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MISS JENKINS' LEGACY GARDEN

The School Council made this project their number one priority for the year and were determined to leave a lasting legacy that all would be proud of and would take inspiration and enjoyment from. Regular meetings and planning events were arranged to discuss the multitude of connective factors which had to be taken into consideration. The school council students and Mr Parsons' collaboration and tenacity resulted in fantastically successful project.

The chosen site is very compact with little room for any additions/expansions and a number of important considerations had to be made; limited space, blocking cctv coverage, traffic blind spots, types of plants, evergreen requirement, economic to create and maintain, seasonal all year focal point and durability of plants.

After evaluating different locations on the school site it was decided that the main car park entrance was the most suitable and visually stimulating spot. However, a grass verge with one tree surviving looked quite bare! Could this serve as a perfect spot to enhance the entrance way towards the main building? Could this location turn into a vision of beauty, interest and intrigue? Could this area create a wow factor rather than people walking across the verge and not using the zebra crossing? Plants and foliage could encourage pedestrians to use facilities properly, act as a warm and welcoming greeting spot, frame our existing buildings and give all the opportunity to stop and reflect.

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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

This has been an outstanding year for our school community.

Our termly newsletters will have provided you with a glimpse of the many activities our students and staff have enjoyed. Watching our students learn and develop on a daily basis is one of the main privileges of headship and you can see from the range of liturgical, charitable, sporting, artistic and academic

endeavours highlighted in this issue how much there is to be proud of!

We believe in working in partnership with parents/carers and we are delighted that our student attendance for the year is 95.8%. This is a great achievement and reflects the commitment of everyone in ensuring that students are in school and equipped to learn. I firmly believe that this also

reflects the quality of teaching and learning that takes place on a daily basis which creates a vibrant and purposeful environment where children and young people want to come to school to engage in learning and flourish.

Schools always think this time of the year will be less busy but often this is not the case. This year is no different as we have a packed programme up until

the end of term including activity days, sports day, the summer concert and end of year liturgical services. I would like to thank all who have contributed to the success of our school and best wishes go to those students leaving us to move onto higher education and the workplace and to the staff who are moving on to new positions.

We wish you a restful and safe summer break.

“Positioning some heavy stones helped create an impressive entrance, giving the effect of walking through a cutting. The idea and design was unanimously approved.”



The next challenge was to select the plants. It was decided two nice trees would be planted; one either side of the entrance to the crossing. These would in time form an archway entrance. Both trees would cover the pathway and in time cross over and blend together to give lovely colours. They would have to be mature trees with the first spur at minimum of 1.9 metres - smaller trees were not considered as they would not survive in a school environment! Council members were very particular about the colour schemes as they wanted the tones and shades to not only reflect our school but as a remembrance of Miss Jenkins' personality and charisma.

What to put in the grass verge was discussed and a number of alternatives considered but council members and Mr Parsons thought a small hedge would be ideal as this would deter people from walking across and would direct them to the zebra crossing. These were planted 0.5 metres apart with the intention that in five years time they would form a small attractive hedge approximately 0.75 metre high. Planting was co-ordinated so as to create a mirror image either side of the pathway giving an attractive alternative mini hedgerow with colours flowing into each other. Specific evergreen plants were selected to survive in this location, the changeable seasons,

drainage, aspect, for robustness, durability, aesthetics and the busy environment.

The council used Mr Parsons' in-depth knowledge, bartering ability and enthusiasm to source the required trees, plants and materials from a variety of garden centres and tree suppliers to get the best quality at the best prices. The selected supplier was the Secret Garden at Little Mill near Pontypool. The School Council's younger members accompanied Mr Parsons, Mr Humpage and Mrs Rocke to the garden centre to view the plants and consider any last minute changes.

Morris' of Usk, the school grounds contractors, collected the plants and worked with Mr Parsons for two days during May half term to create the entrance garden. The design and plans were followed and the greatly anticipated results are spectacular, a true focal point, an area which has created much debate, a space for all seasons and one which will hopefully be respected, enjoyed and remain for years to come. We are sure Miss Jenkins would approve and one of the best views is from the head teacher's office!! A huge thank you must go to Mr Parsons for his commitment, guidance, hard work and support in helping the council achieve such a beautiful visual legacy.

A Level

The moderator was extremely impressed with the array of A Level and GCSE work on display this year. She was amazed with the range of media and processes used e.g. clay, sculpture, lino, using iPad apps to create artwork, animation, large scale drawings and of course glass fusing. She said *“It is always a pleasure to moderate this centre.”*



