

Insight

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St. Joseph's RC High School

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OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

“Evangelisation is the mission of the Church; that is she must proclaim the good news of salvation to all, generate new creatures in Christ through Baptism, and train them to live knowingly as children of God.”

Catholic schools like St Joseph's RC High School are distinct from their public school counterparts in focusing on the development of individuals as practitioners of the Catholic faith. Our leaders, teachers and students focus on four fundamental rules initiated by the Church and school. This includes the Catholic identity of the school, education in regards to life and faith, celebration of life and faith, and action and social justice. In order to be a sign of hope and give an authentic witness, we are committed to living the Gospel in ways relevant to the needs of today.

One of the ways in which we proclaim our Catholic identity is through a school Mission. Our mission as a Catholic school is to use the charismatic gifts that God has given to us for building up the Body of Christ and seek to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. We seek to be a sign of hope in the Church for the students we teach and for our local parishes. **Mission** involves a personal journey in developing and growing in our relationship with Christ and a school mission endeavours to live the Gospel so that we all become witnesses to faith. *See page 4 for the SJHS Mission Week 2014.*



Serving God Through
Learning Together

Yn Gwasanaethu Duw Trwy
Ddysgu Gyda'n Gilydd

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Headteacher's Message Neges y pennaeth

Mr T Brown Headteacher

As another term draws to a close, we have so much to celebrate and of which to be proud.

This wonderful edition of Insight, our school newsletter, reflects just a small proportion of the ways in which our community lives our mission statement of 'Serving God Through Learning Together.'

The highlight of this term has been the Mission Week during which a broad range of events

took place to inspire students to find ways to express their ideas, their identity and their relationship with God in order to demonstrate how each and every student is 'Made for Greatness'. I am immensely proud of the staff and students who made this such a special week and one which will have been pivotal in the faith development of our young people and which many will never forget. I hope you enjoy reading about it and all

the events and activities that have taken place this term.

Advent is a wonderful time of holy and expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The weekly themes of peace, love and joy now provide the basis for form reflection and assemblies to help prepare our young people for the feast of Christmas. There are plenty of activities planned to

celebrate Christmas including the end of term masses and liturgies and our school Advent Service and Christmas Concert on Wednesday 17th December.

We can now look forward with confidence to many more successes and celebrations in 2015. On behalf of the students, staff and governors I thank you for your continued support of the school and we offer our very best wishes for you and your families for a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

“These rocks were from outer space! They were very old. They had been polished to show the iron and nickel which had clumped together to form the rock”

Galileo Cappellini, 80



The Moon Rocks!

“We were very lucky to see these meteorites from NASA” Galileo Cappellini, 80

During the moon rock experiment, I was able to observe and have clear understanding of various fragments from the moon which have been discovered and preserved. There were a variety of different stations set up in the classroom which each included a rock sample and an information sheet. We held different types of moon rock and were able to view them from under a

magnifier. We also looked at ‘lunar samples’ which were collected by Apollo astronauts. The ‘Lunar Samples’ included unique rocks and soils. I enjoyed having the opportunity to see and hold possibly the most ancient material stored on Earth. At the end of the lesson we even got to taste some space ice cream’, which I must admit, wasn’t the nicest thing I’d ever eaten!

by Jessica King, 8S





New inspirational hall banners, measuring nearly 2 metres each, were created by Ms Roche and Miss Morris especially for Mission Week 2014.

MISSION WEEK

St Joseph's RC High School Mission Week 2014 began on Monday 15th October with the loud bang of Samba drums, singing and dancing. The Mission 'Made for Greatness' is emphasising the importance of each individual in the school, helping to develop the children spiritually and to enhance their faith journey.

Each day the school timetable collapsed for particular year groups whilst the rest of the school continued with their daily studies. Wednesday saw the start of Mission Week with Year 8 and their special theme 'Lean On Me'. An exciting day of planned events and workshops opened with an assembly led by Mrs K Burke, Head of RE, followed by guest speaker, actor and past student Gareth Tempest. He spoke about his faith journey, his exciting life along with the challenges and benefits of a career on stage.

Thursday saw Year 11 following the theme 'Seek Good not Evil'...with ex-East End Gangster John Pridmore. Mr Pridmore had a conversion experience at the age of 28 that led him to work all over the world, alongside icons such as Mother Teresa. He was an exciting and inspirational speaker who opened up his personal story of dark beginnings in the gangs of London. He admitted coming close to killing a man, which finally led him to reflect on his life and accept God - this is when he began his faith journey. Year 11 were also joined by Newport Gwent Dragons' Lewis Evans and Jason Tovey, who lead a team building workshop on the sports fields. Competition was high, but spirits were higher; the students thoroughly enjoyed wrecking havoc on the fields but also all the other workshops on offer, such as dance, music, video-making, craft and personal reflection.

