

The Courtyard aims to offer an outstanding educational and social provision that will equip our students with the skills and experiences needed to discover and live out their potential



St Mary Magdalene Academy
The Courtyard

Weekly Newsletter - The Courtyard - Friday 28 May 2021

Headteachers Notice -Deborah Shepherd

Islington
Education
Awards
2021



Headteacher of the Year

Islington Education Awards

On 29 June 2021, the Islington Education Awards will again celebrate the enthusiasm and expertise that educators bring to their jobs.

Fantastically, the Courtyard has been shortlisted in two categories this year.

This is a true testament to the incredible efforts of the whole school team.



Islington
Community
of Schools



Teacher of the Year

Additional staff training sessions

After half term the staff will be participating in an additional three professional development sessions to prepare for the new academic year. These sessions will take place on Friday 11th June, Friday 25th June and Friday 9th July. On these days, the school day will finish at 12:30pm. Those pupils who would like to stay for lunch can do so and finish at 1:15pm.

Dates for the diary

31.5.21—4.6.21—Half term

11.6.21—Early finish for staff training

25.6.21—Early finish for staff training

1.7.21—The Big Sing

2.7.21—Courtyard Sports Day

9.7.21—Early finish for staff training

12-17.7.21—Activities Week

17.7.21—Last day of term. School will finish at 12:30pm

Uniform - Non PE days

A reminder to parents and pupils of the school's uniform policy.

KS4 pupils should be wearing full school uniform, including a shirt, school tie and blazer.

KS5 pupils should be wearing smart casual clothing.

No jeans or clothing with large branding.

Please support the school by ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately.

Uniform - PE days

Appropriate sports clothing—shorts or jogging bottoms, t-shirt, trainers.

If your child is not dressed appropriately for physical exercise, they will not be able to take part.

A reminder that it is a statutory requirement for pupils to participate

The Courtyard aims to offer an outstanding educational and social provision that will equip our students with the skills and experiences needed to discover and live out their potential



St Mary Magdalene Academy
The Courtyard

Celebrations this week

Behaviour and Safety



KS4 Star of the Week

Nevan for his excellent attitude in maths
Dev for constantly pushing himself to go the extra mile with his learning
Xaundre for completing every single spelling lesson on the IDLS programme!
Charlie for explaining a sum formula and using referencing in ICT
Ruby for working positively in PSD
Angelina for sharing her knowledge about food from around the world.

KS5 Star of the Week

Azi for great answers in English
Callum for his positive attitude and participation during WE with Financial Times
Nathan M for explaining a level 3 Powerpoint question to others in ICT
Gavril for great effort in Creative expression.
Tyrese E. For his positive attitude and commitment to learning in Science.
Constantine for his enthusiasm in Workskills
Alexia for her outstanding memory of Pythagoras and completing a higher paper style exam question.
 Hamza for his continuous sportsmanship and honesty when playing champ.

Most merits this week		Bronze – 200 points		Silver – 350 points		Gold – 500 points	
RUBY	53	MADDY	258	BLAISE	384	SASHARN	563
AZARIAH	55	ALEXIA	270	AARON	402	CONSTANTINE	620
SHANE	56			CHLOE	435	VERONICA	670
KEIRA	58			RUBY	465	CALLUM	679
XAUNDRE	60					JONNO	754
DEV	65					JAYCE	764
DILLON	83					TYRESE E	839



JAMES	853
KYON	894
SHANE	906
WILL	908
ALFIE	922
MAX	924
PARIS	929
DENNIS	931
PROM	931
JOHN	937
KEIRA	969
NATHAN N	990
JACK	1016
KATIE	1028
DILLON	1061
CHARLOTTE	1069
LIZ	1093
NEVAN	1142
GAV	1187
TYRESE Q	1205
FRED	1219
NORVILLE	1254
HENRY	1280
XAUNDRE	1292
ELSHARIEF	1299
AZARIAH	1311
ANGELINA	1389
ENKEL	1446
AYMENE	1459
DORIAN	1482
HAMZA	1499
NATHAN M	1573
CHARLIE	1594

The Courtyard aims to offer an outstanding educational and social provision that will equip our students with the skills and experiences needed to discover and live out their potential



St Mary Magdalene Academy
The Courtyard

Teaching and Learning update



The week after Half Term's ILT subject is: **CREATIVE EXPRESSION Summer Term ILT**

Timetable:

	SUMMER	TERM
Week	W/B	Subject
1	26-Apr-2021	ICT
2	3-May-2021	ART
3	10-May-2021	SCIENCE
4	17-May-2021	WORLD STUDIES
5	24-May-2021	PSD/WORKSKILLS
31MAY-4 JUN	HALF	TERM
6	7-Jun-2021	CREATIVE EXPRESSION
7	14-Jun-2021	HOME COOKING
8	21-Jun-2021	MATHS
9	28-Jun-2021	ENGLISH
10	5-Jul-2021	P.E.
		SUMMER
11	12-Jul-2021	FUN/QUIZZES ETC.

This last half term has seen our pupils settle back into regular, face-to-face teaching, which has been a relief for all involved!