'Seasons' by Abigail Hind
3D collage



'Celtic' Gwendolyn Jones, mixed media



'Paranoia' by Abigail Hind, photography



Michel Jones, mixed media



'Self Portrait' by Gilbert Sabiti, lino print

GCSE

'EMO' by Aimee Pollock,
Yr10 Artrage app



Above: 'The Beatles' by Niamh O'Donnell Yr10, *lino print*

Below: 'GCSE exhibition' by Yr11 students

Year 7



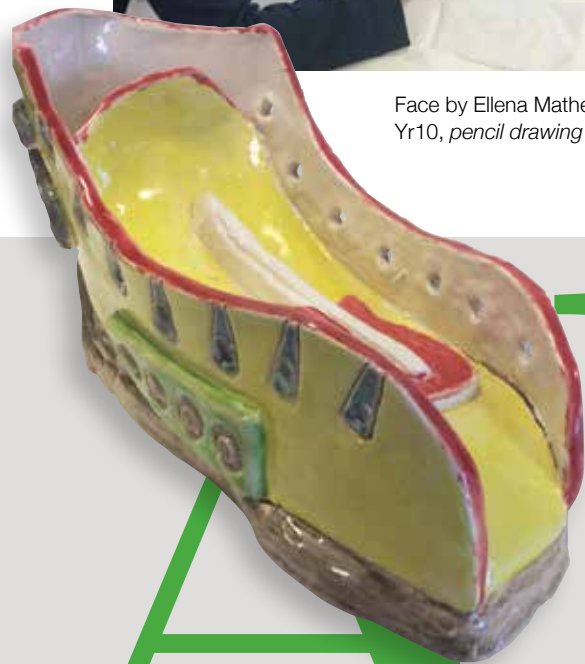
This term Year 7 have been working on design within Aboriginal culture.

Initially the task was for students to create designs that incorporated a range of Aboriginal colours and patterns. These designs were finally made into 3D form using clay. Students expertly applied paint using traditional aboriginal colours to finish off these wonderfully colourful pieces of 3D art.

Excellent outcomes and great fun!



Face by Ellena Mathew
Yr10, *pencil drawing*



'Shoe' by Samuel O'Connor, *ceramics*

ART

Auschwitz



On February 11th 2015, four Year 13, A Level history students were provided with the opportunity to visit Poland, to develop their understanding of the Holocaust and its treacherous impact on many innocent lives during World War II. Before the visit they were able to listen to a Holocaust

survivor in order to prepare themselves for the life changing experience they were about to encounter. They visited the largest concentration camp known as Auschwitz- Birkenau, and another slightly smaller labour camp, which took them back in time to the traumatic lifestyle of many innocent

people. They all presented sincere appreciation for their own opportunities and rights that many were denied. On returning, many expressed how strong each individual was, and how lucky they felt that they were given the chance to share their experience, enlightening many back at home. Talking about

individuals dreams and goals for the future made them feel so fortunate that they were able to sit exams, in order to but further their career path the way many young people dreamed of doing. To this day they cannot put into words their appreciation for the experience and can only be grateful to the Holocaust Education Programme that they could be involved in furthering their knowledge of those who deserved their concern most. This experience truly impacted the way they perceive their own choices and liberation within today's society.

Bullace Hill: Living History



Forty-three lucky Year 8 students had the rare chance to visit Bullace Hill in Monmouthshire, a Tudor/Stuart village also known as The Green Valley. Used in the BBC TV series 'Tales From The Green Valley'. We were greeted by historically dressed volunteers, who would become our tour guides for the day. The first thing we saw were the "toilets" which came as a shock to us all - six wooden staffs, which held a long reel of rough cotton sheets. The actual toilets were buckets with hay and a lid!

After stumbling down an un-even hill, we came to a halt at a dainty cottage. We were welcomed inside by the spinster of the village. She showed us how to spin wool from the sheep they farm. We then moved on to a demonstration of Armada-style muskets. Our demonstrator fired both muskets, the explosion ricocheted around the village and surprised us all.


We carried on with our journey and met an elderly woman who rakes the hay. She told us that she sells the hay in order to have money for food and water. She allowed us to try raking, which we found interesting, but we wouldn't like to do it as a living since the pay was only four pence a day! We went into the

cottage orchid and Mistress Morris showed us the different types of plants she grows. We followed her into the cottage kitchen and watched Young Master Morris cut fresh meat whilst the Mistress showed us their special spice box. We also had a chance to churn some milk into butter in the dairy. After that we went into the bakery and talked to the baker about her long day's work. Her daughter, who was only five, was helping her mother by mopping up the floor.

We had to pass by a few chickens in order to get to the pottery barn. The potter showed us how to make a cup out of clay. A few people had the chance to make a finger bowl. Then, we got to see the broken kiln. Next two men with two young boys and a greyhound called Molly, showed us how they hunt. They showed us the different types of arrows they use, and different traps and nets for smaller species. Lastly was the burning of charcoal. A massive pile of charcoal was forming, making the air seem groggy. All in all, our day trip to Bullace Hill was an eye opening historical journey. We would love to go again and venture the grounds of the Tudor era.

by Niamh Hawkins and Corinne Pritchard 8P





They heard horrific stories as they viewed each aspect of prison life and on returning found it extremely difficult to relay what they had witnessed in enough depth, to illustrate the extent of suffering we can only imagine they suffered.

“truly horrific...”



YR11

Another successful season for the hockey life of St Joseph's. Congratulations to all four teams who were all Pool winners of the South Wales Hockey League, with two teams making the Finals.



YR7A

Hockey 2015

Under 16

The Under 16 team reached the finals of the South Wales Hockey League for the fifth year running, narrowly losing 2-1 versus KHS, and gained the silver medal position. The game was fast paced, with exciting passages of play, and with many set plays used as an advantage.