On Friday Year 10 also began their day with a special assembly on the theme 'Vocations'. Daniel Stanton, the parish seminarian, spoke humorously about his personal journey and the calling of becoming a priest, whilst answering some excellent questions

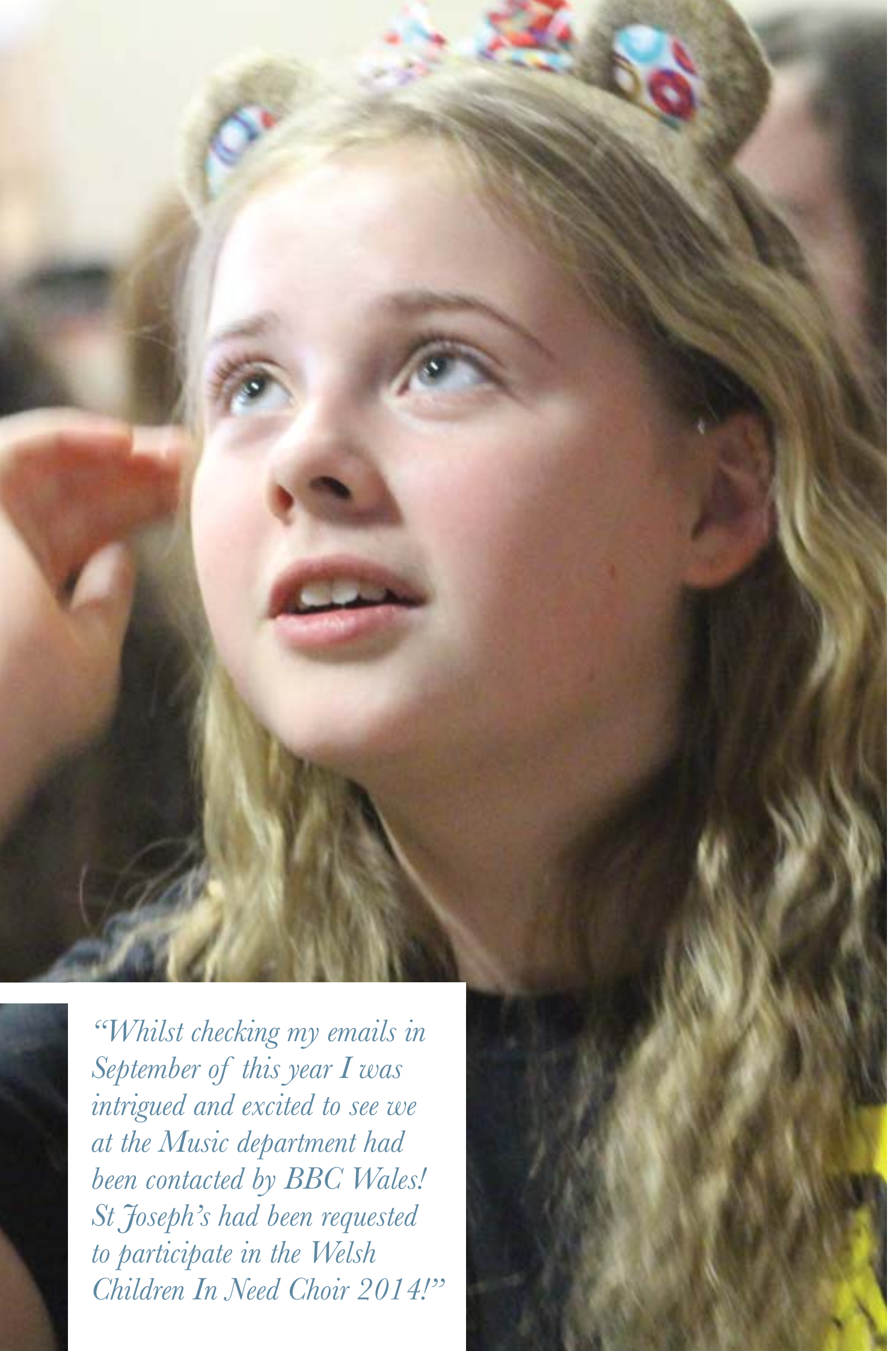
from the students about his life and his decision-making process. Again workshops were run, with an ever-growing group of Dancing Divas led by professional dancer Clare Brice. The PE department with Mr Sankala and Mrs Geeves also held wacky team building races on the fields. The students could barely walk, let alone run carrying their team mates, due the magnitude of laughter!

