



STOP Email Account

The STOP@stmarysmenston.org email account will not be monitored in the usual way during the Christmas break (Friday 20 December 2024 – Sunday 5 January 2025) and will be applied to the account which will provide the sender with contact details of outside agency support (as noted each week on the last page of our weekly parent letter). Students will be informed of this in form time this week. Please note that the Parent/carers wishing to contact school should use the Contact Year email accounts, as noted below.

Year 7 contactyear7@stmarysmenston.org
Year 8 contactyear8@stmarysmenston.org
Year 9 contactyear9@stmarysmenston.org
Year 10 contactyear10@stmarysmenston.org
Year 11 contactyear11@stmarysmenston.org

Advent Theme and Advent Fundraising

Our Advent theme this year is: **Pilgrims of Peace**. Our Advent fundraising started on Tuesday 26 November 2024; this allows us four weeks before the school closes for Christmas (Friday 20 December 2024). ParentPay is open for the various initiatives, details of which will be shared each week. Our thanks go out to you all now in advance for your continual generosity and support of our Charities.

Friday Theme for each Friday of Advent: Student paying a pound which can be paid via ParentPay

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General Advent Donations - For those who would rather not donate towards individual fundraising events, an item has been set up on ParentPay for general donations towards the Advent Appeal.

Basketball Shoot – Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been given a sponsorship form for the annual Basketball Shoot, which takes place during PE lessons. Persons sponsoring shooters promise to pay a certain amount for each basket raised will go towards the Advent Appeal. The event is also great fun!

Our thanks are extended to all those who have contributed towards our Advent Appeal for 2024.

Total raised so far: £3682.20

St Mary's Advent Appeal: M&S Support Staff Hamper Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the hamper, it raised over £550 for our chosen charities. **Congratulations to Stephen Cybaniak in Year 8 who won the hamper.** Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Christmas Chocolate Hamper to raise funds for The Bambisanani Partnership

The Bambisanani Team have put together a fabulous Christmas Chocolate Hamper to raise funds for The Bambisanani Partnership. If you would like a chance to win the hamper tickets are £1 each, purchased via [rei4ddf8uua](#)

KEY DATES FOR JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

- Monday 6 January 2025 School reopens for half term 3
- w/c Monday 6 January 2025 Year 11 Language Speaking Exams
- Tuesday 7 January 2025 Year 13 Brilliant Together Evening
- Tuesday 14 January 2025 Year 11 Achievement and Guidance Evening 1/2
- Wednesday 22 January 2025 Year 11 Achievement and Guidance Evening 2/2
- Wednesday 29 January 2025 Year 9 Mass
- Wednesday 29 January 2025
- Thursday 6 February 2025
- Thursday 13 February 2025
- Friday 14 February 2025 School closes at 2.40pm for February half term
- Monday 24 February 2025 School reopens for half term 4
- Tuesday 25 February 2025 Year 8 Mass
- Wednesday 26 February 2025 Year 9 Immunisations Day ½
- Wednesday 26 February 2025 Year 9 Choices Evening

PE and Sport Extra-Curricular Timetable

September 2024 to Easter 2025 – 2.45pm – 3.45pm

	Sports Hall	ATP	Other
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