The Under 16 squad have played together for four years, the team consists of both Year 11 and Year 10 players. They have demonstrated complete commitment and outstanding determination for the school's hockey team, especially during stressful exam periods. All players are highly respected and greatly thought of by the younger players, whilst acting as excellent role models around the school. The girls have inspired many players to participate and enjoy being part of a team!

“Team work makes the dream work”

Under 14

The Under 14 team played Caerleon in the semi finals of the South East Wales Hockey at home. Both teams contributed extremely well to the game, making excellent strong stick tackles and displaying exciting set attacking play. Unfortunately in the last 30 seconds of the game, St Joseph's conceded a goal, resulting in the final score being 1-0 to Caerleon, who had just won the Welsh Schools Hockey Cup. This season provided St Joseph's Under 14 players with the stepping stones to continue to grow from strength to strength, and build upon every success the newly formed team has faced, gaining in confidence and success by every session carried out.

Year 7A

The Year 7A team also made it to the finals of the South East Wales League. The game's action was end to end, with many outstanding individual performances on show. Sadly, the final score resulted in Rougemont winning 1-0, but many of the St Joseph's players after the game were approached and asked to join Gwent Hockey Club. This will help to advance and build upon their skills they have developed this year. Many of the students had never played hockey before and their enthusiasm gives us great confidence for a fantastic team in future seasons.

Year 7B:

The Year 7B team unfortunately had a slow start to their season, but did play several friendlies to gain the playing experience for their future league games. Despite this the team succeeded as Pool League Winners, and will progress to 11 aside next year.

I would like to thank all the girls from Years 7-13 for all their continued support and commitment to the school's hockey teams. Every student plays an integral role to ensure we continue to strive forward and improve upon our strengths. Also a BIG “Thank You” to all our loyal parents/guardians for your continued support, come rain nor shine! It has been very much appreciated!! **Have a FAB summer and we will see you all in training in September! Mrs Geeves**



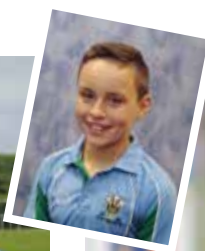
WELSH SUCCESS

Rose Evans, Year 11 My season began in February when I travelled to Abu Dhabi and Dubai to play cricket in the Arch Trophy for Wales U19 girls. It was a great experience which I thoroughly enjoyed. Since then, I have played in the Wales U17 Girls, Wales Senior Ladies and Newport Senior Ladies teams, all of which have been successful so far. I am looking forward to the rest of the season and hopefully playing senior men's cricket to develop my game further.

Bethan Doughty, Year 11 I've recently played in the European Club Championships, held in Prague, Czech Republic. This was my first ever European Championship and it was an amazing experience. I have also been selected for the U18 European Championships that will be held in Mori, Italy for the Welsh International side. I am looking forward to playing at this level and competing in the European championship again!

Carys Waters, Year 10 **FOOTBALL:** I represented Wales in the Faroe Islands in April as well as in Scotland in the Bob Docherty tournament in Glasgow this year. **HOCKEY:** I represented Wales for hockey in Holland against Switzerland. I also represented Wales in Wrexham in a test series against Scotland. All amazing!!!!

Rugby & Football 2015



Top: Ieuan, Ben and Khristian all represented South East Wales Rugby League in the 2015 regional competition. Callum (Year 8) was also selected for the Regional Rugby League Academy so will play for the South Wales squad in their regional matches. Da iawn! POB LWC for the rest of the season.

Bottom: Congratulations to the Year 7 Football Team who were pipped at the post in the Newport Cup. Next time!!!!

The Welsh Cup semi finals saw a thrilling match played on home turf! We narrowly lost a fast paced game with a total score over 70 points. Huge credit to both teams for displaying high skill and endeavour and we thank the Year 11's for all their efforts in what was their last game together.

More success belongs to:

Leon Brown Year 13, was selected as part of the Wales U20 Rugby World Cup squad in Italy after a successful Six Nations with Wales U18s and the U20s. Da iawn Leon, keep up the hard work.

Max Williams Year 12, is representing Wales in the European Rugby Tournament held in France this year. The future looks bright, keep it up Max.

OTHER FANTASTIC SPORTING SUCCESSES...



JUDO
Dylan: Gold medal at the Welsh Judo Championships.



BOXING
Ethan: Bronze medal in British boxing championship.



TAE KWONDO
Jack: Silver medal in the British Taekwondo Championships.



TRIATHLON
Anna: City of York Triathlon in 48:33. Anna swam 200m, cycled 9K and ran 2.5K to raise money for Marie Curie.



DANCE

The dancers collaborated with Llanwern High School to put on a dance show for family and friends on the 19th March. Then they performed with numerous Primary School in the local area at the Newport Dance Festival on the 25th March. The dancers were outstanding on both occasions. Well done girls.

SKI ITALIA



At the start of the Easter holidays 44 students from years 8 and 9, along with 5 members of staff all boarded our coach for the journey to beautiful Claviere in Italy. After a very brief journey of 16 hours(!) we arrived at the Hotel Miramonti and were welcomed by Fulvia, her family and their beautiful dog Fiocco.

Skiing is a strenuous activity, and if we hadn't realised this previously we certainly did after the first morning. Although the slopes were covered in snow, and our instructors were amazing it was very disappointing not to be able to ski like a champion straight away.