On Monday 20th October Year 9 pondered the theme 'Big Questions in Life'. Daniel Stanton again spoke to the students and answered some very interesting questions. Wednesday saw the close of the year group Mission Days with Year 7 who were entertained by special guest Cardiff City footballer David Marshall. He joined the PE Department on the fields to put our lucky Year 7 through their paces with teambuilding, problem solving and just a little bit of fun!

Each day closed with the celebration of the work students had completed in their workshops. This had included dance and musical performances, craft displays and singing a new school hymn arranged by the GCSE music students and Head of Music Mr B Fitzgerald especially for Mission Week 2014. The Mission ran until the 24th October when students celebrated reconciliation and finally a celebration of Mass.

Mission Week was fantastic, the whole school enjoyed all the workshops, reflection and spirit of community that is always so strong at St Joseph's RC High School.





“Whilst checking my emails in September of this year I was intrigued and excited to see we at the Music department had been contacted by BBC Wales! St Joseph’s had been requested to participate in the Welsh Children In Need Choir 2014!”

MUSIC on screen



I was delighted to call producer Anwen Rees and hear how the excellent reputation of St Joseph's singers had led to her requesting our participation in putting together a BBC Wales children's choir. We were to take part in the nationwide Children In Need broadcast live on November 14th at Newport Centre linking with choirs all over the nation.

The song was to be "I'll Stand By You" originally by The Pretenders, also recorded a few years ago by Girls Aloud. There was to be one other song for us to learn that was at that point undecided by the BBC. With the choir assembled Miss Morgan and I told them the good news and used our regular Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime rehearsals to learn and perfect the three part harmony vocal arrangement of 'I'll Stand By You' and to learn the additional song, 'Lift Me Up'; this was to be performed with Wynne Evans (yes, the 'Go Compare' man!!) .

The 30 strong choir made up of students from Years 7 through to 11, sounded marvellous and wowed the BBC Wales Producer and Musical Director upon their visit to our school. After a final run through on the morning of the performance we jumped onto the coach and made our way to The Newport Centre. We were joined by Miss Thomas and Miss Chamberlain who acted as chaperones and Miss Roche who chaperoned, Tweeted and photographed the day. Arriving at 2pm it was with much excitement that we donned our Children In Need T-shirts and ran through the songs along with the other schools; Croesyceiliog High School and Mount Pleasant Primary School. The choir sounded great, with St Joseph's singers holding up the harmony parts very confidently.

Walking into the studio that had been built in the Main Hall of the Newport Centre took many of the students' breath away. It was at that point that they realised they really WERE going to be on TV. Following an evening meal of BBC chicken and chips we made our way into the studio to begin filming items for the recorded BBC Wales Children In Need highlights show and in readiness to go live to the nation at around 8pm. When the moment came for the choir to sing live the atmosphere was electric and they truly sang their hearts out. Miss Morgan and I were so very proud of all of our students. It was a very exhilarating and long day and in spite of all the hanging around that accompanies TV filming the students behaved brilliantly, were very good humoured and represented St Joseph's impeccably.

**A wonderful performance
by wonderful students!**

by Mr Bob Fitzgerald, Head of Music





Richard Flanagan was announced as the winner in October 2014 Man Booker Prize for Fiction for *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*. Join our Book Club every Friday to discuss some of the books that were short listed.

A Good Read...



“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.” **Jacqueline Kennedy**

Reading groups

Reading has always been a high priority at St Joseph’s. This year has been more exciting than ever. Once again a small group of Year 12 students followed the Man Booker Prize. The small intimate group that have been part of book group since Year 7, seemed to really enjoy this experience. Our junior and senior reading groups are also thriving and meet every Friday in the library at lunchtime.

English lessons

The school uses one English lesson to help promote reading. In these English library lessons a lot of effort has been put into helping students choose the right book for them and iPads have been used to support and encourage reading.

Students seem to really enjoy this opportunity. This has been followed up by reading in Year 7 form period.

Buddy reading

Over 40 Year 12 students give up time every week to read in the library with Year 7 and Year 8 students. These reading buddies help inspire and support the younger students, helping to make reading exciting, collaborative and fun from the very start.

Transition reading

This year some of our primary schools have been trialling a transition reading scheme using iPads. St Joseph’s primary, St Mary’s primary and St Michael’s primary linked with us and selected groups have been trialling iPads to help encourage reading. The use of the dictionary feature and our library have been met with excitement and great feedback from the students at all our feeder schools.

Year 6 Science Days 2014



As part of our Year 6 Transition Programme, students from our feeder primary schools are invited to take part in exciting and engaging Science activities. Students have the chance to gain hands on experience of Biology, Chemistry and Physics in action in the classroom.

