

Insight

Examinations 2015 Arholiadau

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

Taflen wybodaeth swyddogol
Ysgol Gyfun Gatholig Joseff Sant



RECORD BREAKING 2015

The results are in.... and they're record breaking!
Welcome to our special celebratory edition of Insight.

After a nervous wait, August brought huge joy and celebration to our pupils and the whole school community. We are enormously proud that they have produced such superb outcomes at A Level and GCSE. The highlights being:

A Level • Over 25% of A Level grades at A*/A • 74% of students achieved A*-C Grades at A Level • Outstanding Welsh Baccalaureate success

GCSE • 73% of students achieved 5 GCSEs including GCSE English and mathematics (the best in the school's history and 10% higher than previously achieved at the school) • 93% of students achieved a minimum of 5 A*-C grades at GCSE (the highest ever recorded in the school's history) • Every one of our 230 Year 11 students achieved a minimum of 5 A*-G grades (the first time that a 100% pass rate has been achieved at the school) • 77% of our students achieved a GCSE grade A*-C in Mathematics (again, the best results in the school's history) • 82% of our students achieved a grade A*-C in GCSE English or English Literature (amongst the highest GCSE English performance across Wales).

These are truly exceptional results that will provide our students with an excellent foundation for their careers and a firm foundation for lifelong learning. Thank you for all you do in building our partnership between home and school, which forms the basis of this success.



Serving God Through
Learning Together

Yn Gwasanaethu Duw Trwy
Ddysgu Gyda'n Gilydd

Congratulations



All these results, as remarkable as they are, do not reflect the full extent to which this group of young people has grown and flourished at the school. Whilst it is right that we celebrate these outstanding outcomes for our young people, education at St. Joseph's RC High School is the education of the whole person: academically, socially, physically, spiritually and emotionally. St. Joseph's mission statement is summarised in the phrase ' Serving God Through Learning Together' and, as these students leave one stage of their lives and embark upon another, I am proud to say that they have indeed made this mission statement a reality in their words and deeds. We congratulate each and every one of them. **Mr Trevor Brown, Headteacher**

A Level Success

We were delighted with the success of our year 13 students this year. Over 25% of grades achieved were in the A*-A bracket, with an equally impressive 74% being A*-C and 98% A*-E. 99% of our students achieved the Level 3 Threshold. This is an exceptional achievement by our students and reflects their hard work and the dedication of their teachers. There were many instances of individual success stories, including our highest achievers, Leah Paginton, Martha Pole and Giordan Price, who now take up their prestigious places at Birmingham, Manchester and Oxford Universities respectively. 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. 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 an impressive set of AS results. Many students achieved above and beyond expectations and are now well on their way in taking their first steps towards the all important university application. Special mention however, must go to Gabriella Cinotti, Beatrice Crowley, Curtis Dada, Paige Knight-Davis, Ula Maslowska, Mary O'Hagan, Danny Oliveira, Jack Roche, William Ryley, Maria Saba, Hannah Steele and Natasha Wassall who all achieved two or more A grades. A number of our students have also spent time over the summer at the prestigious Cambridge and Sutton Trust summer schools, with others undertaking exciting work experience placements with the Social Mobility Foundation in London, where they will have honed their intellectual curiosity in preparation for their final year, and some have spent a week learning leadership skills with the Rotary Club of Newport. We would also like to congratulate all of our collaborative students who had great success with us here at St Joseph's, and all our students who benefited from the opportunities offered at our partner institutions. **We wish them every possible success.**

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University Destinations Cychfannau Prifysgol



Leah Paginton

Bianca Alfieri reading Theatre and Drama at Bath Spa
Nathan Alley reading Civil Engineering at Cardiff
Joseph Beckett reading English at Swansea
Grace Beni reading Social Care and Health at Wolverhampton
Vithul Benny reading Computer Science at Aberystwyth
Jack Bird reading Media Production at South Wales
Francis Bolivar reading Project Management at UCL
Eimear Brown reading Sociology at Cardiff