With perseverance and determination we were all able to stop and turn after two days – even Mrs Geeves!

For the beginners it was an amazing achievement, but the experienced skiers had already mastered the slopes at Claviere after day three, so went on a 'safari' to the neighbouring resorts of San Sicario and Sestriere, where they even skied down the 2006 Winter Olympic Downhill piste. On the final day, we all skied over the border into France where we tried some jumps and then skied back into Italy to return our equipment.

Alongside the skiing, we also enjoyed some fun evening activities including swimming, bowling and even a skidoo ride at night up the mountain to a pizza restaurant. All too soon it was time to bid Ciao to Fulvia and Claviere, and face the coach for the journey home.

It was a fantastic experience and I can't wait to go again!



Barcelona 15

Our trip to Calella and Barcleona, May 2015...

by Elina Dvni, Emily Harris and Blessed Nagoni



The day we arrived we unpacked and made our way to the beach, where some of us enjoyed swimming in the sea, and some enjoyed eating ice creams and sunbathing. Later on in the evening, after dinner, we took a short stroll to Calella to do some shopping.

On the second day we travelled into the city of Barcelona, firstly taking in the amazing Nou Camp stadium. We had a full tour and even had a photograph with the cup! After eating lunch on the steps of the stadium we took a walk down La Ramblas.

The whole street was full of amazing architecture by Gaudi and filled with portrait artists and the wonderful St Joseph's food market. Some of us even had a caricature drawn. Very funny! In the evening we went to the beach and played volleyball and other beach sports.

The third day involved all of us going to Porta Ventura, the theme park, where quite a few of us braved the 'Shambala' ride - the highest rollercoaster in Europe! Other rides we tried included Furious Baco and Dragon Khan. After an excitement

filled day, a dip in the hotel pool was needed. Then after dinner we all needed some time to relax so went to the beach again, some played games and some just sat and chatted. Lovely...

On the last day we visited Montserrat, a monastery built into the side of a mountain. The view was absolutely breathtaking and many of us stopped to take some photographs. That afternoon we visited the Barcelona Aquarium, it was full of all sorts of weird and wonderful sealife! We ate our final meal at the hotel and relaxed for

a while (after our very strict room inspection) and lastly went shopping in Calella for final gifts and momentos.

The whole trip was amazing, and it is definitely a trip I would recommend to anyone in Year 8. It was an unforgettable experience which will stay with us for the rest of our lives. Not only was it an educational experience but it was also packed with laughter and fun. It was a great opportunity to experience authentic Spanish culture whilst still having an amazing time.



Our Summer Message

The beginning of summer is upon us! For many, this is a time of celebration and excitement—as we watch our students go through transition and move on to pastures new. As we prepare to take a break from the pace and rhythm of the school year, it is easy to simply go leaping into the summer without really intentionally closing the school year. It is so important to take time to reflect on our year and take stock of how we have grown and changed.

God sent his Spirit to create his Church as one family of God — to make us all brothers and sisters called by his Son and gathered by his Spirit from every nation, every people, and every language under heaven. We have seen the fruits of the Spirit's work every day here at St Joseph's. The Spirit is living

and active everywhere — in our charity work to help the poor and to those who are suffering and hurting. The Spirit has been alive in our sporting and musical achievements as well as the many other practical and theoretical subjects. The Spirit is alive in every child, every member of staff and all those who are associated with St Joseph's. The gift of the Spirit is working in all the little ways that each of us tries to spread the joy of our love for Jesus to others.

As we enter the months of summer, remember that it is a wonderful time for all of us to relax a little and be renewed and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

“For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for.”

(2 Corinthians 13:9)

Lord,

Bless all in this school as we seek to end our year with the grace you so generously provide.

We give thanks for the students and all who have contributed to this year of nurturing and growth.

We affirm all the positive moments, of insight, of the excitement of learning, of accomplishment, of creativity, of laughter, of a sense of community.

We recognise the times of struggle, of difficult work, of misunderstanding, even of failure - we give these to you for transformation,

So they can become seeds that will find fertile soil.

As we leave for the summer, may we take with us the knowledge that you will keep us all in your embrace so we may rest and be restored.

And so we can continue in the on-going discovery of your Love.

Amen

St Joseph... Pray for us

Kintbury

“Its was an early start for the next few days, as well as late nights, but our days were packed full” Erin and Bayanda 10S

In May, a group of Year 10 students made their way to St Cassians retreat centre in Kintbury. For the four day retreat, the pupils were engaged with many spiritual activities.

On our first day, we were welcomed by the the retreat leader Sean, who invited us to be at home with the beautiful surroundings that St Cassian's had to offer. We were later joined by two other schools from Surrey and another from Essex. Within hours of meeting, it was safe to say that our boys had made life long friends with a friendly game of football.

Our second day consisted of getting to know one another and reflecting on our relationship with God. We were put into small groups with our new found friends from other schools which were led by the young group leaders. Each group participated in the 'Emmaus Walk' through the grounds of St Cassian's. This was an opportunity for our young people to get to know and share their experiences with new people. Free time was spent relaxing in the De La Salle room playing with spinning plates and giant Jenga - something that only a few of us could master!