A vital part of the Science curriculum is to allow learners to appreciate and understand "How Science Works" and what better way than to enjoy a full day of experience in the laboratories at St Joseph's!

Each and every student is given the opportunity to recognise the importance of Science in the wider world and to appreciate how Science is affecting our every day lives.

Our feeder Primary Schools taking part:

St David's Primary School
St Gabriel's Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School
St Patrick's Primary School
St Mary's Primary School, Newport
St Mary's Primary School, Chepstow
St Michael's Primary School



"I liked being the food scientist because the experiment was fun..."

Francesco Cinotti, St Michaels Primary School

"The activities allowed the children to show how much they know about science already. Today gave them the opportunity to see how a day may be structured which is vital for their transition from primary to secondary school. The bus ride back to school was full of excitement, talking about secondary school life and how much fun they had.

"Thanks again for a fantastic day!!"

Mrs Jayne Hemmings, St Michaels Primary School

SCIENCE



Diwrnod Shwmae

Ar y 15fed Hydref 2014, daeth yr ysgol gyfan at ei gilydd i ddathlu yr iaith Gymraeg. Roedd cyfle i bawb ymarfer eu sgiliau iaith a chymdeithasu yn ddwyieithog.

Amser egwyl daeth staff yr ysgol i archebu cacennau Cymreig, te a choffi a chael llawer o hwyl. Ond roedd hwn yn brofiad hollol gwahanol i Flwyddyn 7. Yn ystod amser cinio bwyttodd blant Blwyddyn 7 fwyd blasus fel cocsen a bara lawr ond doedd rhai ddim yn barod am y blasau gwahanol.

Diolch i bawb am ymuno gyda'n.

On the 15th October, the school came together to celebrate the Welsh language. It was an opportunity for everyone to practise their language skills and to communicate bilingually.

At break time school staff came to order Welsh cakes, tea and coffee and have lots of fun. But this was a totally different experience from Year 7. During lunchtime Year 7 ate tasty food like cockles and lava-bread but some were not ready for the different tastes.

Thank you to everyone for joining in.

Year 12 & 13 Nantgwrtheyrn



Yn ystod mis Hydref aeth grwp o ddisgyblion Blwyddyn 13 ar daith i Ogledd Cymru gyda'r Adran Gymraeg.

Ym mlwyddyn 12 ac 13, mae'r disgyblion yn astudio llenyddiaeth yn ogystal a iaith a roedd y trip i Nantgwrtheyrn yn gyfle gwych i ymarfer defnyddio'r Gymraeg ac i weld lleoedd o ddiddordeb sy'n ymddangos yn llenyddiaeth Cymru. Cafodd bawb amser bendigedig.

In October a group of Year 13 students visited North Wales with the Welsh Department.

In Year 12 and Year 13, students study literature as well as language and the trip to Nantgwrtheyrn was an excellent opportunity to practise speaking Welsh and to see places of interest which are noted in the literature of Wales. All had an excellent time on the trip.



WBQ

Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification fundraising

Such as Friendship Photos, Vintage Tea Party, Dodgeball, Christmas Friendship Photos, 'Are You Smarter than a Teacher' Challenge...



On 11th November 2014, our group 'Endeavour' from Form 12A organised a coffee morning in the staff room to raise money for the National Autistic Society. Our charity fundraising was a great success as we raised a total of £105.30. A big thank you to Sainsbury's, Newport generously donated cakes and a member of our group Leah Griffiths, who also made cakes, brownies and other items to sell alongside hot drinks.

Our group carefully organised this event and everyone contributed something. All members played a significant part in making the event successful and ensured that the National Autistic Society are being well funded.

A big thank you to all those who supported us and helped make this coffee morning a great success.



Keep an eye out on Twitter for further events and totals raised for charity @sjhsnewport or @sjhs6form

As part of the Advanced WBQ, Year 12 learners have been raising money and awareness for charities of their choice.

The learners were set the Working With Others Challenge at the start of the year; to raise money and awareness through running a small enterprise from September to December. There were 24 groups, all of which chose charities meaningful to their group. Examples included Sparkle, Macmillan, CLIC, Cafod, Noah's Arc Appeal and many more.

The groups organised many events including a Vintage Tea Party, sponsored fun run, refreshments stalls, sporting challenges, friendship photos, competitions and cake sales. Each form group was also represented in our Christmas Fair for lower school students.

Thank you to all staff, students, parents and carers who have supported events and donated.



Time for reflection



A thought provoking trip...



Memorials were laid by the students

Belgium Battlefields

“A field FULL of live mines...”

On July 3rd 2104 we had to get up at 05.30 am!!!! It was definitely worth it though.

