.30pm	Practical Metalwork	National 5 (S5/6)	Mr Stewart
Friday 29th November			
12.30-1.30pm	Chemistry	National 5 (S4/5)	Dr Abraham
12.30-1.30pm	Chemistry	Higher	Dr MacAllister
12.30-1.30pm	Human Biology	Higher	Mrs Mabhena

12.30-1.30pm	Maths	Higher	Miss Norman
12.30-1.30pm	Spanish	National 5	Mrs Godley



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Autumn 2019 - Study Support Programme

Study Lates

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER
4pm - 8pm

An opportunity for all S4/5/6 pupils to study in school after hours in an environment that suits them best.

We will have quiet spaces, no phone zones or more collaborative areas depending on the needs of learners.

Come along and get ready for success!



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Pupil Bulletin

12th November 2019



General

Duke of Edinburgh

Please log onto the App and update your activity details. Any questions or problems logging in pop along to the Science Base.

Sports Committee

A reminder to all pupils that applications to become a member of the Sports Committee have to be submitted to the PE department by Friday the 15th of November. There are still application forms in the PE department for any pupil wanting to be considered for the role.

St Margaret's Academy Italy Ski Trip

A reminder that the full balance for the ski trip must be paid by 31st of December 2019. Any questions please contact Mr Bradley or Mr Haynes in PE.

Equalities Club

The Equalities Club now meets in the RE department. Miss McKeown's room will be available every break, Mon-Fri as well as Tues, Wed and Thurs lunchtimes.

Mass

Mass will take place in the Oratory on Thursday morning at 8.20am. It lasts about 15 minutes. If your bus arrives after Mass has started you are welcome to come in late.

Water Coolers

The new mains fed water coolers are finally installed in the atrium and PE department. Please ensure you bring an empty water bottle to school. In order to reduce the amount of plastic waste, there will be no more plastic cups available from the school office.

School Canteen

Students are reminded not to take plated food out of the Atrium. Please take a seat while you eat and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Thank you.

Latecoming

Please sign at the School Office, if you arrive late into school. If you are late due to the school bus please indicate this when you sign in. Thank you.

Bus Tickets

Bus tickets should be purchased from the School Office at break and lunch time only. The cost of a 10 journey ticket is £6.96, please try to bring the exact money with you to the School Office.

School Tie Return

If you have borrowed a tie from the School Office could you please ensure that it is returned by the end of the day.

Procedure for Leaving School for Appointments/Sent Home from Sick Room If you have to leave the school premises for any reason e.g. medical appointment, sent home from sick room please remember to sign yourself out on the black folder at the school office window.

Social Times

Pupils are reminded to remain on school grounds during break and lunch time.

Lost Property

Please be reminded that the lost property basket is located outside the Janitors Office. If you have lost any items of clothing etc. please check this basket in the first instance.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see attached sheet for details.

S1 – S3

Manchester United Football Match Trip

Attention all S1 – S3 Pupils

If you are involved in the Manchester United football match trip, can you come for a meeting in the games hall a break time on Wednesday the 13th of November.

West Lothian SSP Rugby Competition Friday 15th November

Attention all S3 Boys

This Friday there is the West Lothian S3/S4 Boys Rugby 10s Competition and the West Lothian S4/S6 Girls Tartan Touch Competition. The competition is being held at Armadale Academy. The bus will leave St Margaret's Academy at 12:45pm and return approx 4pm. Anyone interested in playing please speak to Mr Haynes in PE.

S4 – S6

Sleep in the Park

Attention all S5/S6 Pupils

There will be a meeting in U20 at break on Tuesday 19th November. **Everyone planning on taking part must attend.**

West Lothian SSP Rugby Competition Friday 15th November

Attention all S4 Boys and S4/S6 Girls

This Friday there is the West Lothian S3/S4 Boys Rugby 10s Competition and the West Lothian S4/S6 Girls Tartan Touch Competition. The competition is being held at Armadale Academy. The bus will leave St Margaret's Academy at 12:45pm and return approx 4pm. Anyone interested in playing please speak to Mr Haynes in PE.