As is always the way, especially with the summer term, the weeks are flying by and the remaining half term will no doubt go by in the blink of an eye! Our GCSE and AS level pupils have worked tirelessly to produce the sufficient evidence required for their teacher assessed grade submission on the 18th June. There is no doubt that the absence of formal exams does not provide an easier path. In fact, pupils have had to work harder than ever to prove their capabilities.

All other school assessments will take place between the 14-25th June. Pupils have been made aware of when their Maths, English and ICT assessments are taking place and are being prepared thoroughly by their teachers.

I hope you all have a restful Half Term.

Parent Workshop



ISLINGTON



Thank you to all parents and carers who have been involved in the Parent Workshops this year. We have had to be creative in the delivery; all of them taking place over Zoom, but this hasn't proved challenging at all and in fact, has enabled us to video each session for those parents and carers who could not make the 4pm start.

If you would like to catch up on any of the sessions, all recordings can be found here:

[PARENT WORKSHOP RECORDING LINKS](#)

The Courtyard aims to offer an outstanding educational and social provision that will equip our students with the skills and experiences needed to discover and live out their potential

6th Form



Students created this fantastic ad during work experience for the sports newspaper that they are creating!



THE NEW CAREERS PODCAST SERIES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



“The Parent Perspective” is an exciting new 8-part podcast series for parents and carers, helping you to support your children with careers advice and guidance.

Click [here](#) to listen now and/ or register

**Masterclass on
Thurs 27th May**



**Masterclass on
Thurs 10th June**

Students will continue learning about IT Careers and skills needed today and about IBM Apprenticeship and Intern Programs
We had a special guest this week, Mr Garcia!! He joined us from Majorca where he’s currently living. He shared with us his journey since he left the Courtyard for love ❤️, he shared great interview tips with our students and told us about his new job in an international school.

Communication Skills for School Leavers

Successful Communication Skills



My World of Work for parents and carers

A great website to help you and your child explore and discover careers that might suit them. After registering, they will support you both to use the site to spark ideas for their career and explore the routes they could take to the job



- [Skills Builder Universal Framework](#) (it's free)

The Skills Builder Partnership works to ensure that one day, everyone builds the eight essential skills to succeed (listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork).

3 fantastic learning areas:

-[Home learning hub \(skills challenge\)](#):

Short videos, stories and suggested activities to develop all eight essential skills

- [Skills Builder Benchmark](#)

Online self-assessment tool to discover essential skills strengths and areas for improvement

SUMMER TERM: Subject Focus
Mon 7th June - Mon 14th June

Week Beginning	HALF TERM	Mon 7th June	Mon 14th June
Maths Entry Level	HALF TERM	Identify angles	Calculate mean and range
Maths FSL1	HALF TERM	Identify and measure angles	Calculate mean and range
Maths GCSE	HALF TERM	Gradient of Straight line Graph/	Real Life Graph/Evidence Gathering
Maths Statistics	HALF TERM	Evidence Gathering	Evidence Gathering
Maths A/AS	HALF TERM	Dynamics	Dynamics
English Entry Level	HALF TERM	Reading and Writing Tasks	Writing to advise and instruct i.e.
English FSL1	HALF TERM	Reading and Writing Tasks	Assessments
English GCSE Lang	HALF TERM	Identifying the genre, audience and purpose of texts	Identifying literary and linguistic devices and commenting on their effect
English GCSE Lit	HALF TERM	An Inspector Calls (Practice question)	An Inspector Calls (Practice question)
ICT Informatics	HALF TERM	complete 2 coding tasks	complete 2 coding tasks
ICT FSL1	HALF TERM	FSL1 Exams for some students	FSL1 Exams for some students
ICT FSL2	HALF TERM	FSL2 Exams for some students	FSL2 Exams for some students
ICT ECDL L3 PPT	HALF TERM	ECDL3 Exams for some students	ECDL3 Exams for some students
Science BTEC	HALF TERM	Genes control the activities of cells. KS4 - Understanding the electromagnetic spectrum	Genes control the activities of cells. KS4- Understanding the electromagnetic spectrum
Home Cooking	HALF TERM	Home Cooking research project	Home Cooking research project
Hospitality	HALF TERM	Hospitality research project	Hospitality research project
PSD	HALF TERM	Identify what it means to 'win' or 'lose' in relation to gambling and identify places and ways this might take place.	Give some reasons why people might choose to gamble and identify the risks.
Work Skills BTEC	HALF TERM	Unit 71: Working in a Team Assessment	Unit 71: Working in a Team Assessment
P.E.	HALF TERM	Cricket: develop underarm bowling accuracy.	Cricket: To develop batting accuracy and directional batting
World Studies	HALF TERM	Lyfta	Lyfta
Art	HALF TERM	Ink experiments	Ink marbling
RSE 6th Form	HALF TERM	Learning about the potential effects of exam stress on our physical and emotional wellbeing, and ways to manage it.	Learning how to identify worry and actions that a person can take if they feel worried.
RSE 6th Form- Independence	HALF TERM	Learning about the potential effects of exam stress on our physical and emotional wellbeing, and ways to manage it.	Learning how to identify worry and actions that a person can take if they feel worried.

The Courtyard aims to offer an outstanding educational and social provision that will equip our students with the skills and experiences needed to discover and live out their potential



St Mary Magdalene Academy
The Courtyard

2021

Culture Day

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

DRUMMING



PUPPETRY PERFORMANCE



FOOD

