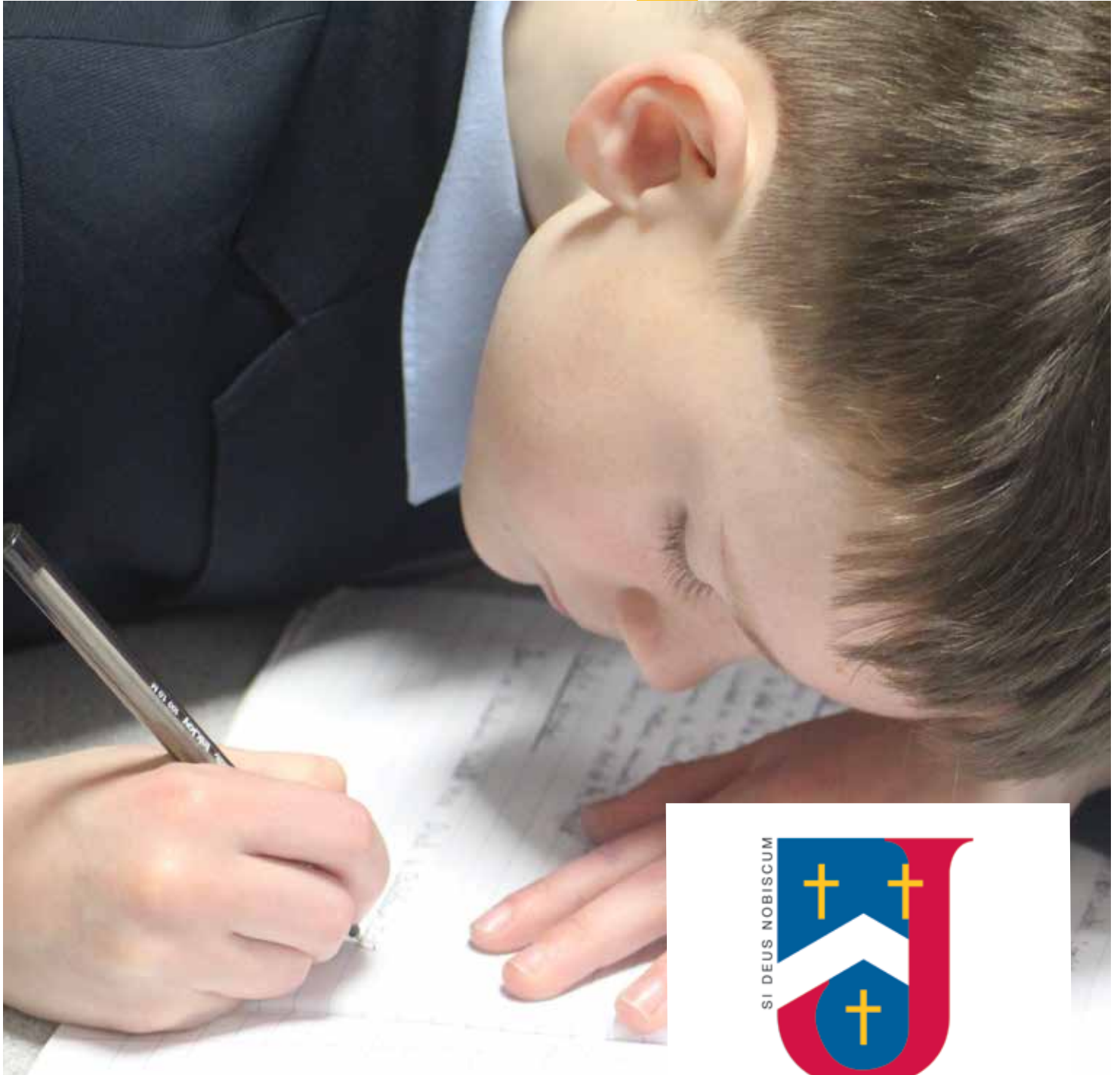


Insight

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Headteacher's Message neges y pennaeth

Mrs J Jarrett Headteacher

As we bid farewell to the spring term, I am writing to express my gratitude for your unwavering support throughout these past months. Your cooperation and partnership have been instrumental in ensuring the success of our students and your children.

This term has been filled with growth, learning, and joy, and I am immensely proud of every one of our students. Our school has been a place of warmth, compassion, and positivity these past few months. Our students have embraced

their studies enthusiastically and with determination, supported by your unwavering encouragement and involvement in their education. Together, we have cultivated an environment where children feel valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. This superb edition of Insight reflects a tiny proportion of how our community has lived out our mission statement of 'Serving God Through Learning Together.' I hope you enjoy reading about all the events and activities that have taken place this term.

As we approach Easter, a time of renewal, hope, and the promise of new beginnings, I encourage you to rest, recharge, and cherish moments of joy with your loved ones. Whether you're embarking on adventures or enjoying quiet moments at home, may this holiday season be filled with warmth, laughter, and meaningful connections.

The summer term promises new opportunities, continued growth, and exciting endeavours. Our dedicated team of educators is ready

to inspire, challenge, and support your children as they embark on the next phase of their academic journey.

I invite you to stay connected with us, whether through our school's communication channels, events, or parent-teacher meetings. Your involvement and feedback are invaluable as we work together to create an enriching and inclusive learning environment for all.

On behalf of the entire staff at St Joseph's, I wish you a blessed Easter, a rejuvenating break, and a vibrant start to the Summer Term.

“For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate.” Margaret Heffernan



YEAR 9 DEBATE SUCCESS

After the success of the Year 9 Debate Team in the local rounds, the team went on to represent the South East Wales Region in the Rotary Club's South Wales Final in Queen Elizabeth High School, Carmarthen.

The team consisting of Chairperson Reid, Proposer Alyssa and Opposer Joe were presenting the debate “This house believes that free speech does not exist.” The team were facing tough opposition from schools right across South Wales. They came runners up and Joe Wakeman won the individual prize for Best Opposer. Joe has received a congratulations from the Mayor of Newport and all the Newport Councillors for winning his category. A huge congratulations to the whole team for their outstanding achievement in the Youth Speaks competition this year.

*This house believes
that free speech
does not exist.*



Easter Message

Finding Meaning Beyond Easter Day

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” **John 6:40**

There's plenty to love about eggs, bunnies and chocolates, but Easter Sunday holds a much deeper meaning. Yes, this highly anticipated holiday offers an opportunity to gather with family and friends, but it can be so much more. On Easter, we remember the love Christ showed mankind when he gave the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. He is risen from the dead, so we truly have reason to celebrate!