Martha Pole

Siobhan Carney reading Nursing at South Wales
Josh Croke reading Economics at Swansea
Abigail David reading Criminology at South Wales
Kristina Delahaye reading Law at Reading
Nadia Dileone reading Law at St Mary's, Twickenham
Jack Doogan reading Police Sciences at South Wales
Lili Dunn reading History and Philosophy at Liverpool
Liam Elder reading Sociology at Bournemouth



Giordan Price

Cameron Emmott reading History at Southampton
Stephanie Feeney reading Sport Development at Cardiff Met
Callum Fitzpatrick reading Economics at Swansea
Conor Foley reading English at Cardiff
Carmen Garcia reading Theology at Nottingham
Fersha Gauran reading Healthcare Science at Bristol UWE
Salmon George reading Biomedical Sciences at Leeds Met
Matthew Green reading Business Management at South Wales



Eimear Brown

Owen Griffiths reading Business Management and Economics at Bristol UWE
Gabrielle Hagii reading Materials Engineering at Queen Mary, London
Niamh Harrison reading Sports and Exercise Science at Loughborough
Kelsey Haymonds reading Primary Education at South Wales
Emma Hennessy reading English and American Studies at Swansea
Jack Herbert reading History at Southampton
Elizabeth Holland reading Business Management at Birmingham



Lili Dunn

Samuel Hughes reading Physical Geography at Swansea
Samuel Hughes reading Sports Coaching at Leeds Trinity
Jason (Wai Mant) Jim reading Economics at Bath
Michal Jones reading Illustration and Publishing at Glyndwr
Muyambo Kasweshi reading Communication and Media at Bournemouth
Joseph Keane reading Economics at Exeter
Carl Knapp reading Mechanical Engineering at Swansea

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Niamh Harrison

University Destinations Cychfannau Prifysgol



Joseph Keane

Victoria Lord reading English at Cardiff
Aisling Maguire reading Education Studies at Cardiff Met
George Mainstone reading Politics and International Relations at Bristol
Natasha Masini reading English at Southampton
Isabel Masterson reading Social Policy at Cardiff
Molly Maunders reading Media Communication at Bath Spa



Jason Jim

Joseph McDonnell reading English at Manchester
Jacob Middleton reading Environmental Sciences at Southampton
Lewis Mitchell reading History at Warwick
Jemima Moorcroft reading Mathematics and Statistics at Cardiff
Louis Morgan reading Civil Engineering at Swansea
Ben Newberry reading History at Loughborough
Amber Nicolaas reading English at Gloucester
Elan Donovan reading Physical Earth Science at Swansea



Aisling Maguire

Contilda Office reading Business & HR at Wolverhampton
Doyinsola Ogunmilua reading Law at Reading
Conner Owen reading English and History at Cardiff
Leah Paginton reading English at Birmingham
Luis Palanca reading Health and Social Care at Cardiff Met
Martha Pole reading English at Manchester
Benjamin Prangle reading History at Cardiff
Giordan Price reading Music at Oxford



Joseph McDonnell

Stacey Randle reading Nursing at Kingston
Jasmine Reese reading Neuroscience at Cardiff
Asim Rizwan reading Computer Science at City London
Adam Rooney reading Business Management at Cardiff Met
Khylle Rosario reading Adult Nursing at Bedford
Taylor Rowberry reading English at Swansea
James Ruthven reading Electrical Engineering at Birmingham
Anna Maria Saunders reading Accounting and Finance at the LSE
Hannah Stait reading English at Glyndwr



Luke Turner

Isabelle Stephens reading Product Design at Cardiff Met
Richard Tabor reading Aerospace Engineering at Swansea
Nikita Tejaa reading English at Gloucester
Jacob Tilley reading Games Design with Creative Writing at Brunel
Luke Turner reading Philosophy and Politics at Liverpool
Peter Wall reading Geography at Swansea
Olivia White reading Law at Winchester
Joseph Wilson reading Welsh at Cardiff.

Year 11 Success

Llwyddiant Blwyddyn 11



Just when you think things can't get any better... Record GCSE results!

