



St Mary's  
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# Student Newsletter



**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).

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**Did you see the MySMU App Upgrade?**

**MySMU**  
App Upgrade



We have recently updated the MySMU app to include a new and improved look and calendar experience!

The upgrade includes:

- An updated navigation bar, which includes a link to your calendar.
- The calendar has been given a visual overhaul, providing a richer and more intuitive experience.
- Navigation “menu” – This is the three-dot navigation menu in the top-right of the screen. This is where you can share, send feedback and arrange tiles to personalise the app.

If you haven't already, download the MySMU to be able to see and use all of these new features!

[Find out more about the update here.](#)

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**Get Ready for Freshers Fortnight!**



Over Freshers Fortnight (15th September - 29th September), your SU will be hosting over 40 incredible events over the two weeks to welcome new students and to welcome back returning Simmies!

There are events to suit everyone, from Pottery Painting to a Shrek-themed Club Night to Freshers Ball, with events during the day and in the evenings.

Make sure you don't miss the Freshers Fayre on Thursday 19th September; this is your chance to meet all the clubs and societies, bag some freebies, and try out the climbing wall in the student square!

[Buy your Freshers wristbands and tickets here](#)

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### **The 1850 - Coming Soon!**



In another exciting development, the new campus bar, lounge and social space, 'The 1850' will be opening soon. There will be lots of exciting events being held here going forward, so keep an eye out for all of what will be going on!

There is a range of different function spaces which can be used, and the team will be updating you soon on all the different things which will be taking place.

[Find out more about 'The 1850' and other projects.](#)

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## SMU Success at the Olympics

**Congratulations  
Team St Mary's**



We are incredibly proud of all our athletes who competed at the Olympics this year and excited to be able to showcase some of their achievements.

There were 14 SMU current students, alumni, and associate athletes who were selected to participate in this year's games.

Some of the highlights include:

- [Alumnus Aaron Grandidier won a Gold medal with France](#) in the Men's Rugby 7s
- [Alumna Beth Potter won Bronze](#) in the Women's Triathlon for Team GB

- [Beth Potter and Team GB won a second Bronze](#) medal in the Mixed Relay Triathlon
- Special mention to alumna Emile Caires who put in a brilliant marathon time and finished in 4th place - Team GB's best finish in 20 years!

Check out our [Paris 2024 dedicated webpage](#) to see how our athletes are getting on in Paris.

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### **An Update from the Careers Team**



The Careers team are excited to looking forward to welcoming you back to campus during induction/welcome back week!

Head to the Library on Tuesday 17th September between 12-1.30pm for their **Cake and Careers** event. It's an opportunity for you to talk to the team about all things careers and enjoy a sweet treat whilst you're there.

In the mean time remember that you can book a careers appointment with them, these can be in-

person, via telephone, or online! These can be CV checks, mock interviews, general careers discussions and more!

[Book an appointment here.](#)

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### **Get ready for the return of Sport!**



The 2024/25 season is almost here, and there's plenty happening before fixtures start in mid-October!

Shout out to Men's Gaelic Football as they are joining the BUCS league for the first time, adding fresh excitement to the lineup.

Committee training has been revamped with new content, running on the 10th and 11th of September from 10:00-12:00 in the Waldegrave Drawing Room. The following week kicks off Welcome Week, featuring social sessions like football and self-defence. Don't miss the Freshers' Fair on the 19th in the Tennis Centre—an excellent chance to meet clubs, committees, and the Sport St Mary's team, with free treats on offer.

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Club training begins the week after with a two-week “try it before you buy it” period, allowing new members to explore their options. Remember, club membership grants access to three clubs. We're excited to get things started and hope you are too!

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

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### **St Mary's True or False**



Thank you to everyone who took part in last month's 'Guess the Alumni'. This month we are having St Mary's: True or False! Have a look at the 5 statements below and decide if you think they are true or false!

1. All of the SMU graduation ceremonies are held at Westminster Cathedral.

2. The new social space that will be opening on campus is called 'The 1850'.

3. We have 659 rooms in our campus accommodation.

4. Next year St Mary's will be celebrating its 200th anniversary.

5. Your current SMSU Sabbatical Officers are David James and Shelley Blake-Carey.

Email your answers to [ourfuture@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:ourfuture@stmarys.ac.uk), and anyone who guesses all 5 correctly will get a shout out in the next newsletter.

Thank you to those of you who took part in last month's 'Guess the St Mary's alumni' - the correct answer was [Tom Grennan!](#)

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### Things to note:

- Did you see all of the [activity which happened over Clearing?](#)
- Three SMU students won the [Primary Science Enhancement Award \(PSEA\)](#).

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### Dates for your diary





## September 2024

- 15 - Move-In Sunday
- 16 - 27 - Freshers Fortnight
- 28 - Undergraduate Open Day

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