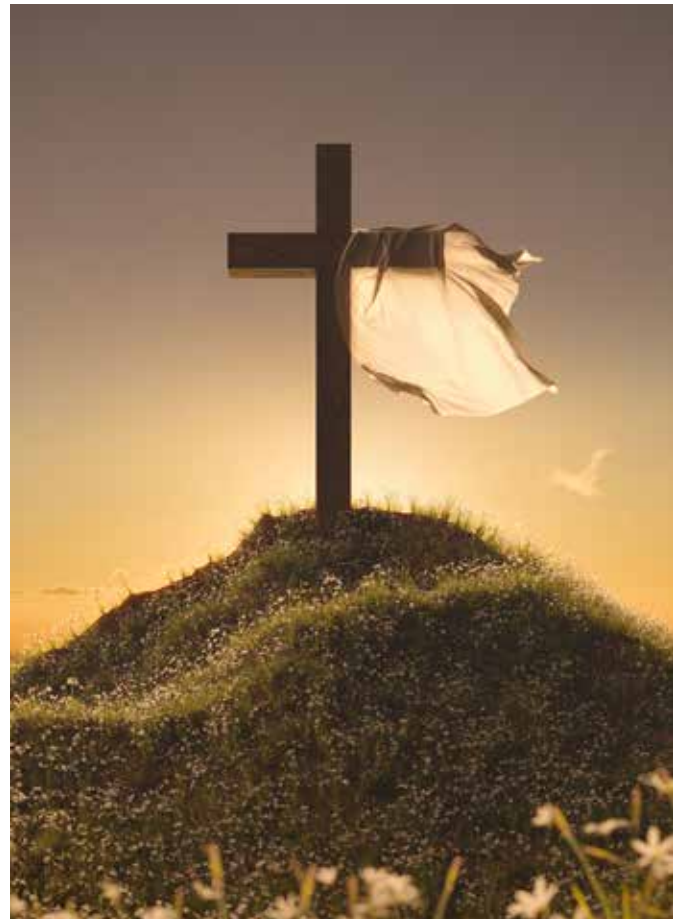
While this special day offers a valuable reminder and reason to celebrate, it should by no means be the only day on which we show our gratitude. After all, this holiday regularly changes dates in our modern calendar, reminding us that the essence of

Easter is not exclusive to one single day. The spirit of Easter is worth celebrating year-round.

The resurrection story can be told throughout the year, for it is always imbued with a deeper meaning. This story forms the essence of our faith; we know that, in Christ, death can be defeated and give way to everlasting life. By remembering this throughout the year, we can find relief from the burden of sin as well as greater joy in the blessings of everyday life. Christ's resurrection gives us a reason to live not only for today, but to sustain hope in our future, no matter how difficult the circumstances we currently face.

While Easter calls our attention to Christ's remarkable sacrifice, we should never lose sight of His willingness to give His life for our sake. While it is important to honour Him on Easter, our efforts should continue throughout the year. We can do so by regularly reading the Bible, gathering with other Christians for fellowship and showing gratitude for the myriad of blessings in our lives.

Father in heaven, the love of your Son led him to accept the suffering on the cross. Change our selfishness into self-giving. Help us to transform the darkness of this world's pain into the life and joy of Easter. Amen



PASSIONTIDE

The last week of Lent is known as Passiontide and this week we enter the most important and solemn week in the Church year which is Holy week. It is a time to commemorate the last events in the life of Jesus Christ leading to His death on the cross. The death and resurrection of our Lord is at the heart of the Catholic faith and our school life.

Passiontide Services 2024: **Wednesday 20th March**

Period 1 Year 11

Period 2 Year 10

Period 3 Year 8

Period 4 Year 9

Period 5 Year 7



PERFORMING ARTS DISNEYLAND PARIS



“OMG! What an amazing trip. The pupils were not only brilliantly behaved but they all shone on stage with talent and enthusiasm.”

*“Skyfall was amazing!
I am so proud of them all.”*
Mrs Doyle

CHOIR

Disney
PERFORMING
ARTS



Disneyland
PARIS





A huge thank you to all the performing arts professionals that helped us fulfil some of the pupils dreams and also help them create some new ones.

Wow - what an itnerary!

Performing Arts Workshop with three amazing professional international performers.

Disneyland Paris Day 1 - rides and sunshine.

Disneyland Paris Day 2 - Performing Arts Rehearsals with Disneyland Director, followed by performance on stage by the SJHS Choir.

Disneyland Paris Day 2 - Rides, rain and fireworks!



Performing Arts in Paris

On 7th March, Mr Green lead a trip with the Performing Arts Team, taking 60 pupils to Disney Land Paris on a school trip to show off their performing skills. On the first day, the pupils took part in a Performing Arts workshop where the pupils were expected to dance and sing.

They were working with professional singers and performers and all took part in learning choreography, singing techniques and performance skills in workshop style. The professionals they worked with were very complimentary of their polite, engaged nature and their general enthusiasm for performing, even after limited sleep on the coach! On the second day, the pupils were able to meet with the Disney Performing Arts team and put on a choir performance of four songs: Sosban Fach, Skyfall, Use Somebody and You Will Be Found.

The Disney team praised their professionalism and their conduct on and back stage, and thought their singing was top quality (as did the teachers!). We are very proud of all the pupils we took to Disney and the way they represented the school was exemplary from start to finish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGmMrQMRNo8>





On January 30th and 31st our PSHE focussed on the journey and experience of the Windrush Generation, before celebrating the positive impact the Windrush generations have had on Newport, Wales and the UK.

At our celebration evening on Friday 2nd pupil's presented and then we were privileged to listen to an inspiring talk from Mrs Vanesta Cyril.

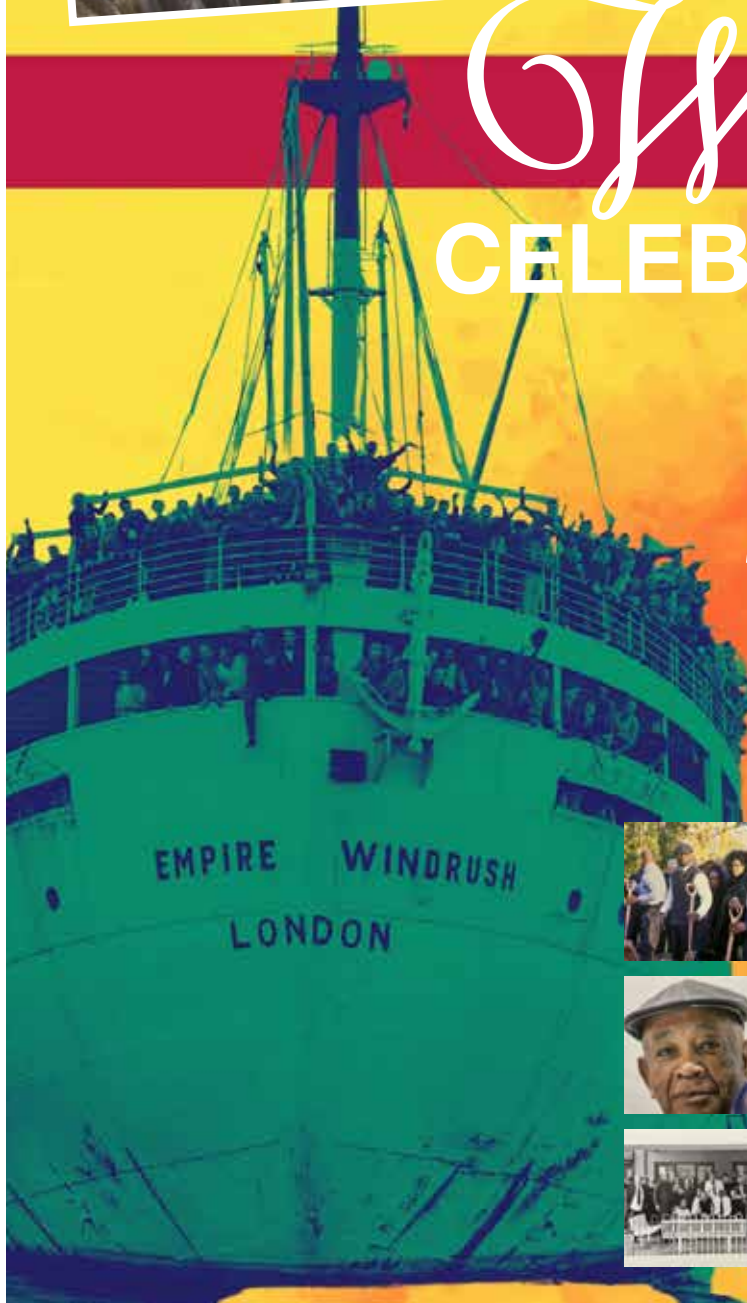
A brilliant spread of Carribean food was then generously provided by Chartwells and over 130 guests admired a Life and Death exhibition kindly loaned to us by photographer Carl Connikie. The night was still young and the charismatic and talented DJ Gary Grant then played Caribbean tunes for us all to enjoy.