After a long coach trip through Britain under the English Channel we arrived at Ypres. We visited places such as The Flanders Fields Museum, Hill 62, Tyne Cot and Menin Gate and we reflected at many graveyards. We were also able to explore the town with all its chocolate shops!

At sunset, we watched the 'Last Post' at Menin Gate and it was truly spectacular. After such a busy day when we got

back to the hotel everyone was happy to fall straight to sleep!

The next day saw us visiting Albert, the Thiepval Memorial and Newfoundland Park - a field full of live mines. It was really quite nerve-wracking.

A visit to Mamets Wood finished off our trip to Belgium and pretty much finished us off too - everyone slept the whole way home in the coach. But, we would definitely go again.

by Jack Mitchell 11V and Amy Penn 11J



Southerndown

“I thoroughly enjoyed this trip as it helped turn theory into reality. I will be looking forward to more field trips in the future.”

Our Geography Trip to Southerndown

During the Southerndown trip, we studied many different aspects of the beach and the local area. This included looking at physical (natural) and human (man made) features. I learnt how the physical features were formed, which were fascinating to see in real life rather than on a photograph.

I also learnt how man made features along the coast, like shops and information centres increase tourism to the area. We studied the different processes of weathering and erosion and the impact they have. We did an activity that involved us measuring and evaluating the size and shape of rocks on the beach. It showed us that the size of the material changes as you move further from the sea. Lastly, we sketched the cliff and labelled it, describing the features and how they were made, such as wave cut notches and sea caves.

I thoroughly enjoyed this trip as it helped turn theory into reality. I will be looking forward to more field trips in the future.

By Jessica King (8S)



art trip...

LONDON



NATURAL HISTORY

MUSEUM



On the 10th of October, 45 GCSE and A Level students went on an Art trip with Mrs Neale to the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Natural History Museum in London.

We started with a very informative lecture in the V&A by the curator of the “Disobedient Objects” exhibition that they had on show. I really enjoyed this lecture and exhibition as it showed objects used for political protests from around the world including the orange cloth caps worn by protestors in Poland, my home country.

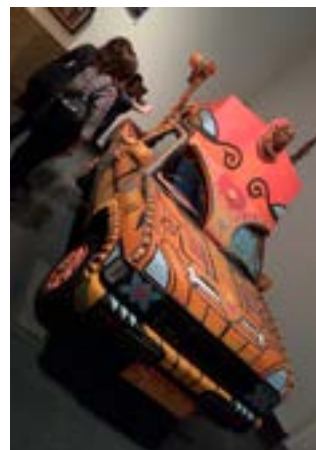
We were also given handouts from the exhibition that showed how to make DIY protest devices like book shields and tear gas masks made out of plastic bottles.

We also visited a lot of other parts of the V&A Museum that helps with the work we are currently investigating in our coursework. For example, we sketched and photographed objects and artefacts from different cultures like Japan and China as well as fashion through the ages. I particularly liked the marble sculptures of mythical figures as I am investigating this topic in my own work.



After the V&A, we crossed the road and visited the Natural History Museum which had all different types of themes like the evolution of the planet, dinosaurs, mammals, ecology and nature. Going on this trip has really inspired me further in my coursework project and helps me support my investigations with personal photos and sketches of first hand objects. I am really looking forward to wherever we go next!

by Michalina Neckiewicz (Year 11)



fantastic
V&A



FINE ART



Life Drawing

At the start of the year, the Art Department organised for Art students in the Sixth Form to receive tuition in life drawing every Wednesday in Newport City Centre's 'The Project'.

This is a space in which all people of the community can engage through exploring the arts. Currently there are three theatre groups, studios and exhibitions for budding artists as well as the life drawing sessions the Sixth Form students take part in. Since starting life drawing my peers and I have reached a consensus that our confidence and ability to draw has improved greatly. We now have an understanding of anatomy! This has been extremely useful as it has stretched our technical thinking in terms of how proportions are demonstrated when drawing in any medium.

The tutor of our lessons, Andy, refers to the ability of being able to draw the human body as one of the most important skills to have. I feel this may be due to the fact that the majority of products are created in order to accommodate us humans, for example man-made objects such as a chair or a building. These have been designed with the intention of human usage. Even in the initial stages of an architect degree the students are advised to take part in life drawing to understand structure, support and proportion of humans. This consequently affects how they will draw their ideas. This shows that this skill is not just necessary for those who are studying fine art. An understanding of the human body could help in other areas such as fashion and design.

by Fiona Fessey 13X



Origami Talent

Some of our art students made this swan sculpture for Miss Morris for her birthday. Tyler and Owain spent three days making, it teaching themselves through tutorials on You Tube.