During that day, the pupils prepared their own Mass which took place later that evening with the local parish priest. All pupils took part in singing, readings and short drama pieces. Mr. Phillips even gave an Oscar winning performance in his role as a security guard during one of our Gospels. That beautiful evening ended with a reflection in the prayer room where many of our students gave thanks and prayed for those in need in the community of St. Joseph's.

Our third day was a time of reconciliation, which was time used to make peace with our troubles. The pupils were invited to participate in work shops which included Jewellery making, Flags and Stone painting. Later that day, many of the pupils took the opportunity to explore the tranquil village of Kintbury. After dinner that evening, the pupils were invited to write in 'Affirmation' books - a treasured booklet that is usually kept for many years by our past pupils.

The next day came our final farewells, an emotional day for our students who had made very close friendships in such a short space of time. St. Joseph's performed a top class presentation on what the retreat had taught them and even showed off some of their Welsh skills to their fellow English companions who were very impressed.

It was a privilege to be part of the Year 10 retreat and I know that each individual really valued the experience. They were truly a credit to St. Joseph's.

By Miss Lloyd





YEAR 8 PROSE FOR CHARITY

As part of their work on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', Mrs Bartlett's 8JOSE class have produced extended narratives based on the themes in the play. These have been published as a paperback book which is being sold with the proceeds given to the charity Tenovus.

"The stories are of an extremely high standard and would sit happily alongside many published authors' work. I like the fact that our pupils are right up there with J. K. Rowling, Melvin Burgess and even Shakespeare himself!" Mrs Bartlett is happy to be able to take her own copy of the stories with her to her new school when she leaves in July. "I will read these when I'm missing the school and its lovely pupils in order to remember how fantastic young writers can be."

The stories range from inventive haunted house tales to other worldly adventures. All were written after the sharing of ideas between the pupils and submitted through an app to then be sent to a publisher for printing. There is a small extract from one narrative below in order to give a flavour writing by pupils who are aged 12-13 years old.

Kamran Hussain 8S

With a malicious growl, my cat dashed through the broken window frame and ran across the tree into what used to be my home. The past horrific memories shuddered through me. My mum. My dad. I forgot about the pain as if it was nothing. I realised that this was the day. The day I could get back at him and haunt him for his actions. The day I devoted my whole life to. Years and years of anger, of tears, of sorrow will finally be released.

Zoe White 8S

My room feels so empty now; it's just me, my bed, these clothes and two boxes piled up on each other waiting for Dad to take them downstairs with the others. I felt for my phone under my pillow but, after moments of confused searching, I found it lying between the small gap from the pale wall to my bed. As I reached down for my phone, I realised how much I'm going to miss this 'gap'. This was the place where I'd stash all of my sweets from the corner shop. It's the place where my many attempted diaries were kept when I was younger but, most importantly, it was my hiding place as a child. I needed to hide back then.

A copy of all of this hard work is also available in the school's library.

I would walk 1000 miles...

Students from Years 7 and 9 took part in a sponsored '1000 Mile Walk' to raise funds for CAFOD last month. Each student walked a mile long course around the sports fields with their form classes. The weather was kind and each of the students' mile added up to the grand total of one thousand miles.

Well done to all who took part in raising £1,276.04 which was matched by the UK government for CAFOD's Lent Appeal. The money will be used for Zin Thu Thu's village, after it was hit by a massive cyclone. This money will help them to have clean water, food and shelter again.

£1,276.04 for Cafod

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St Joseph's RC High School
has raised the sum of
£1,276.04
to help people build a brighter future through CAFOD's projects around the world.

Thank you!

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Welsh Baccalaureate Week



The WBQ week proved to be extremely successful with all Year 12 students displaying positive commitment and enthusiasm. All challenges were accepted with invigoration and in addition to preparing, collating and presenting invaluable evidence, 'learning was fun'. Students commented that they particularly enjoyed the language days and found the activities engaging, enjoyable and entertaining. They took part in writing activities, language conversations, sang, danced, played games ordered food in their chosen language and some learnt Tai Chi Chuan.

A special thank you to all the teachers and GEMS visitors who helped to make the week special and memorable. "Haojile", "Wspaniale", "Jyed jedan" and "Benissimo" were words used to describe the days by the students.



Yr7 Silver Awards

There are many ways our students can earn a Worthy of Praise throughout their day...

When students are praiseworthy, their teachers award a 'Worthy of Praise' comment. Year 7 students have received so many this term that Mr Jones, Head of Year 7 and Mrs Bartlett, Assistant Head of Year 7 held Praise Awards Assemblies with all form tutors to bestow them certificates.

The assemblies were a perfect opportunity to celebrate some students reaching their Silver Awards, 150 or more 'Worthy of Praises'. As praises are given for effort, classwork, homework, citizenship, behaviour and uniform, they should feel very proud. As a school community we are delighted to see so many students receiving this award. **Could anyone be Gold (200 praises) or maybe even Platinum (250 praises) before the end of the year?**



Year 7 Transition Movie

"I gotta work, work, work..."

Year 7 Transition Team have been working really hard since February on the new transition movie, "A day in the Life at St Joseph's". They had numerous meetings to discuss music, storyboards, locations and directorial positions. The final film is the culmination of lots of hard work and shows perfectly the SJHS community, team spirit and daily routine. Congratulations Transition Team, great job. See the movie on our website www.sjhs.org click on the Academic tab, then KS2 Transition.





