

Arts and Culture: Epiphany Term Roundup

Epiphany term has been packed full of events, with highlights including the masquerade ball and the preparation for the end of term play *And Then There Were None*. The creativity of Mary's students has been very apparent and have shone through at the events of the term, particularly the Arts Week.

Various events have occurred this term, which have been reported on, including The GRAMMY awards, showcasing many talents of fashion and music, with Billie Eilish at the age of 18 taking home a massive win. As well as this, film and literature were topics well documented. Josh Goodwin described his year by the books that he had read as well as giving a definitive list of the perfect films to watch on Valentine's day.

Fashion shows were a frequent occurrence in Durham this term, with the Durham University Charity Fashion show taking place at the start of February. This year DUCFS raised £171,000 in support of charities STOP THE TRAFFIK, a charity which aims to prevent human trafficking, and Fashion Revolution, which helps to unite individuals and organisations to change the way clothes are sourced, produced and consumed.

The Revival Fashion Show, that featured many Mary's students, raised £11,000 for Whizz-Kids, a charity which raises money for disabled children across the UK. This event was full of entertainment, with all of the models, exec and designers doing an amazing job.

Unfortunately, the hard work and preparation of cast and crew of *And Then There Were None* was unfortunately put to waste this term, as the production had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus. This is certainly a set-back but looking forward we can't wait to see what Foot of the Hill will come back with next term!

Epiphany term was definitely a time to combine creativity with activism to create great social change in the community as well as being an outlet of great artistic expression!

By Emily Potts

Life at Mary's: Epiphany Term Roundup

Epiphany term seems to have passed by even quicker than the last, and despite the heavy workload of summative assignments most have endured over the past couple of months, life at Mary's has been busy and diverse as ever. The term kicked off with our annual formal in celebration of Burns' Night, with the well-attended formal dinner featuring Scottish food and of course the traditional 'Address to the Haggis'.

The next big event in the Mary's termly calendar was that of International Week, successfully organised by Apostolos Kokoris and the international committee who put in so much hard work to make the week one to remember. Events celebrated the diversity amongst the Mary's and wider community and included an international movie night, origami session, pub quiz and food fair!

Early February brought the return of our second ever college bop event, where students enjoyed a night of dancing in college with a live DJ. This year's theme was 'Back to the Jungle', was a popular one thanks to the dedication of the social committee led by Frances Barona and Alex Overton. The night was also raising money for aid relief for the Australian Bushfire crisis, so thanks to everyone who attended the night and donated to such a worthy cause!

February also saw the return of Arts Week, who under the leadership of Arts President Rose Pilling hosted five nights of different events which showcased the artistic talents of Mary's. A highlight for many who attended was the first event of the week, our first ever talent showcase 'Mary's Got Talent'. The night featured a talented line-up of performers, where special mention must be given to Tomos Wyn who was crowned the winner of the night after a stunning performance of a hit song from the musical Chicago. For those who missed out, Tomos will be performing at Mary's Day this year and his talents are definitely not to be missed! The rest of the week featured an arts themed pub quiz, life drawing and of course, the awaited return of our Masquerade Ball. This year led by Helena De Gorrequer-Griffiths, the ball was themed around the city of Venice and was a great success enjoyed by all.

WAM have had another busy term and have led two campaigns focusing around the realities of doing a year abroad and healthy relationships. The campaign weeks, whilst being incredibly informative also provided a great opportunity for Marians to get involved with welfare in college.

In other college news, democracy has been rife throughout the college, with JCR meetings seeing the return of many hustings for next year's executive committee roles. Particular appointments of note included Joe Castledine's successful campaign to become the JCR President elect, Ben Summer emerging victorious as our next JCR Chair and Sam Farrington successfully becoming next year's Vice President.

As our journalistic round-up highlights; life has been fast-paced at Mary's this term, well done to everyone for making it through what can be a really difficult term, and thanks to all who have been involved in running the events we have enjoyed this term.

By Emma Johnson

Politics and Lifestyle: Epiphany Term Roundup

The end of term is here, and well done to everyone who has made it through Summative season! Politics has been at the forefront of a lot of our minds this term, with a huge focus on the Student Union elections, as well as all the controversial changes that have taken place in college in regard to reorganisation and cuts. We have definitely seen politics on a much more local, community level this term, particularly through the continuing strikes, in contrast to the General election which took precedence last term. We have had some really interesting articles from the Politics section in the last couple of months, including the controversial Christian Union talk which has caused a lot of debate throughout Durham this term. Another politics article from this term was how to set yourself healthy New Year's goals, and I hope you have all managed to keep up with at least of couple of them, but if

not, there's still time! That article ties in to the current WAM campaign, which is focusing on self-care, and has been so interesting so see and keep up with all the great things that happened that week. Another really important WAM campaign this term is the March for Suicide Prevention and Awareness which is set to take place mid-March and looks to be a really important event.

All in all, this term, amid all the summative and strike stress, has been extremely interesting in regard to politics, especially on a college and university level.

By Lucy Malone

Sports: Epiphany Term Roundup

Men's Football:

At the end of this term, the A team find themselves at fourth place on the league tables. Unfortunately, they missed out on the promotion but have only had one loss over the course of this term against the Van Mildert B Team.

The B team have survived in Division 2 but only just missed being dropped from the league. Winning one game and drawing two this term, they currently stand at ninth place. With some strong commitment and effort, we hope that they will be able to move up the table.

The C team have seen a good second half to the season. They have won three matches this term and find themselves at fifth place. They are hopeful that they will get promoted and stay in Division 5 over the next term.

Having only been in league football for one year, the D team have made a solid effort this year. They currently rank fifth in Division 6 and have had a good second half of the season. Their most notable match was against the Stephenson Rangers C Team where they claimed victory with a final score of 6-1.

Cricket:

Over the course of this term, the cricket team has seen an emergence of a strong group of fresh talent. They have been practising tirelessly in the winter nets and playing a number of indoor matches. This is all in preparation of the T20 league that will be taking place this summer when the weather gets better. We look forward to seeing how their matches go!

Pool:

The second half of the season has been frustrating for our Mary's Pool players despite their effort and commitment. Unfortunately, the A Team have ended the term in relegation for the Prem but should be safe. On a more positive note, they also still have a chance to win the cup and so, all hope is not lost!

The B Team is currently solidly mid-table in Division One and hope to move up the ranks over the next term. On the other hand, the C Team is in a Division One title fight against St. Cuthbert's C Team and it is predicted to be a close one.

Cheerleading:

Big shout out to The Saints cheerleading team for showing extreme perseverance and overcoming the many challenges that they have had over the course of the year. With numerous injuries and delays in the arrival of their uniforms, they had a lot going against them. However, they still rehearsed and took part in the Durham Intercollegiate Cheerleading Competition. Unfortunately, despite the fact that they took part, they could not be considered for the competition as they had to have Durham Diva step in to help them with their performance. They showed true Mary's spirit to give an amazing performance all around.

Frisbee:

Our Mary's Frisbee A team have been having a great second half of the season. They are currently on a winning streak and absolutely smashed their most recent game against Hild Bede with a score of 10-3. They currently stand at fourth place on the league tables but if they continue at the rate at which they are going, they have a chance of moving up the ranks and winning the league for Mary's.

The B Team have had a mixed bag of results over the course of the season. This term, the team have really brought their all and won one match, drawn another, and lost one. Their massive win against Stephenson A Team with a score of 13-0 showed their determination and cohesiveness as a team.

A number of matches have been cancelled due to the weather but we hope to see some awesome plays from our people in purple.

By Nidhi Unnithan