Sincere congratulations to our pupils in Year 11 for their outstanding performance at the end of Key Stage 4, 2015. All pupils achieved at least 5 GCSE or equivalent G grades or higher. This is a figure we are particularly proud of as it is testament to the fact that every pupil in St Joseph's can achieve success.

There were some outstanding individual performances with a number of pupils achieving top grades in many of their subjects. A special mention must go to those pupils who achieved six or more A/A grades or equivalent:*

93% of pupils achieved 5 C grades at GCSE or equivalent which is the highest recorded by the school. We know how vital it is that pupils are prepared for their future lives not only with a good collection of qualifications but with a competence in English and mathematics. This year, 73% of pupils achieved 5 C grades or higher including in English and in mathematics. Again, this is the highest recorded by the school and we are very proud of all our pupils for their hard work and commitment.

Student Name	No of A*/A grades
Evans, Rose	12
Doughty, Callum	11
Doughty, Bethan	11
Medina, Jamie	11
Harper, Rebecca	11
Ruthven, Kerry	10
Ahmed, Saad	10
Rosario, Kent Joshua	10
Evans, Matthew	9
Neckiewicz, Michalina	9
Inayat, Ifra	8

Mitchell, Jack	8
Reynolds, Niamh	8
Baby, Jerrin	8
Hedderman, Grace	8
Jervis, Rebecca	8
Makuchete, Nigel	8
O'Keeffe, Edward	8
Ash, Josie	7
Morris, Connor	7
O'Brien, Lucy	7
Curtis, Joel	7
Regalado, Adrian	7
Sarsfield, Kelly	7

Walsh, Cerys	7
Iles, Elisa	6
Gatela, John	6
Oliver, Luciana	6
Raj, Lakshay	6

It is also important to highlight that these outstanding results are only possible because of the committed partnership between pupil, home and school. **By working together, we can ensure that all pupils realise their full potential and enjoy the success they deserve.**



ART SHOW

On June 24th 2015 Year 12 and 13 hosted a fantastic art exhibition, showcasing some of the most individual and creative pieces we have ever seen at St Joseph's.

Media included photography, ceramics, pencil drawing, lino print, watercolour, textiles, mixed media, oil and acrylic paint. It was an exciting show and all our visitors, both staff and external guests, were very impressed with the talent and obvious passion exhibited by all the Art students.



“It was an interesting experience to see other students’ unique talents, and hear the comments of all the visitors” Gilbert Sabiti, 13W

Impressive End of Key Stage 3 achievements: Year 9, it's only just begun...

Key Stage 3 really does lay the foundations for successful achievement in a range of qualifications at Key Stages 4 and 5. The fact that we are able to celebrate so much success is, in no small way, due to the stimulating and challenging learning opportunities and experiences offered to our younger pupils. For this reason, we take great pride in the achievements of our Year 9 pupils at the end of Key Stage 3.

This year, 85% of pupils achieved the expected level, Level 5, or higher in English, mathematics and science.

Llongyfarchiadau Blwyddyn 9.

Particularly impressive are the pupils who achieved Level 7s or higher in at least 7 subjects by the end of Key Stage 3; an incredible achievement:

Student Name	No of L7/7+	Student Name	No of L7/7+	Student Name	No of L7/7+
Louie Shepherd	12	Shannen Centeno	9	Janneia Calahi	8
Anastasia Wall	11	Leanne Jane Regalado	8	Laura Brend	8
Alexander Wills	10	Sofia Nuzzo	8	Shireen Balouch	8
Emilia Leo	10	Niamh Mullan	8	Ethan Sellers	7
Abigail Brunnock	10	Jake Hurley	8	Molly Oanes	7
Jessica Williams	9	Victoria Hill	8	Rhys Jones	7
Freya Stevens	9	Carmen Fong	8	Kyle Catalla	7
Haidar Mathieson	9	Elinor Davies	8	Anna Brown	7
		Eleanor Collins	8	Rahaf Ahmed	7



L Shepherd



A Wall



A Wills



E Leo



A Brunnock



J Williams



F Stevens



H Mathieson



S Centeno



LJ Regalado



S Nuzzo



N Mullan



J Hurley



V Hill



C Fong



E Davies



E Collins



J Calahi



L Brend



S Balouch



E Sellers



M Oanes



R Jones



K Catalla



A Brown



R Ahmed

These successes are all due to hard work and effective partnerships between students, teachers and parents/carers and they place our students in a very strong position for success at the end of Key Stage 4 in less than two years' time.