2015

KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS

Year 7

Endeavour Awards

Maths: Holly Phillips
English: Ama Boateng
Science: Madeline Wood
RE: Dylan Jones
PE: Emily Brunnock
Technology: Andrew Drewett
Art: Seren Muscat
Drama: Grace Larson
MFL: Mateusz Kuczynski
Humanities: Rebecca Boucher
Music: Annalisa Crolla
Welsh: Georgia Morrow
ICT: Faith Evans

Attainment Awards

Maths: Zaid Mathieson
English: Tayla Winstone
Science: Zaid Mathieson
RE: Sophie Cregg
PE: Tyrese Singh
Technology: Emily Brunnock
Art: Morgana Moretti
Drama: Abigail Humphries
MFL: Joanna Kuman
Humanities: Daniel Moss
Music- Alex Linton
Welsh: Jelena Lazic
ICT: Holly Phillips

Year 8

Endeavour Awards

Maths: erusha Nadeem
English: Luca Vellucci-Senior
Science: Eve Richards
RE: Priscilla Likoy
PE: Callum Penn
Technology: Spencer Williams
Art: Josel Villarosa
Drama: Sian Taylor
MFL: Kia Tutton
Geography: Rhian Short
History: Pearce Meredith
Music: Molly Baria
Welsh: Molly Baria
Ict: Corinne Pritchard

Attainment Awards

Maths: Corinne Pritchard
English: Zoe White
Science: Ellis Winstone
RE: Jessica King
PE: Martha Powell
Technology: Jessica King
Art: Nansi Jones
Drama: Abigail Samuel
MFL: Amelia Colombo
Geography: Elina Dvni
History: Jessica King
Music: Toochi Chigbo
Welsh: Zoe Paginton
ICT: Ellie Sparrow-Biggs

Year 9

Endeavour Awards

Maths: Matthew Ryan
English- Olivia Wood
Science: Abigail Brunnock
RE: Leanne Regalado
PE: Anna Brown
Technology: Holly Sparrow-Biggs
Art: Rhys Leek
Drama: Isabelle Styles
MFL: Aine Reynolds
Geography: Rhys Jones
History: Alzbeta Matysakova
Music: Grace Cotterell
Welsh: Alice Brunnock
Ict: Annarita Cinotti

Attainment Awards

Maths: Haidar Mathieson
English: Louie Shepherd
Science: Haidar Mathieson
RE: Anastasia Wall
PE: Ben Torjsen
Technology: Elana Hobbs
Art: Katherine Saunders
Drama: James Henderson
MFL: Anastasia Wall
Geography: Alexander Willis
History: Alexander Willis
Music: Nick Williams
Welsh: Joseph Smith
ICT: Shireen Balouch

Congratulations to you all...

The Salters' Festival AT CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

Meddai Dr Simon Pope, o'r Ysgol Cemeg 'Mae'r wyl yn gyfle unigryw a chyffrous i blant 11 i 13 oed gael profiad ymarferol o gemeg merwn labordy sydd â'r cyfarpar diweddaraf.

Dr Simon Pope, from the School of Chemistry, said "The festival is a unique and exciting opportunity for 11 to 13 year olds to experience practical chemistry in a state-of-the-art laboratory setting.

The Salters' Festival of Chemistry is an initiative of the Salters' Institute. Their objective is to help promote the appreciation of chemistry and related sciences among the young.

Salters' Festivals provided the opportunity for four enthusiastic Year 8 students Elina Dvni, Spencer Williams, Kitty McHugh and Jessica King to spend a day at Cardiff University's chemistry department and to take part in practical activities in the undergraduate laboratories.

The main focus of the morning is "The Salters' Challenge", which is common to all the Festivals. This is a competitive, practical activity. In the afternoon students tackle 'The University Challenge', which is a practical investigation chosen by the University.

This was then followed by 'pops and bangs' demonstration. The day ended with a short prize giving at which the winning schools received prizes and all participants received fun prizes and certificates.

Many thanks to Mrs Gray and Dr Roberts for making the visit possible.





Talk *the* Talk

by Annarita Cinotti 9S



On Friday, we joined fabulous workshops with communication company 'Talk the Talk' from Hereford. They taught us about confidence and how to be more confident in everyday life. Firstly, we played some games which helped us learn some new strategies - they were really good fun! One of the exercises was in pairs, we had to learn things about our partners and then describe them to the class. This would prepare us for our final speech at the end.

We had to consider how to stand whilst presenting, our voice should be loud and clear so everyone could hear; eye contact was important, to make sure everyone is

listening and looking at you, and also where in the room you position yourself.

We had to think of exciting words to keep the audience focused and learn how to change the tone of our voice to keep them interested. There were lots of techniques we could use to be confident, and by the end of the workshop everyone in the class presented their speech brilliantly and with heaps of confidence!

We were able to discuss some feedback afterwards to make the next time we present to class even better. Overall, this was a great experience, as it will help us next year with our GCSEs and will give us all a little more confidence.

