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# The official newsletter of St. Joseph's RC High School

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## **EXAM CELEBRATIONS**

Welcome to our celebratory examination edition of Insight. Students, parents and staff have much to celebrate following the summer examination season.

Outstanding results were attained by our A level students and we were delighted that all students who applied to university gained a place. A staggering 88% of our leavers are moving on to university, 47% of whom gained places at the Sutton 30 universities. Congratulations also to our students who have chosen to enter the workplace to pursue fantastic career opportunities and apprenticeships.

Our Year 11 students must also be congratulated for attaining a remarkable set of results in their summer examinations. We are really proud of the dedication, energy and hard work they put into their studies. These young people achieved excellent A\*-C results at GCSE level with English, Maths and Science results amongst the top in the South East region.

Strong core subject results were accompanied by equally remarkable option subject grades, resulting in a large number of students returning to our Sixth Form to study a variety of pathways from the courses on offer. A number of students have chosen a vocational pathway at college or have embarked on work-based learning. We wish each and every one of them success and happiness in their chosen career path. We will celebrate the success of our students at GCSE and A level in our Celebration of Excellence evening, which will take place in December to enable as many of our former students to attend on their return from their first term at university.



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# Congratulations



### **A Level Success**

We were once again delighted with the success of our Year 13 students this year. As all of our students also take the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification in addition to their A Level subjects their performance is even stronger, and this additional qualification provides students with many experiences, including the completion of a research project which will support their learning at university.

25% of grades were awarded at A\*/A, and 70% at A\*-B. 16% achieved 3 or more A\*-A grades, an increase of 2% and 98% achieved 3 or more A\*-E grades. We are rightly very proud of these students and the staff who have worked with them throughout their time at St Joseph's RC High School.

There were many instances of individual success stories, including our highest achievers, Thomas Bromiley, Jasmine Celtel, Erin Flaherty, Urszula Frydrych, Daniel Gardner, Erin Hawkins, Ffion Hedderman, Jonquil Mallorca, and Matthew Roche, who now take up their prestigious places at university. There were also stories of individuals who through persistence and determination achieved their target grades and earned a place at the university of their choice, and a number have accepted apprenticeships with organisations across South Wales. All students who decided to attend university have been accommodated, and now take the next step in their academic careers.

We wish them every possible success and happiness for the future, and thank them for everything they have given to the school during their time with us.

### **AS Results**

Once again, our Year 12 students have managed to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level with a superb set of AS results.

There were many examples of students achieving above and beyond expectations and they are now well on their way in taking their first steps towards the all important university application. Special mention must however go to the following students who all achieved a minimum of 3 A grades: Alex Aston, Arlou Astrologia, Rhiannon Carroll, Shannen Centeno, Eleanor Collins, Rhys Jones, Haidar Mathieson, Raegan Russell, Ethan Sellers, James Tobias, Elan Virtucio, Anastasia Wall, and Alexander Willis.

A number of our students have also spent time over the summer at the prestigious Oxford UNIQ and Sutton Trust summer schools, with others attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy or the Atlantic College Youth Leadership School, where they will have honed their intellectual curiosity in preparation for their final year.

We would also like to congratulate all of our collaborative students who had great success with us at St Joseph's, and our students who benefited from the opportunities and teaching offered at our partner institutions. Again, we wish them every possible success.



Thomas Bromiley

# 2018

### University Destinations Cyrchfannau Prifysgol



Jasmine Celtel

Joel Abraham reading Accounting at Swansea
Alessandro Alfieri reading Architecture at Cardiff
Joseph Alley reading Consumer Behaviour and Marketing at Reading
Kiara Alzate reading Accounting and Finance at Reading
Cameron Bajjada reading Primary Education at Cardiff Metropolitan
Tia Baker reading English Literature and Philosophy at Cardiff
Ellie Best reading Law with Criminology at Birmingham City
Evie Bignell reading Law at Cardiff

Jasmine Briones reading Adult Nursing at Cardiff
Thomas Bromiley reading History at Bristol

**Stacy Carnegie** reading Media and Communication at Birmingham City **Liam Carroll** reading Law at Cardiff

Jasmine Celtel reading English Language and Literature at Oxford
Olga Chan reading Law at Plymouth
Alexandra Chen reading Music at Cardiff
Grace Cook reading Sociology at Cardiff