The Pupil Community ministry would like to thank everyone who attended and all those that helped organise the celebration week.

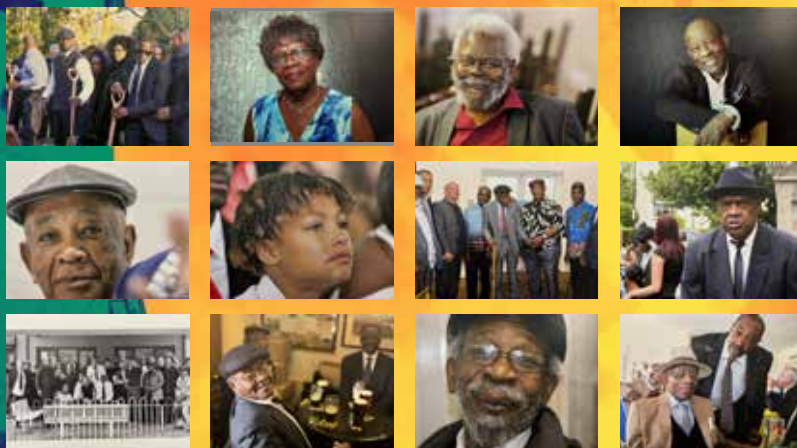


Windrush

CELEBRATION WEEK



Below: Photography Exhibition by Mr Carl Connikie



WELCOME CONNOR ALLEN



We were very happy to welcome Connor Allen, Children's Laureate Wales 2021 - 2023 back to St. Joseph's RC High School on Wednesday the 21st February.

Connor delivered workshops to pupils in Year 9, providing them with creative opportunities to find expressive outlets and to discuss their experiences, feelings, and issues with all things Anti-Social behaviour. Unfortunately, ASB continues to be a significant area of concern across Newport, resulting in needing a sustained focus on prevention and diversion.

We were very proud with the way in which the pupils had open and engaging conversations with Connor regarding ASB and their future. Well done Year 9!

A big thank you to all pupils, parents and staff that continue to support our drives for Newport Foodbank, all your donations make a huge difference to families struggling or in crisis in our local community Foodbank.



HISTORY:AUSCHWITZ

By Riley Williams, 13D

My trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau was simply life changing, and a surreal experience that I truly believe should be lived by everyone at least once.

It masterfully humanises the Holocaust, and gives a disturbing insight to how truly horrific the atrocities they suffered were. For me personally, the most sickening and daunting part was when we entered the the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, and already felt the haunting vibe of the place, as it felt like I had just walked into a ghost town, but when I saw the mountainous belongings of the camps victims, such as old clothes, suitcases and belongings for their children, I was completely overwhelmed by the dreadful feeling I felt looking at these ghostly items, which all had their own story to tell.



I think the most shocking thing for me that I discovered whilst there was just the pure scale of it all, with the camp itself feeling as though it stretched on forever. My walk from the one side to the other took about 10 minutes in itself, whilst considering that we only stayed in the central area, with there being unending fields and ruins to the left and right of me that we didn't even explore. The museum also showed just how big of an event the Holocaust was, as they showed us the human hair and the pile of shoes, which I was initially expecting to not be much, with maybe a picture frame of hair and just a small pile of shoes, but my face dropped as I walked into a room with a full pile of braided human hair, spanning the entire length of the wall and going at least 6 ft back, and the shoes being roughly the same length, but on both walls in the room, leading to me being completely surrounded by old, disrepaired shoes, which felt almost as though I was surrounded by the ghosts of all the people who once wore those shoes, which shook me to my core.

There were enjoyable parts, however, with the final ceremony that we took part in, where we lit candles and left them there in order to show our respect to all the lives taken in that camp, as well as all those who were resilient enough to survive it all, which I found to be very heartwarming, and made me feel as though I had left a part of myself in the camp, which I found to be quite comforting. I also loved the little speech that our tour guide gave, which helped me to reflect massively on my entire life as a whole, with him pointing out the similarities that still exist today between back then and now, as in certain aspects, we haven't progressed much since the Holocaust at all, and he helped me to reflect on that and really think about it, which left a huge mark on me.

Overall, this was probably the best trip that I have ever been on, and has forever changed how I view the Holocaust, and has completely changed my outlook on life as a whole.



Y10 UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

Earlier this term year 10 mathematicians sat the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a multiple choice challenge which encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. All pupils who took part received a participation certificate with several achieving bronze, silver and gold certificates which is an incredible achievement.

Well done to all who took part.

BLWYDDYN 7 @SAIN FFAGAN

Mae Blwyddyn 7 wedi bod yn astudio am eu hunaniaeth Cymreig yn ystod yr hanner tymor yma felly am ffordd well i ddysgu mwy amdano fe na fynd i Sain Ffagan Amgueddfa Werin Cymru yng Nghaerdydd.

Treulion ni'r diwrnod dysgu am bopeth Cymraeg a chafodd disgyblion y cyfle i wneud ymchwil ar sut mae'r iaith Gymraeg wedi cael ei defnyddio am brotestio, dathliadau a thrasiedïau.

Year 7 have been studying about their Welsh identity this half term so what better way to learn more about it than by going to St Fagan's Museum of Welsh life in Cardiff.

We spent the day learning about all things Welsh and pupils had the opportunity to research how the Welsh language has been used for protesting, celebrations and tragedies.



YEAR 7 @ST FAGANS

Staff behind the Daff

Fel rhan o wythnos Cymraeg, dychwelodd y gystadlaeth, "Staff tu ôl i'r daff"

As part of Welsh week, the competition, "Staff behind the daff" returned!