The PE department would like to thank everyone involved in fostering the community spirit which was felt during our 2015 Sports Day. Again the students don't let us down and demonstrated true determination to endeavour to perform to the best of their ability.

We always feel proud of our students' positive competitive manner during inter-school events throughout the year.

However, we get particularly excited about the special nature of sports day as it brings the whole school together. A special thanks to those staff who went the extra mile to help us prepare, in particular the music department, for providing the sound system. The fun aspect enjoyed by all were the stalls offering well deserved refreshments and entertainment of a light hearted nature in support of two charities. In true St Joseph's spirit the day concluded with the staff relay!

SPORTS DAY 15



by Mrs Yates
Head of PE





OUR SCHOOL RECORD BREAKERS:

Track Events			
Event	Name	Year	Distance
Girls' 800m	M Moretti	7	2:57:53mins
Boys' 800m	M Manship	7	2:50:59mins
Girls' 200m	A Williams	9	25:65secs
Boys' 300m	D Tilley	8	45:06secs
Boys 300m	R Mbongompasi	10	39:08secs
Field Events			
Girls' Shot	C Holland	7	7.97m
Girls' Javelin	C Holland	7	17.68m
Boys' Long Jump	W Bewley	8	4m
Boys' Shot	D Tilley	8	10.45m
Boys' High Jump	D Carnegie	9	1.52m
Boys' Long Jump	J Barrett	10	5.17m
Boys' Javelin	L Routley	10	29.30m

Welcome to our new Year 7 students

We are proud to welcome the new Year 7 pupils into our school community. Everyone has made an outstanding start and is settling in nicely. As a group within the first three weeks they have already achieved over 4500 praises. I know this is a sign that this year group can achieve great things!

We have an exciting couple of weeks ahead of us including the Island Project, our annual trip to Llangrannog as well as many other clubs and sporting events. Welcome to St Joseph's, we sincerely hope that you fully embrace the next chapter of your educational journey.

Rydyn ni'n falch fel ysgol i groesawi'r Blwyddyn 7 newydd i'n cymuned. Mae pob un o'n disgyblion wedi cael dechrau rhagorol ac yn ymuno'n dda. Fel grŵp, o fewn y tair wythnos gyntaf rydyn ni wedi ennill mwy na 4500 o wobrau a dwi'n gwybod bod hyn yn arwydd o bethau dda sydd i ddilyn y flwyddyn hon.

Mae cwpl o wythnosau gyffrous gyda ni ar y gorwel sy'n cynnwys y Prosiect Ynys, ein taith i Llangrannog a chlybiau a digwyddiadau chwaraeon. Croeso mawr i Ysgol Joseff Sant, rydydn ni'n gobeithio eich bod chi'n edych ymlaen i'ch pennod nesaf yn yr ysgol!

To keep up to date use the Year 7 Twitter page:

@SJHSBlwyddyn7



Introducing our new Head Students...



Joseph Whittington

Head Boy



Natasha Wassall

Head Girl



Curtis Dada

Head Boy



Kelechi Chigbo

Head Girl



Joseph Draper

Deputy Head Boy



Eleanor Dudek

Deputy Head Girl



Andrew Ogun

Deputy Head Boy



Molly Hurley

Deputy Head Girl

Croeso i'n Staff Newydd



MISS L NORTON
Technology Teacher



MR C THOMAS
ICT Teacher



MR G JAMES
Head of Computing
and IT



MRS L JONES
English Teacher



MRS R SCOTT
English Teacher



MISS H LABUNSKY
Business, Law and
Economics Teacher



MR O ANTHONY
RE Teacher (2nd)



MISS J EVANS
Music Teacher



MISS S STACEY
Mathematics Teacher



MISS L TONER
English Teacher

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