William Cowan reading Aerospace Engineering at Kingston Joseph Cox reading Cyber and Computer Science at Gloucester Daniel Cridland reading Real Estate at Reading

**George Crowley** reading Mathematics at Cardiff **Sara Cubanova** reading Journalism at Prague University

Elisha Djan reading Professional Musicianship at BIMM Bristol

Abigail Erickson reading English and Creative Writing at Cardiff Metropolitan

**Erin Flaherty** reading Medicine at Cardiff **Daisy Ford** reading Cymraeg at Cardiff

Lexxus Foster-Bennett reading Computer Games Design at Wolverhampton

Alexandra Fowler reading Art Foundation at Cardiff Arts School

Urszula Fydrych reading Psychology at Royal Holloway

Daniel Gardner reading Medicine at Cardiff

Simron George reading Pharmacy at Reading

Megan Gibbons reading Primary Studies at South Wales

**April Gibson** reading Film at South Wales

Ewelina Gil reading Art Foundation at Cardiff Arts School

Liam Gunter reading Physics with Medical Physics at Cardiff

Lia Hadley reading Sociology at Cardiff

Erin Hawkins reading Chemistry at Edinburgh

Ffion Hedderman reading Economics at Manchester

Grace Hedderman reading Economics and Business at UCL

Elizabeth Hinds reading Mechanical and Medical Engineering at Hull

Odran Hobbs reading Business Economics at Liverpool

Megan Hughes reading Criminology at UWE

Jordan Ingles reading Primary Education at South Wales

Steffi Johnston reading Chemistry at Bristol



Erin Flaherty



Urszula Frydrych



Daniel Gardner



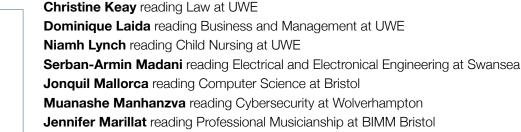
Erin Hawkins

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### University Destinations Cyrchfannau Prifysgol



Ffion Hedderman



Nikola Kajer reading Law at Kent

Jennifer Marillat reading Professional Musicianship at BIMM Bristol
Thomas Martin reading History at Aberystwyth
Ellena Mathew reading Architecture at Oxford Brooks
Louison Menayese reading Law at Liverpool
Caitlin Morrison reading Sport Psychology and Coaching at Winchester
Ciaran Mulcahy-Jones reading History and International Relations at Plymouth
Joshua Nadeem reading Applied Medical Sciences at Swansea
Niamh O'Donnell reading Business and Management at UWE
Carys Parselle reading Musical Theatre and Arts Development at Chichester
Jozef Pearce reading Biochemistry at Liverpool
Claudia Phipps reading Sociology at Cardiff
Aimee Pollock reading Art Foundation at Cardiff Arts School





Joel Rochester reading Creative Writing and English at Winchester Roshan Roy reading Computer Science at Aberystwyth Ben Shergold reading Politics and International Relations at Kent Luc Simmonds reading Quantity Surveying at South Wales Will Spiers reading Computer Science at Cardiff

**Hannah Spruce** reading History and Archaeology at Winchester **Francesca Storey** reading Criminology and Social Policy at Swansea

Joshua Strachan reading Business Management at Cardiff

Harri Thomas reading Law and Politics at Cardiff

Morgan Thomas reading Business Management at Cardiff

**Leon Tremarco** reading Archaeology and History at Cardiff

Charisse Villarosa reading Law and Business at UWE

Mikaela Virtucio reading Adult Nursing at Cardiff

Ffion Waite reading Criminology and Sociology at Surrey

Victoria Wareham reading Business Management at Swansea

Carys Waters reading English at Birmingham

Oliver Williams reading Archaeology and Ancient History at Cardiff

Tamarah Zammimba reading International Law at Nottingham Trent



Matthew Roche



Carys Parselle

# Year 11 Success Llwyddiant Blwyddyn 11



We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our pupils who have worked so hard to earn the GCSE success we celebrated in August. Under a new set of qualifications we are delighted to report 64% of pupils achieved 5 or more A\*-C grades including English Language and Mathematics and 20% of pupils achieved 5 or more A\*-A grades. 98% of pupils achieved the Level 1 threshold. This figure refers to the percentage of pupils achieving 5 A\*-G grades. These fabulous results are testament to the committed partnership between home and school and, of course, to the hard work and considerable talent of our pupils.