Roedd aelod newydd o staff wedi cael ei guddio y tu ôl i gennin Pedr a roedd rhaid i'r disgyblion weithio allan y cliwiau Cymraeg dyddiol drwy'r wythnos yn ystod eu hamserau cofrestru i ddatgelu'r aelod staff.

Roedd llawer o waith ditectif yn mynd ymlaen a llawer o gyffro a disgwyliad cyn iddo gael ei ddatgelu ar ddiwrnod olaf yr wythnos mai Mr T Nunn oedd y staff tu ôl i'r daff!

Diolch i Mr Nunn am fod yn gamp mor wych a da iawn i'r canlynol a ddyfalodd mai Mr Nunn oedd y tu ôl i'r daff:

A new member of staff had been hidden behind a daffodil and pupils had to work out the daily Welsh clues all week during their form periods to reveal the staff member.

There was lots of detective work going on and lots of excitement and anticipation before it was revealed on the final day of the week that Mr T Nunn was the staff behind the daff!

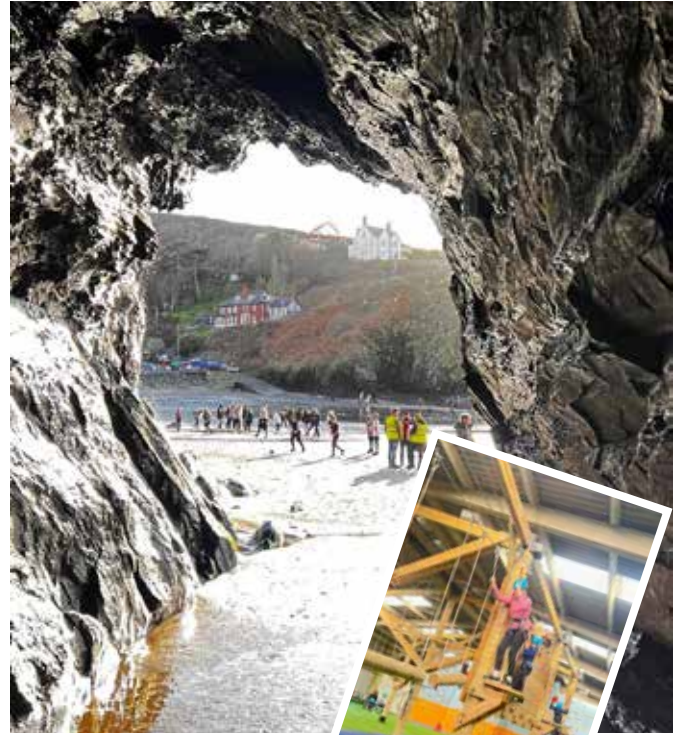
Diolch to Mr Nunn for being such a great sport and well done to the following who guessed that it was Mr Nunn behind the daff!

Blwyddyn 8 / Year 8
Miss McCarthy a 8V

Blwyddyn 11 / Year 11
Matteo Di Rienzo

Blwyddyn 11 / Year 11
Miss Burridge a 11P





CYMRRAEG

Year 7 Llangrannog

Ym mis Mawrth 2023, aeth Blwyddyn saith i Wersyll yr Urdd Llangrannog ar gyfer penwythnos o hwyl a gweithgareddau tu allan. Ar Ddydd Gwener 8fed Mawrth, teithiodd 50 o ddisgyblion mewn bws gyda Mr Burton, Miss Read, Mr Williams and Mr Davies ar ddaith dwy awr i Orlewin Cymru. Roedd y tywydd yn oer ond roedd y daith yn ardderchog ac roedd cyfle i bawb i fwynhau mynd sgïo, beicio cwad, cyrsiau rhaffau uchel, y weiren zip, gwylltgrefft a llawer mwy! Yn y nos roedd llawer o hwyl fel chwarae gemau yn y canolfan hamdden, taith nos i weld y sêr a disgo hefyd. Ar ôl mwy o weithgareddau bore dydd Sul gan gynnwys nofio a saethyddiaeth, mwynheudd pawb cinio rhost Sul blasus cyn deithio adref.

In March 2023, Year 7 went to The Urdd Activity Centre in Llangrannog for a weekend of fun and outdoor activities. On Friday 8th of March, 50 students travelled by bus with Mr Burton, Miss Read, Mr Williams and Mr Davies on a two hour journey to West Wales. The weather was cold but the trip was fantastic and everyone had chance to enjoy skiing, quad biking, high ropes course, zip wire, bushcraft and much more! In the evening there was lots of fun such as playing games in the leisure centre, a night walking trip to see the stars and a disco. After more activities on Sunday morning, including swimming and archery, everyone enjoyed a tasty Sunday roast dinner before travelling home.



CYMRAG

Ffocws y Cwricwlwm

Blwyddyn 7 / Year 7

Ar ddechrau tymor y Gwanwyn, dechreuodd Blwyddyn 7 ddysgu am eu Hunaniaeth a a'r hyn sy'n eu gwneud yn unigryw. Rydyn ni wedi darganfod y diwyllianau gwahanol sy'n rhan o'n dosbarthiadau cofrestru amlddiwylliannol yn ogystal â'r ieithoedd gwahanol sy'n cael eu siarad o fewn ein cymuned ysgol. Rydyn ni wedi ymchwilio a chreu ffeiliau ffeithiau am y lleoedd hyn yn Gymraeg ac rydyn ni wedi dysgu sut i ddweud, "helo" mewn ieithoedd gwahanol.

Ar ôl hanner tymor, ac fel rhan o Ddiwrnod Rhyngwladol y Menywod, mae Blwyddyn 7 wedi bod yn dysgu am fenywod dylanwadol fel Betty Campbell, Elizabeth Andrews a Margaret Haig Thomas a'r rolau allweddol a chwaraewyd ganddynt wrth greu'r Gymru rydym yn byw ynddi heddiw.

Ymwelodd â Blwyddyn 7 Amgueddfa Werin Cymru Sain Ffagan yng Nghaerdydd i drafod a oes mwy i Gymru na glo a chennin Pedr yn unig ac i ddarganfod mwy am ein hunaniaeth a'n treftadaeth Gymreig.

At the beginning of the Spring term, Year 7 started to learn about their Identity and what makes them unique. We have explored the different cultures that make up our multi cultural form classes as well as the different languages which are spoken within our school community. We have researched and created fact files about these places in Welsh and have learnt how to say, "hello" in different languages.

After the half term break, and as part of International Women's Day, Year 7 have been learning about influential Welsh women such as Betty Campbell, Elizabeth Andrews and Margaret Haig Thomas and the pivotal roles they played in creating the Wales we live in today.

Year 7 also visited St Fagan's National Museum of History in Cardiff to discuss if there is more to Wales than just coal and daffodils and to discover more about our Welsh identity and heritage.



Curriculum Spotlight

Blwyddyn 8 / Year 8

Ar hyn o bryd, mae Blwyddyn 8 yn dysgu am Batagonia a'r daith a gymerwyd 150 o Gymry o borth yn Lerpwl i Bueto Madryn ym Mhatagonia ym mis Gorffennaf 28ain 1865.