GCSE

A wide range of innovative projects produced by GCSE Technology and Child Development students demonstrate their high level of skills and capabilities in Textiles, Resistant Materials and Product Design. **All work was of an excellent standard and some work has been recommended for the prestigious Innovation Awards competition [★]**



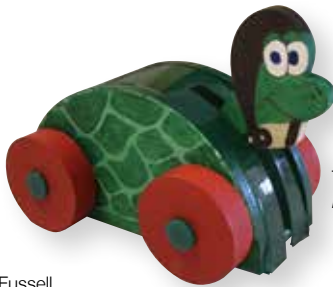
Sea Light by Jacob Barton
Resistant Materials



Light by Chace Lewis
Product Design



Board by Eloise Baldwin
Child Development



Tortoise by Tia Morley
Product Design

Dress by Eve Fussell
Textiles

Dress by Isobel Thorp
Textiles



Folding Chair
by Jamie Medina

TECHNOLOGY

A/AS Level

Products designed and manufactured by AS/A level students succeeded in impressing the Awarding body **resulting in one of their designs being recommended for the prestigious Innovation Awards to be held later this year** [★]. All products demonstrated a wide range of techniques, processes and use of material and were a demonstration of the students' hard work and determination.



Multi Layer Skirt
by Gabrielle Hagii



Wine Rack
by Lewis Hadden



Watch Box
by Antonio Zelazik

Childs coat, scarf and bag
by Isabelle Stephens



Chair
by Donovan Pearce



White Dress
by Megan Hughes
Textiles



Kimono Dress
by Luke (Hengjie) Zhong
Textiles

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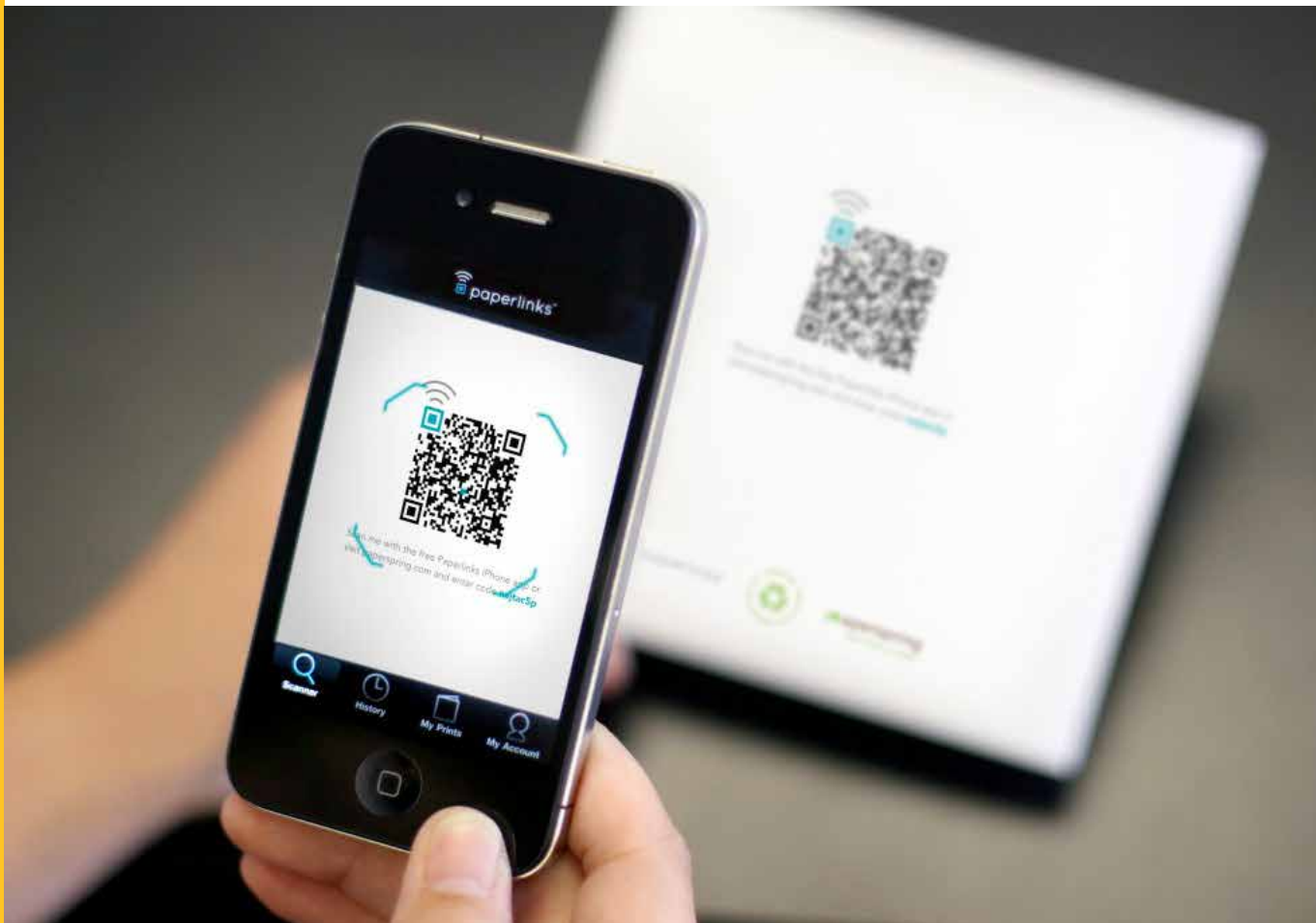