Rather a cool thing to do, and their use of colour is fresh too. Lucky Miss Morris!



Sue Williams

Sue Williams seemed relatively calm and laid back compared to her very outlandish paintings.

I believe 100% that she inspired all of the students, especially myself, teaching us that there was a way that we could pursue art in a life long career – just as she had.

by Jessica Nightingale 12G



Pieces for art created by St Joseph's students during Mission Week, a wonderful gallery of creative, colourful work in many different mediums.



leuan Berry

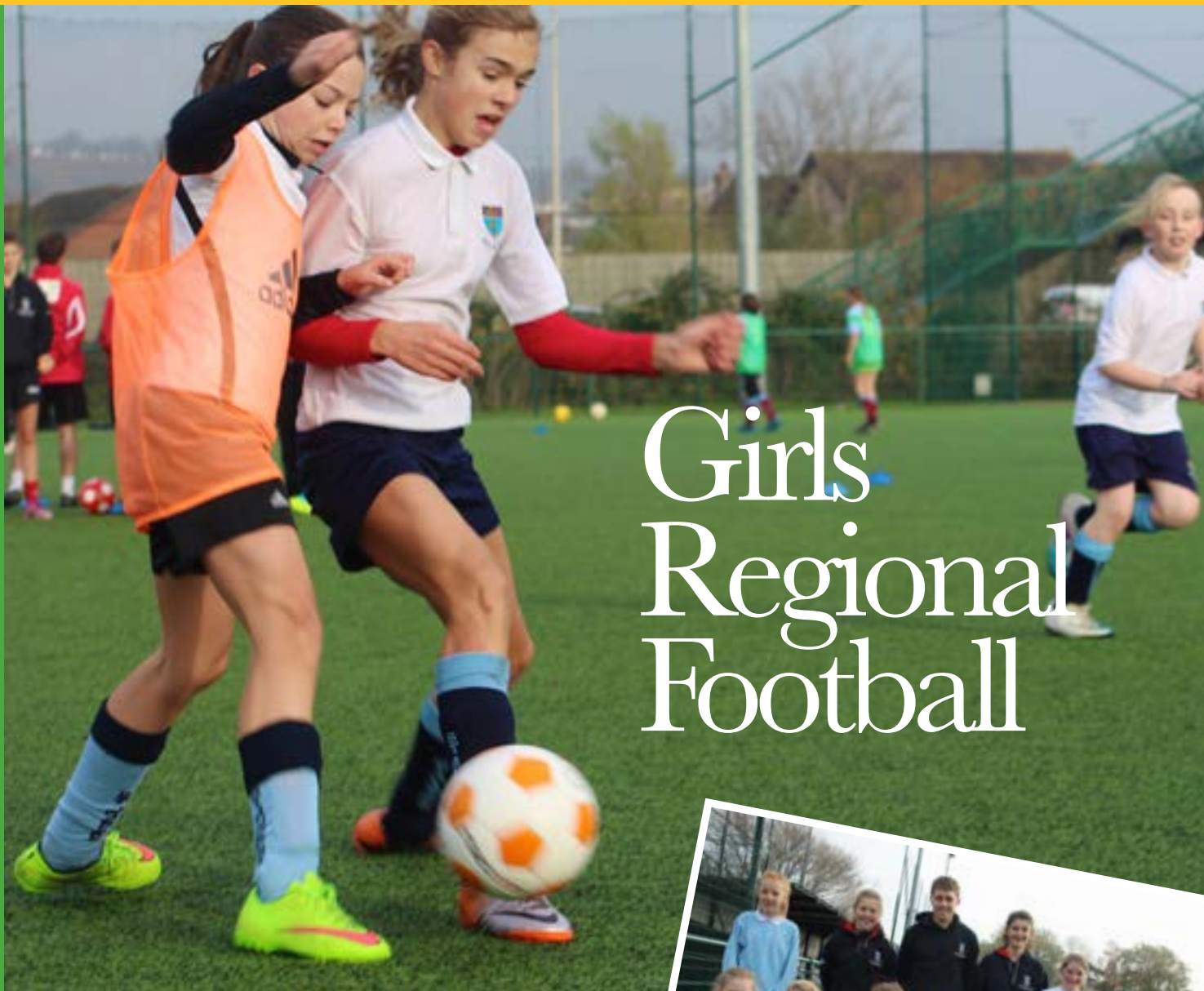
A couple of weeks ago leuan Berry came in to give us a talk about photography. He explained how photography was just a hobby but later on realised he could make a living out of it.

He started off by taking picture of roundabouts and old warehouses and is now taking pictures of important people like Barack Obama and David Cameron.