Rydyn ni wedi bod yn dysgu am arwyddocâd y Wladfa Gymraeg a sefydlwyd gan Lewis Jones yn 1865 a'r effaith mae'r Gymraeg yn dal i gael ym Mhatagonia hyd yma, fel Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg a threfi Cymraeg sydd ag enwau Cymraeg o hyd fel Trelew, Dolafon, Trevelin a Phorth Madryn.

Mae disgyblion wedi bod yn edrych ar ddiwylliant y lleoedd yma a hefyd maen nhw wedi bod yn edrych ar eiriau Sbaeneg yn ogystal ag ymadroddion Cymraeg. Efallai, bydd yr adran Gymraeg yn trefnu taith ysgol arall i'r Ariannin gan fod y daith i Patagonia yn 2022 yn llawer o hwyl ac addysiadol.

Year 8 are currently learning about Patagonia and the journey that 150 Welsh speakers took from the port of Liverpool to Puerto Madryn in Patagonia on 28th July 1865.

We have been learning about the significance of the Welsh language colony that was set up by Lewis Jones in 1865 and the impact the Welsh language still has in Patagonia to date, such as a Welsh language primary school and towns which still have Welsh names such as Trelew, Dolafon, Trevelin and Porth Madryn.

Pupils have been looking at the culture of these places and have also been looking at Spanish words as well as Welsh phrases. Maybe the Welsh department will arrange another school trip to Argentina as the 2022 trip to Patagonia was lots of fun and very informative.



Pencampwyr Duolingo champions



Ers mis Ionawr 2024, gosododd yr Adran Gymraeg her ysgol gyfan i naill ai ddechrau dysgu Cymraeg neu i wella sgiliau Cymraeg ymhellach trwy ymrwymo i wneud o leiaf 3 munud o Duolingo bob dydd. Mae gan bob athro Cymraeg eu cod Duolingo eu hunain ar gyfer eu dosbarthiadau a bob pythefnos, mae disgyblion sydd wedi bod yn gweithio'n galed yn ymarfer eu sgiliau Cymraeg wedi derbyn tystysgrif a gwobr, sydd wedi'i ddylunio gan ein Cyngor Cymraeg gweithgar.

Yn ystod tymor yr Haf, bydd y Cyngor Cymraeg yn edrych ar wahanol ffyrdd o wobrwyo dosbarthiadau cofrestru am weithio'n galed ar wella eu sgiliau Cymraeg ar Duolingo

Since January 2024, the Welsh Department set a whole school challenge to either begin to learn Welsh or to further enhance Welsh skills by committing to 3 minutes of Duolingo every day. Each Welsh teacher has their own Duolingo code for their classes and every fortnight, pupils who have been working hard practising their Welsh skills have received a certificate and a treat, which have been designed by our hard working Cyngor Cymraeg.

During the Summer term, the Cyngor Cymraeg will be looking at different ways to reward form classes for working hard on improving their Welsh skills on Duolingo.

Dyma pencampwyr Duolingo ar gyfer Tymor y Gwanwyn Here are the Duolingo Champions for the Spring Term:

Blwyddyn 7 / Year 7

Ruari Johnston, Jegath Gunaseelan, Victoria Akano, Sydney-Rose Bishop, Brooke Merrit, Ramatoulie Camara, Seren Richards, Harriet Kitchen, Carter Conibeer, John Galvez, Ella Davies, Laila Yunnis, Daisy DeCruz, Caelan Jays, Aleks Rutkowski, Enza Benny, Amber Ryan, Emeline Shamor, Seth Noble, Maddie Wall, Evan Mellon, Leon Szulejewski, Megan Bryan, Seren Clay and Adrian Gabco.

Blwyddyn 8 / Year 8

Jakub Sliwa, Liam Linton, Maja Kuczynska, Adrianna Nikodem, Sofia Wheatley, Kristina Palova, Ava Mai Alcock, Aisling Fowler, Izabella Barker, Ayush Joseph, Jack Sanderson, Lacey Mulcahy, Maximilian Szelag, Alana David, Jess Humphreys, Oscar Morgan-Cook, Jeeven Chacko, Nicole Porter, Emanuella Poku, Muaz Babar, Oliver Rees, Nina Hilton, Hannah Mareverwa, Antonina Stepien, Olivia Stepien, Aaralyn Nigil, Madison Castillo and Lacey Waite.

Blwyddyn 9 / Year 9

Florence Febin, Alvin Binoy, Greg Lovitos, Isabella Poskitt-Jones, Erin Lewis, Esther-Salome Madziva, Jhenno Labid, Miguel Carretero Casas, Anshia Mathew, Alvin Binoy, Will Channon, Ella Ortega, Punya Binoy, Lola Sims, Adina Anil, Carter Mansfield, Lucas Ward, Danielle Tenorio, Angelina Toly, Niamh Holton, Sophie Bellia, Lyla Ulhaq.

Blwyddyn 10 / Year 10

Elinor Webb, Izabelle Bailey, Carter Greenaway, Poppy Pearce, Evie Evans, Alyvia Benny, Hannah Wozniak, Caden Clifford, Reeve Joby, Ioan Gilbert, Layla Harry, Bailey Channing, Karolina Modzelewska, Poppy Masterson, Aryam Sium, Erin Phillips, Allyssa Salvador, Emma Lewis, Noah Grijaldo and Eliana Khasraw.

Blwyddyn 11 / Year 11

Rosemaria Jaison, Jacob Seal, Kailem Mulligan, Evan Robins, Ashlynn Nigil, Macie Silverson, Adam Pimm, Alex Matthews, Edwin Thomas, Joilene Prince, Ffion Driscoll, Jack Parry, Ash Charles, Tom Jones, Olivier Grzelczak, Newton Da Costa, Evander Rigby-Wakely, Poppy Slavin and Lis Ajish.

Athrawon / Staff

Miss J Davies (Technoleg / Technology)
Miss D McCarthy (Llyfrgell / Library)
Miss S Webster (Astudiaethau Cyfryngau / Media Studies)

**LLONGYFARCHIADAU MAWR I CHI
I GYD! HUGE CONGRATULATIONS
TO YOU ALL!**

Reading Achievements



Congratulations to the following pupils who have made great strides with their reading this term:

Blake Ash	Sailor Griffiths	Kacper Pieczora
Sydney-Rose Bishop	Jerome Hanna	Poppy Rowland
Ganat Mohammad	Xanthe Huggins	Isabella Salas
Shannia-Leigh Burrows	Sean Khonje	Charlie Smith
Ramatoulie Camara	Mia Childs	Grace Stait
Alex Klawczynski	Hayley Kurucz	Kale Stock
Alexandra Constantin	Fiona Manoj	Jacob Szczachor
Zachary Evans-Matthews	Joan Mathew	Alexander Turner
Caelan Fitzgerald-Jays	Bruno Braun	Phoebe Yeowart
Adrian Gabco	Harri Nelson	Isabelle Grannell
Joshua Norman	Congratulations to all	

SJHS

LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all Parents who supported the Scholastic Book Fair in February. Pupils were thrilled to be able to choose their own books from the selection in the library.