Student Name	No Of A*S	No of As
Thomas Cowan	10	2
Jupe Tayha	9.5	2
Jessica King	9.5	2
Julia Nycz	9	4
Joseph Thompson	9	1
Zoe White	9	3
Kitty McHugh	8	3
Jacob Pauly	8	3.5
Ellis Winstone	8	2.5
Elina Dvni	7	4.5
Luke Fernandes	5	2
Kamran Hussain	5	3.5
Daniel Pearson	5	4
Amy Turner	5	6.5
Kuba Jagiello	4	4
Aine Mcdonald	4	2
Samuel Middleton	4	6
Zoe Paginton	4	4
Aaliyah Alcid	3	6

Amelia Colombo	3	6
Daivon Adeyemi	2	6
Molly Baria	2	2
William Bewley	2	4
Toochi Chigbo	2	3
Bartlomiej Dziechciarz	2	5
Charlie Haley	2	1
Molly Johnson	2	5
Luke Oliver	2	5
Martha Powell	2	3
Joseph Smith	2	4
Luca Vellucci-Senior	2	3
Elisha Balouch	1	1
Caitlin Barry	1	2.5
Caitlin Bridge	1	6
Gainmore Daka	1	2
Tegan Givvons	1	0
William Humphrey	1	2
Eve Jenkins	1	5
Nansi Jones	1	2
Cameo Lee	1	2

Callum Penn	1	7.5
Hannah Phillips	1	6
Hussain Shahid	1	6.5
Rhian Short	1	2
Norbert Sokolowski	1	2
Sian Taylor	1	6
Alexander Wang	1	5
Hannah Abraham	-	7.5
Carys lles	-	7
Wictor Blaszczynski	-	5

Congratulations to these pupils who achieved 5 or more A/A\* grades at GCSE.

We are proud of all of our students who have met or exceeded their personal targets and we wish them great success in their new chosen pathways.



# On Friday 7th September our new Year 12 students had their Induction into Sixth Form.

They were fortunate enough to listen to presentations from the University of Bristol, and former student Georgia Price, on the challenges they will face in making the transition from GCSE to AS Level, and were provided with strategies and mechanisms to help them cope with the increase in workload. Georgia also provided them with information regarding schemes run by Bristol and Cardiff which will help with potential university applications in the future. They also listened to a presentation from Newport Educational Psychology Service and our own Mrs Edwards, on the importance of maintaining a healthy mindset and were again given different coping strategies.

They have settled in incredibly well and we wish them every success for their futures.



Keep up to date on apprenticeships, information downloads and important dates in the Sixth Form section of our website, or on your Twitter page @sjhs6form





# Introducing our new Head Students...

### **Alexander Willis**

My name is Alexander, and I'm thrilled to be the new Head Boy at St Joseph's. My passion in life has always been politics, and it is something that I hope to have a career in when I'm older. I'm currently studying English Literature, History and Law at A-Level. So far I've worked as a Youth Councillor, the first Member of the UK Youth Parliament for Newport, a Police Youth Ambassador and Member of the School Council.

I've been part of these organisations because I love standing up for other young people and fighting their corner.



Hello! My name is Anastasia Wall and I am very happy to say that I'm the new Head Girl at St Joseph's. I am currently studying Chemistry, Biology and Religious Studies at A Level. Having aspired to to become a doctor from a very young age, nothing has appeals to me more than studying medicine.

I am pursuing this career because of my desire to help people; there is no other profession that is more rewarding than saving someone's life.

### Louie Shepherd

Hi, my name is Louie Shepherd and I am currently Head Boy at St Joseph's High. I'm studying Maths, Physics and Chemistry and hope to study Physics in London. I've always been fascinated with Physics from a young age and it's a dream of mine to study in a city like London.

After this I hope to pursue a career in Aeronautical Engineering somewhere such as Space X.

#### **Annarita Cinnotti**

Hi! I'm Annarita Cinotti and I am Head Girl for St Joseph's RC High School this year. I am currently studying English Literature and Language, Business and Italian. I hope to pursue a career in primary teaching as I have always loved helping young people to develop and learn.

As well as working on my learning and career goals I would like to think I could be useful to the Sixth Form as a whole throughout the year.