"I never thought a photo of a roundabout in Newport would lead me to take photos of Obama"

leuan's quotation has really inspired me to become a freelance photographer and I hope to soon purchase a camera of my own.





Girls Regional Football

Congratulations to the SJHS Girls Football Team:

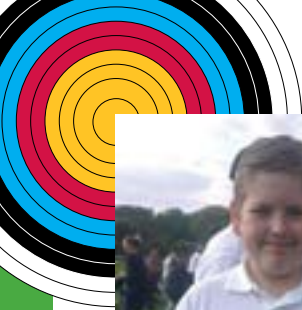
- Tegan Waters**
- Martha Powell**
- Natalia Shwartz**
- Millie Powell**
- Elana Roche**
- Nia Reynolds**
- Susana Dixon**
- Dalma Paal**

Match results

- v St Albans. SJHS drew 0-0**
- v Monmouth B. SJHS won 3-0**
- v Fairwater. SJHS won 1-0**
- v Llanwern. SJHS won 3-0**
- v Caerleon. SJHS won 2-0**
- Final**
- v Monmouth A. SJHS Lost 0-1**

Our SJHS football team competed in the Kinder Girls' Football Cup at the Newport Velodrome on Wednesday 19th November. After an outstanding performance the girls came a very admirable runner-up. The girls' defence was outstanding, preventing any team scoring against them, although Monmouth A-Team pipped them to the Cup in the last ten seconds of the final match. The whole squad played with immense determination and Tegan Waters was awarded star player of the tournament. Tegan also tied with Natalia Shwartz as top scorer of the tournament with five goals each. Congratulations to the whole team.





Archery Champion

My name is Daniel, 9T and in October I competed in an Archery competition in Cardiff. I was matched against two other people who have been archers for a lot longer than me, BUT I won the gold! I was also lucky enough to be able to win the 'First Year Archers' trophy too, beating all the other adults and juniors in the competition; about 100 altogether. My score was 833 points out of 850. **Congratulations Daniel.**



We are so proud of our young ambassadors...

Eight girls from Years 8 and 10 were invited to help coach and officiate at the FIFA Girls' Primary Football Tournament held at the Velodrome. The FIFA coaches organising the day commented on the excellent quality of coaching skills the girls demonstrated and commented on what outstanding ambassadors they were for the school.

Niamh Lynch, Niamh McHugh, Courtney Wrozyna, Elle Bentham, Carys Waters, Tegan Waters, Natalia Shwartz, Martha Powell.

Congratulations Bethan



Congratulations to Bethan on her selection for the U16 Welsh Hockey team.

Bethan has represented Wales in several test series against Ireland and England, as well as competing in an international competition in Switzerland. Bethan continues to represent Wales at U16 level, as well as representing Gwent Ladies' Hockey Club, who were winners of the Senior Ladies Welsh Hockey Cup last season.

Such an amazing tournament - the team just got better and better...”

Bradley Williams



County Hockey Girls

Congratulations to Freya Stevens, Niamh Mullen, Eleanor Collins, Elana Hobbs and Tegan Waters on their selection for South East Wales County U14 Hockey Team.

All five girls have participated in recent matches against other county teams on the weekends.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of St Joseph's School Improvement Plan, 'Student Leadership' has been highlighted as an important area of development and since September there have been a variety of opportunities for the school population to work with Ten Development through Martin le Comte and Elizabeth Fox in promoting and nurturing this objective.



Years 11,12, 13: Self Image and Branding

This training assisted students to confidently articulate their individual skills, attributes and achievements whilst understanding the importance of how to create, project and maintain a positive impression with others. Key topics which were presented and will be relevant to students in the forthcoming months were: job interviews, university, representing the school, social interaction with others, forming an understanding of strengths/weaknesses, positive communication with others, self-evaluation and future potential.

Years 7 to 13 The School Council

Those elected members of The School Council received a full day of training which focused on promoting the group as a self managed body of representatives, fulfilling obligations to effectively represent our student voice within and beyond the school in addition to key developmental decision making.

Staff Coaching and Mentoring Skills

Training was provided for selected staff who have regular contact with students and deal with pastoral and wellbeing issues, notably our Assistant Heads of Year, Heads of Year and Learning Coaches. The main area of priority was to meet the needs of disadvantaged students and create a culture of best practice where colleagues will be able to employ a set of tools, resources and techniques to support learners.

Year 9 Self Belief, Goal Setting and Action Planning

Students received a half day session with Martin and Elizabeth exploring topics such as self worth, confidence and belief in personal potential, giving practical advice to create individual targets and action plans. Emphasis was placed on self limiting beliefs which inhibit achievement, re-framing thinking to produce a 'can do culture', the use of visioning techniques, turning aspirations into longer term goals and creating specific actions to achieve goals.