The Carnegie medal Shortlist has been announced:

8 books have made it onto the list and our Y7 and Y9 book groups will be shadowing the award again this year. This is always a great opportunity to discover books covering genres and topics they might usually not consider.

Away with Words

by Sophie Cameron

Choose Love

by Nicola Davies

Safiyah's War

by Hiba Noor Khan

Steady for This

by Nethanael Lessore

The Boy Lost in the Maze

by Joseph Coelho

Crossing the Line

by Tia Fisher

The Door of No Return

by Kwame Alexander

The Song Walker

by Zillia Bethel



World Book Day 2024

Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore art thou Romeo?

On World Book Day St Joseph's Pupils were on the hunt trying to spot which teachers had paired up to create well known couples from literature. The badges were back, each one displaying a character from popular books, including Asterix and Obelix, Romeo and Juliet, and Harry Potter & He Who Must Not Be Named! Winning teams were able to choose a book from the library. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to staff for taking part with such enthusiasm.

1st place: Maria, Antonia, May and Olivia (Y8)

2nd Place: Joyce and Rhianwen (Y9)

3rd Place: Callum, Marley and Mahnoor (Y7)

All Year 7 - 11 pupils should all have a World Book Day voucher. If not, please ask them to speak to their form tutor, or pop into the library. These are valid until 31st March and can be exchanged for one of the WBD books in supermarkets and bookshops they can also be used to get a £1 discount on books costing over £2.99. This year Mrs McCarthy has managed to source some of the WBD books which are available to pupils at no cost from the library until stocks run out. Be quick if you want one!

SJHSREVISION

YR 11-13 EASTER REVISION TIMETABLE 2024

Date	Time	Subject	Topics Covered/more details	Teacher
Mon 25 March	10.00-14.00	Technology	NEA Catch up	JD
	10.00-14.00	Technology	NEA Catch up	JD
Tues 26 March				
Wed 27 March	10.30-11.30	Year 10 Welsh	Unit 1 - Speaking	APB
	11.30-12.30	Year 11 Welsh	Unit 2 - Speaking	APB
	10.30-11.30	Year 10 Welsh	Unit 1 - Speaking	DW
	11.30-12.30	Year 11 Welsh	Unit 2 - Speaking	DW
Thurs 28 March	10.30-11.30	Year 11 Welsh	Unit 3 - Speaking	APB
	11.30-12.30	Year 11 Welsh	Unit 4 - Speaking	APB
Tues 2 April	10.00-12.00	Year 11 History	General Revision	ALL CLASSES
	12.00-14.00	Year 13 History	American History	AD
	12.00-14.00	Year 12 History	Tudors	NM/NA
	10.00-14.00	Year 11 Drama	Unit 2 Rehearsals	PB/BD
Wed 3 April	10.00-12.00	Year 10 History	American History	ALL CLASSES
	10.00-12.00	Year 12 History	European History	AD
	10.00-14.00	Year 11 Drama	Unit 2 Rehearsals	PB/BD
	10.00-12.00	Year 11 Numeracy	Intermediate Tier Numeracy only	EC
	10.30-11.30	Year 11 Welsh	Unit 2 - Speaking	DW
	11.30-12.30	Year 11 Welsh	Unit 2 - Speaking	DW
Thurs 4 April	10.00-14.00	Year 11 Drama	Unit 2 Rehearsals	PB/BD
	10.00 14.00	Year 13 Drama	Unit 3 Rehearsals	PB/BD
	10.00-12.00	Year 11 RE	Exam Revision	CB
	9.00-11.00	Year 11 Media	Exam Revision	SW
	11.00-13.00	Year 12 Media	Exam Revision	SW

Now is the time to give all you have got! Set aside distractions like tech and mobiles for each session.
Revise every school night for two to three, 45 minute sessions, with short breaks in between.
Revise every non-school day for six, 45 minute sessions. (Leaves 19.5 hours free).

SCAN THE QR CODES ON THE RIGHT WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLET TO HELP WITH REVISION.



Yr 11 Revision



Yr 12/13 Revision



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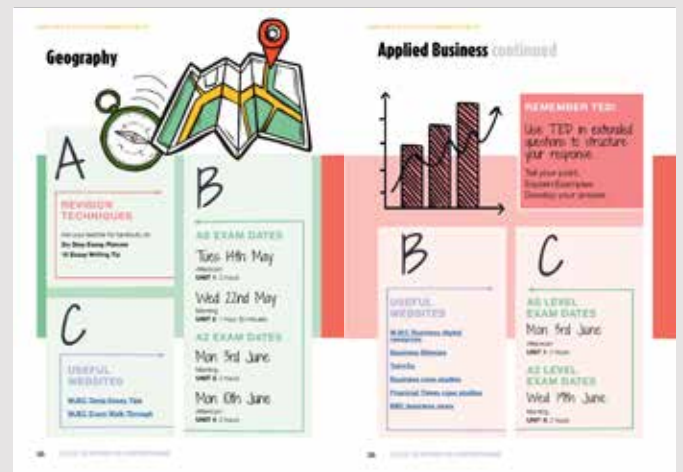
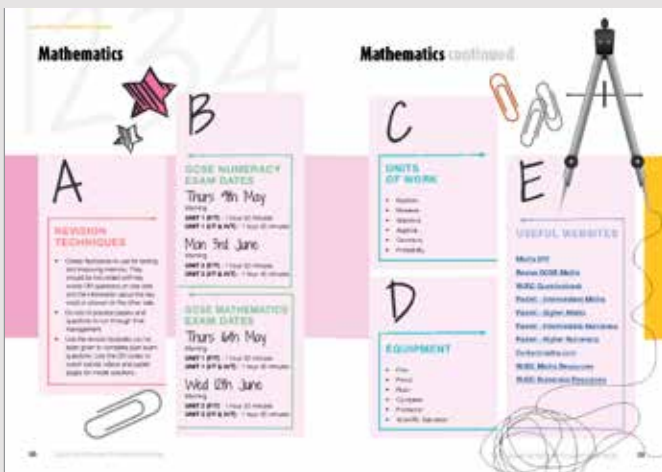
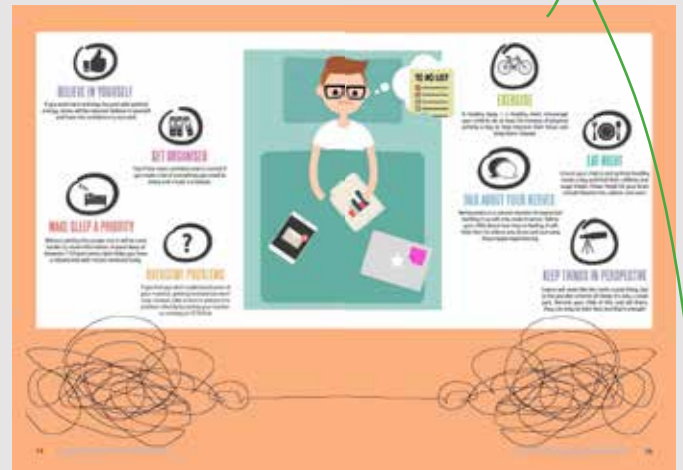


Revision Apps



Study Wise

Revision Books



SJHS Revision Booklets include GCSE or A LEVEL exam dates, revision information, relevant links and specifications for every subject.