**Alexander Willis**Head Boy



Anastasia Wall Head Girl



**Louie Shepherd** Head Boy



**Annarita Cinotti** Head Girl



Regan Crockett
Deputy Head Boy



Emilia Leo Deputy Head Girl



Jack Price
Deputy Head Boy



Freya Stevens
Deputy Head Girl















The PE department would like to say a huge thank you to all of the competitors and staff who helped to make St Joseph's 2018 sports day one of the best yet.

The school's stated mission is 'Serving God through Learning Together' and this commitment was evident in the keenness of our pupils to achieve to the best of their ability whilst also supporting fellow pupils.

During the day, an incredible number of records were broken with many pupils beating their personal bests.

This year an additional activity was included, Zorbing Impact Soccer. This proved to be physically demanding, exciting and great fun for both pupils and staff. The PE department are keen to repeat this activity next year!

The PE department would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who showed great community spirit by turning up at 7am to set up Sports Day as well as the music department for providing entertainment throughout the day.

Finally, our biggest thanks must go to the pupils who behaved impeccably and competed to the very best of their ability. Well done!





## **OUR SCHOOL RECORD BREAKERS:**

Track Events			
Event	Name	Year	Time/Distance
Girls 100m	Tiwaah Boateng	7	13.63secs
Boys 800m	Joseph Dunster	7	2min 45secs
Boys 300m	Leemair Foster-Bennett	8	42.27secs
Boys 300m	Louie Pearson	9	38.88secs
Field Events			
Boys High Jump	Joseph Dunster	7	1m 37cm
Boys Long Jump	Morgan Keen-Williams	8	4m 15cm
Boys High Jump	Joshua Winstone	10	1m 61cm
Girls High Jump	Nia Reynolds	10	1m 40cm





## Welcome to our new Year 7 students

Congratulations to Year 7 for such an excellent start to their transition from primary school. We are extremely proud of their wonderful attitudes to learning, along with their immaculate appearance and excellent attendance. We hope this continues to be part of their everyday ethos.

The school term is well underway and pupils are already making themselves known by showing their commitment to school life. We are delighted with the number of applications put forward to represent the Year Group Council and look forward to announcing the names of the successful applicants very soon. Some of the pupils have already been chosen to represent the school sports teams or are actively taking part in extra-curricular activities after school. Along with this we have had great success with the enormously popular Harry Potter Club.

Our pupils have made a really positive start to Year 7 and have embraced the challenge of settling in to a new environment very quickly. They are all keen to make a good impression and have started with a bang – keep up the good work and maintain the positive attitude!!

Mrs E Leyshon, Head of Year 7

Parents/carers: keep up to date on the Year 7 Twitter page @SJHSBlwyddyn7 and the whole school twitter page @SJHSnewport

# Gym membership will be £25 per year for students and can be used Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime on a first come first served basis. Before and after school sessions will also be added very soon. All other use will be during lessons at no cost to pupils. It will be £40 per year for staff to use before school, lunchtime and after school. Please liaise with Mr Sankala for additional details.









# Dates for your diary 2018

## **Autumn Term** TYMOR Y HYDREF

September	
3	Inset Day
4	Years 7-11 begin Autumn Term
12	School Photographs for Years 7, 9, 11 and 13
19	Digital Awareness Evening
21	Year 12/13 Art Trip to Cardiff Arts Academy
25	Year 12 Geography Trip to Southerndown
25	Year 11 Parents/Pupil Maths Revision
26	Year 7 Welcome Mass
28	Year 12/13 Art Trip to National Museum, Cardiff
October	
2	Year 8 Geography Trip to Southerndown
12	Years 10-13 Art Trip to London
15	Year 11 Kintbury Retreat
26	Diwrnod Shwmae
26-1 Nov	Computers Science Trip to San Francisco
29-2 Nov	HALF TERM

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November	
8	Year 7 Pastoral Evening
22	Year 8 Parents Evening
23	Inset Day
29	Year 13 Parents Evening
30	Year 10 Geography Trip
December	
3-11	Year 11 Progress Exams
4	Year 10 Science Trip to Swansea University
6	Year 12 Parents Evening
13	Key Stage 4 and 5 Celebration of Excellence
18	Year 12 Engineering Trip to Cardiff MET
19	Advent Service and Christmas Concert
21	AUTUMN TERM ENDS

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

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