Year 12 Coaching and Mentoring

Full day sessions were organised for small group interaction with the intention of developing practical and effective mentoring skills. In turn, older students will be able to use strategies in order to support those students who have specific learning needs. Trained coaches will look at questioning, learning styles, reacting to change, listening skills, being flexible and adaptable in addition to understanding individual learning/support needs.



Army Visit

In October year 10 and 11 Public Service students had the privilege of a visit from Capt Chris Scott. Chris spent the day in school talking to students who were seeking careers advice in joining the British Army but primarily offered his services in helping students with BTEC portfolio work and giving a clear insight as to what being a soldier is like. Students enjoyed the 'hot seating' opportunity to ask Chris a range of questions related to serving in Her Majesty's armed forces, popular topics were: salary, travel, qualifications, postings, service experience and personal training. The success of this inaugural visit has allowed us to make plans for future partnership work. Thank you Chris and we look forward to your next visit.

NEWS

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- EnglishLit
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- @SJHSMaths

Don't forget our Twitter news pages @sjhsnewport and many others, some shown here on the right...

GOOD LUCK MRS MORGAN



It is with sadness that we say a fond goodbye to Mrs Sarah Morgan who had obtained a promotion to Head of the Mathematics department at Pen-y-Dre High School. Sarah has been with the school since 2000 and has been an outstanding member of the mathematics team. She is hugely respected by pupils and students alike for her enthusiasm, energy and ability

to build pupils confidence in the subject. Sarah has held responsibility for a number of key areas in the department and will undoubtedly use her experiences at St Joseph's RC High School to powerful effect in her exciting new leadership role. Whilst we will miss Sarah enormously, we wish Sarah all the very best and look forward to hearing about her flourishing in her new post.

BYE BYE MR BLACKWELL GOOD LUCK



St Joseph's has a huge thank you and goodbye to say to Mr Blackwell. Mr Blackwell has given 13 years of wonderful service to our Catholic school community and he will be greatly missed by staff, students, governors, parents and carers. It is very hard to sum up the contribution Mr Blackwell has made to the school. His work in the Mathematics department, as Head of Economics and as Head of Year has been truly outstanding. The relationships he has forged have helped to make him not only respected in our school community but across many schools within South Wales. Mr Blackwell has been an outstanding role model for us all and his

commitment to making sure that all children are given the opportunity to flourish will be missed. He leaves us with our very heartfelt best wishes and prayers. We wish him every success and happiness in his new post as Assistant Head at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, Bridgend and urge him to continue making an impact in Catholic education.



Movember with 9S

Members of 9S did a fabulous job of helping their tutor, Mr Fitzgerald, raise over £190 pounds for Men's Health charity Movember.

Whilst Mr Fitzgerald sported his own 'Mo' the rest of the school were able to find their inner 'Mo Bro' or 'Mo Sis' by buying a stick on moustache and wearing their "Mo with pride for period 5". The day was great fun and will hopefully become an annual fundraising event.



Chess Club

Every lunchtime in F15 is Chess Club. Chess is a game which improves memory and logic skills, whilst being fun, sometimes serious, with a healthy amount of competition. Chess Club welcomes all KS3 students who are interested in taking on the 'Chess Master'!!! *"You can meet new people and play a nice game of chess but be careful, it's sometimes quite competitive!"* **Oliver Allen 8V**

Macmillan Coffee Morning raised a grand total of over £300. Thank you to all those who supported this event.

Dates for your diary 2015

SPRING TERM TYMOR Y GWANWYN

January	
5	Spring Term begins
13	Sixth Form Mentoring Day
19-22	Year 11 Kintbury Retreat
19-23	Year 9 Internal Examinations
20	Year 9 Pathways Evening
23-25	Year 9 Welsh Trip to Glan Llyn
28	Sixth Form Information Evening
29	Performing Arts: Music - Evening Performance
30	Holocaust Memorial Day
February	
3	Year 10 Parents' Evening
6-8	Year 7 Welsh Trip to Llangrannog
10-13	Hairspray - School Production
17-21	Year 12 BTEC Work Experience
16-20	HALF TERM

March	
4	Year 9 Parents' Evening
12	Year 7 Parents' Evening
12	Year 9 Pathways Deadline
19	St Joseph's Day Mass
20-26	Year 10 Internal Examinations
26	Year 7 Geography Trip to Cadbury World
27-4 April	Skiing Trip to Italy
27	Last Day of Spring Term

Please be aware that if there are any unforeseen circumstances, these dates might change.

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