Please download the SJHS Revision Booklet designed especially for our students and parents to give you the information and skills needed to revise successfully and do as well as possible in your summer exams. How can this booklet help? Using this booklet will:

- Give you some ideas on how best to revise.
- Help you plan and make the most of your time.
- Boost your confidence.

simply click one of the green buttons above

NEXT CAREERS & MFL STEPS:

Careers & Events

Next Step Opportunities

Careers Wales

We continue to emphasise the significance of Careers Education in school and this list of initiatives shows how passionate we are about helping all our pupils look beyond school to the exciting world of work.

- Sixth Formers are regularly informed of apprenticeship and employer links.
- Career Insights in the training room for Years 9-13 have included the Royal Navy, a solicitor from Principality and a fab session on entrepreneurship was led by Zoe Binning from Nash College.
- The International Languages department have embraced Careers matching software and have worked closely with Careers Wales advisers.
- Departments continue to focus on authentic learning opportunities in lessons. e.g Our Maths department has teamed up with Wilmot Dixon.
- Our advisers continue to support each week individuals and small groups with post-16 choices.
- A large group of Year 11 pupils have visited Nash college and the signed up to join their vocational courses in 2024-25.

Our next step is to survey more Year 9 and 10 pupils with regards to which sectors and job types they want to learn more about.

If you are a Parent/Carer willing to run a lunch session about your business or job please email Mr Nunn.

Quiero ser - I want to be

Quisiera ser - I would like to be

Career routes in Languages

Thanks to Routes into Languages, some of Year 8 had the opportunity to meet Tawan, who is currently studying languages in Cardiff University.

The MFL mentor scheme allows university students to meet students throughout Wales to help inspire them for the future.

Tawan grew up Thailand and developed a passion for learning and teaching foreign languages at the age of 15, when he had the opportunity to study abroad in Germany. Tawan has learnt English, German and Spanish.

The Linking Languages Workshops gave students the chance to reflect on languages in our community and how these link to our own everyday languages. International language learning is not just for use aboard but here in Wales too! The students who were involved had lots of fun and plenty of food for thought for their future learning pathways.

Mrs Caroline Clements
Head of International Languages Department





ST MARY'S YR3 VISIT:



This last few weeks we had the delight of welcoming 60 Year 3 pupils from St Mary's Newport. As part of their Global Gourmet topic this term we introduced them to the Food Technology Department and the International Languages Department in St Joseph's! **Languages Connect Us!**

During their morning visit, the pupils did a carousel on the theme of French breakfast! They got the opportunity to talk about differences in breakfasts in our community and compared to France; it was lovely to hear that, that morning some of the children had eaten a croissant, pain au chocolat and even French toast before going to school!

With Miss Griffiths, they ordered their croissants and jus d'orange in French, then ate them! Delicieux! Mr Davies taught them the vocabulary for popular breakfast items and I sang a French breakfast song with them. On the way out, the pupils said they had a had a lovely morning and a huge MERCI!

<https://careerswales.gov.wales>

FRENCH:

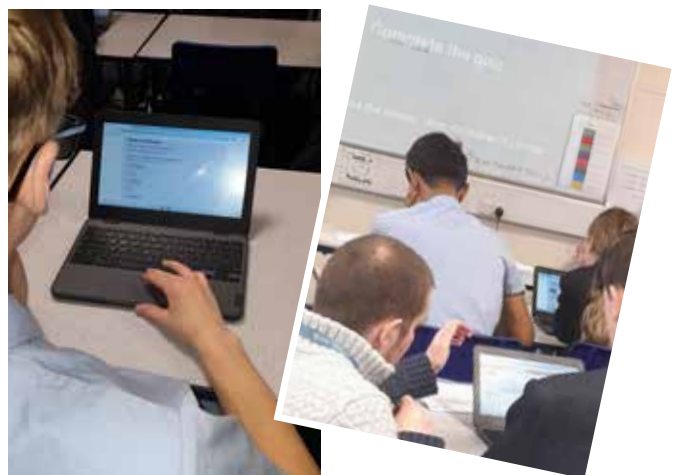
In French students have been studying the topic of "The World of Work". As a part of this Mr Jones, from Careers Wales came in to introduce himself and the role that Careers Wales plays in supporting our students from Y9 to Y13.

Students had the chance to access the Careers Wales website <https://careerswales.gov.wales/> and start to think about careers that may interest them in the future.

They completed the Careers Match Quiz <https://careerswales.gov.wales/career-match-quiz> which gave them further insight into the qualifications, details about the jobs and salaries.

It was lovely to see so much engagement and watching the students discuss the options out there for them! "Wow I didn't realise what jobs were out there." was one comment. "Can I really earn that much?" "I had never thought of that."

This website is open to all and Careers Wales offer lots of support for adults too. It really is a great website with loads of handy information.



CYBER Cyber Security & CyberFirst

Year 9 NCCC Cyber Explorers Cup

In March, four Year 9 boys represented St Joseph's in the national Cyber Explorers Cup Competition, hosted by CyberFirst. In preparation for the event, students needed to complete a series of tasks and challenges which would help them to prepare for the competition itself. Competing schools were given a specific competition slot, so after some last minute website unblocking, the four students: Nicolas, Nandor, Lameik and Daniel were ready to represent the school and compete for the Cyber Cup!

The students worked at a frantic pace, with team leader Nicolas setting a blistering pace, demonstrating fantastic problem solving skills by solving puzzle after puzzle. For each puzzle solved, the students earned points for their team and within the hour long competition, all four students contributed to amassing an impressive 435 points out of a possible 500. The teamwork, effort and problem solving skills demonstrated while under the time pressure was impressive and all students represented the school impeccably.



Nicolas, Nandor, Lameik and Daniel D from 9H came 5th in Wales and also made the top 50 teams in the UK (42nd)! Spectacular.



Cyber Explorers Cup 2024 Top 50 Placements

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Cyber Explorers Cup this year!

Below is a list of the Top 50 teams who achieved the highest number of points in the competition. Points completed and total marks (out of the Top 50), but please take to know where you placed (rank). This table can be found with us at cyberexplorers.co.uk

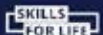
Placement	Country	School	Placement	Country	School
1st	England	The Education Trust	41st	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
2nd	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	42nd	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
3rd	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	43rd	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
4th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	44th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
5th	Wales	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	45th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
6th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	46th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
7th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	47th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
8th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	48th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
9th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	49th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
10th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School	50th	England	St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



cyberexplorers.co.uk/cup-2024



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Year 11 Cyber Security Forensics

SJHS Computing department welcomed guest speaker Stephen Fisher-Davies, a Senior Cyber Security Expert from our industry partner Airbus, who delivered a session on raising awareness of cyber threats to Year 11 GCSE Computing students.

The session linked perfectly with students prior learning of HTML and web pages, allowing them to understand and look out for many of the techniques malicious actors attempt to steal information...including a competition to send Mr Wyatt the best phishing email!



CyberGirls Event at the ICC:

Our winning team at SJHS, the Reboot Rebels, were invited to a national competition against the other top CyberGirls teams in Wales at the ICC. The evening consisted of a three course meal, a panel of industry specialists discussing their experience working in Cyber Security, a live Capture the Flag event to determine the best team in Wales and a drinks reception with industry specialists. The evening ended with Emaan receiving the award for Future Leader! Well done to all of our girls for competing and a big well done to the Reboot Rebels!





STUDENT VOICE



COMMUNITY MINISTRY

You said...we did!

By Aidan Dempsey 12B, SJHS Community Ministry Environment Leader

You Said: 25% of students voted for the community ministry to focus on maintaining its Eco Schools Status.

We Did:

For the week commencing January 15th, we delivered a PSHE based around the Gwent Levels and its management and problems to educate the students of St Joseph's. As part of this, we asked them to sign a petition against major solar development on the Gwent Levels which is threatening to disrupt the efforts of the Gwent Wildlife Trusts to conserve this beautiful and scientifically significant part of Wales.



RESULTS

Data:

Monday 15th to Friday 19th: Petition Numbers:

Evening to Evening	Senedd Website Petition	Gwent Wildlife Trusts Website Petition
Mon-> Tues	32	2
Tues-> Wed	45	26
Wed-> Thurs	19	18
Thurs -> Friday	81	5
Total	177	51

Closed petition

Halt significant new development on the Gwent Levels SSSIs

The Gwent Levels is an ancient landscape, rich in culture and important for biodiversity, recreation, flood alleviation, carbon storage and food production. It is now facing multiple, adjacent, enormous solar proposals amongst other development proposals. The Welsh planning system in its present form is unable to control development, and the destruction which these will cause under present arrangements would mean the end of this beautiful, fragile and complex wetland.

[More details](#)

This petition is now under consideration by the Petitions Committee. Petitions that collect more than 250 signatures are discussed by the Petitions Committee.

4,567 signatures

[Show on a map](#)

10,000

Other Senedd business

[Paper Signatures](#)

Date closed: 25 January 2024

[Get petition data \(JSON format\)](#)

Conclusion:

- We achieved our target of at least 100 signatures on the Senedd Petition which ended on the 25th of January with a total of 5,713 signatures so will be considered by the Senedd Petitions Committee. We hope this will turn out to be successful in obtaining special protections for the Gwent Levels so that GWT can focus on their conservation efforts only.
- Students throughout the school enjoyed learning about the Gwent Levels and positive awareness of this outstanding landscape has now been spread amongst the students, many of whom may have never visited them or heard of them before. We hope this will lead to students visiting the Gwent Levels reserves such as Magor Marsh or Newport Wetlands in the future and hopefully appreciate them and get involved in fun activities.
- Petra and Beccy from the Gwent Wildlife Trusts came in on Wednesday the 17th of January to present an assembly to Year 8 about GWT, their work and their campaign to raise awareness of and reduce pesticide use domestically (such as in pet flea treatment products). They were very respectful throughout and listened intently so we hope they have passed on the message about this to their friends and family around them.

- Overall, this has served as a good 'first-step' to introduce to our schools both GWT and the Gwent Levels and we hope to collaborate more with them later this year on school ground management projects.

Thank you to all parents, guardians, teachers and students who took the time to sign either of those petitions as we truly appreciate this small step to help protect the Gwent Levels, "Wales' equivalent of the Amazon rainforest!" according to GWT.

The QR codes of both petitions are attached below if you want to sign/view either of them.





NEWS



Noah Year 9 has been selected to run for Wales at the Cross country championships in Dublin.



Ashleigh has qualified for the British gymnastics Championships in Liverpool. She also came 3rd overall in the English Championships in Telford on beam. There are only five Welsh Juniors who have qualified out of 72 places. WOW!



Ashton Another international call up for Wales under 15's squad. Travelling to Ireland for the week to play Hungry and Ireland. Congratulations.



Seb attended the Welsh Athletics Championships this weekend. He achieved four PB's and is now ranked in the top 20 in the UK for U17's!



Ashleigh UPDATE came 5th on beam in GB. She was on the big stage with Max Whitlock OBE and Becky Downie MBE today. WOW!



SJHS Gymnasts This term we had our fantastic SJHS Gymnasts compete in the East Wales schools tumble and vault championships. The girls were amazing, achieving 1st and 3rd in the team events! Da iawn girls!



Amber and her netball team CTK and have qualified to represent Cardiff and Vale region at the Wales National netball tournament in May.



Julia has qualified for the British Championships at the end of the May 2024. We wish her the best of luck and congratulations...



Olivia in Year 8 who is now officially The World Champion 2024 in Latin and Ballroom U14 and Vice World Champion 2024 in Latin and Ballroom U16. WOW!!! A most spectacular achievement we are very proud of you.



Aaron continues his boxing success with another unanimous points decision win. Well done, we are all very proud of you Aaron.





SJHS Year 8 Football Team



SJHS Senior Football Team




Year 8 Rugby Team



Year 9 Rugby Team



SJHS Netball Teams Years 8-10 have taken part in the Netball League competing against schools in South East Wales; Years 7 & 11 have taken part in many friendly matches against local schools; Years 7-9 have the opportunity to compete in Tournaments against schools from South East Wales and Years 10-11 competed in the Anne Smart Tournament. WOW!

Principality

Building Society
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THANK YOU

School Valued Partnership with Principality Building Society! We are delighted this year to partner with Principality Building Society as a our valued business and careers partner. Their support of the school has been massively appreciated and valued. We are really grateful for their support of all Careers events, Post-16 transition visits, a local community project about the importance of home and school and the sponsorship of a new rugby and basketball kit. Our next exciting venture is the Principality Pupil Programme in which their experts will train-up some Year 10 Business pupils in interview techniques.



Dates for your diary 2024

Summer Term TYMOR YR HAF

April	
8	First Day of Summer Term
18	Year 10 Parents' Evening
May	
6	May Day BANK HOLIDAY
9 May-21 June	GCSE & A Level Written Exams
27-31 May	HALF TERM

June	
9 May-21 June	GCSE & A Level Written Exams
14-16	Year 9 Welsh Trip to Glan Llyn
20	Year 7 Parents' Evening
28	INSET DAY
July	
3	Year 6 Transition Evening
4-5	Year 6 Transition Days
8-12	Year 12 Geog Trip to Porthcawl
10	Year 7 MFL Trip to Cardiff
10	KS3 Celebration Evening
12	WBQ Summer Fayre
17	Year 8 MFL Trip to Cardiff
TBC	Sports Week
TBC	Summer Concert
19	LAST DAY OF TERM
Summer	Kenya Camps International

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www.sjhs.org.uk

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

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