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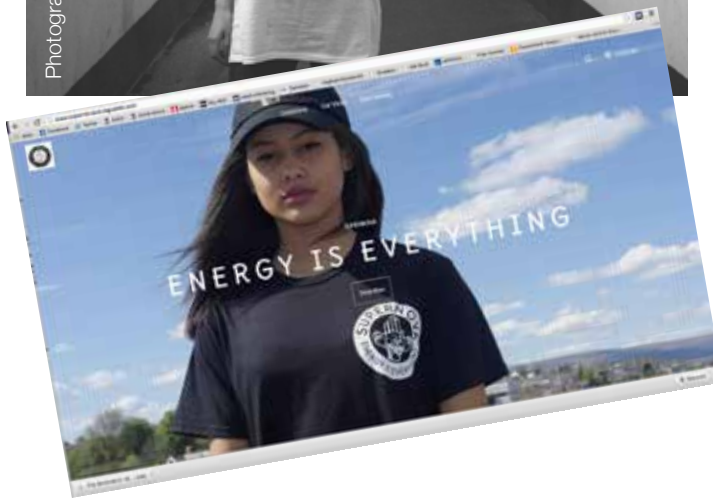
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SUPERNOVA

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ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT ENERGY IS EVERYTHING AND NEVER FORGET TO OUTSHINE THE COMPETITION.

'SUPERNOVA' is an exciting new clothing label created by SJHS Sixth Form students Andrew Ogun and Anthony Soltvedt.

"A 'supernova' is an explosion between stars that outshines the entire galaxy. This is exactly what we aim to do here at SUPERNOVA. Our brand ethos is that 'Energy Is Everything' and that the energy you approach the Universe with, is reciprocated. This completely captures every aspect of our lives as not only is 'energy everything' but 'everything is energy'. When people begin to think like this, everything starts to fall into place.

SUPERNOVA is a platform for us as creative people to express ourselves through our brand. It is a movement created by the people for the people. We don't want people to feel trapped by their environment our vision is designed to innovate and motivate people to do what ever they set their mind to do.

The main aim for the brand is to reach a global audience, we would like to educate young people to not be on the streets doing nothing, but to actually go out there and do something that will have a good impact on our Universe. I hope that in the future, our vision for SUPERNOVA as a fashion brand but also as a platform will be understood and loved by many.

SJHS would like to wish them lots of luck in their amazing new venture - #createyourownrules

Year 12 Engineering Team

Last October five Year 12 students began their annual engineering project as part of the Engineering Education Scheme Wales. Working alongside The National Grid, the students were presented with a site problem and were given five months to design a solution. They spent five months working extremely hard on a written report, designing a model and

planning a presentation to be given at the awards day at Celtic Manor in March.

As a result of their hard work each student in the group was awarded a gold CREST award, which is Britain's largest national award scheme for project work in science, technology, English and mathematics.

Congratulations!



Year 10 Spelling Buddies

NEWS



After initial training from Mr Watts a group of Year 10 girls worked tirelessly over the course of the last year to support some of younger pupils to help improve their confidence in spelling.

These girls produced lesson plans and bonded closely to become more than spelling buddies to the students they worked with. Using a variety of resources they were a massive encouragement and made a significant difference to the lives of their buddies

Fond Farewells...



Mr Mitesh Hirani

We are sad to say goodbye to Mr Hirani who will be leaving us this year to take up his new position of Head of ICT at St Bede's Catholic College, Bristol. Mr Hirani joined St Joseph's RC High School as Head of ICT in 2010 and during his time with us his work has been outstanding. He is hugely respected by our pupils for his energy, passion and commitment to building their confidence and skills in ICT. Whilst we will miss Mr Hirani, we wish him all the very best.



Mrs Anna Bartlett

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Bartlett who is leaving us to take up an exciting new post in Oakwood Academy, Adwick. Mrs Bartlett joined St Joseph's RC High School in September 2006 and has been a truly valuable colleague who is held in the highest of esteem by pupils, parents and staff. Mrs Bartlett has been responsible for innovative developments within the English department and as Head of Media Studies. We know that she will be a fabulous asset to her new school and we wish her and her family all the best.

Alexander Willis meets the Prime Minister!



As a thank you for helping out at a Polling Station on the Election Day, I was invited by the Conservative Party to attend a celebratory evening on Thursday 14th May, with a special guest, Mr David Cameron, the Prime Minister.

I have been interested in politics for quite some time and I was really grateful and excited that I had been asked to go and meet Mr Cameron. When he arrived, he gave a victory speech for winning the election, and then he talked about the further promises that the Tories will act out in the next five years.

What made it even better was that I managed to get a 'selfie' with him, and he also took the picture himself! I am honoured to have been invited to such a prestigious event, and it was a great experience meeting Mr. Cameron. I definitely think it has put me on the first step of the ladder to becoming an MP, or even PM!

Dates for your diary 2015

Autumn Term TYMOR Y HYDREF

September	
2	Autumn Term begins for Years 7 and 12 only
3	Autumn Term begins for Years 8,9,10,11,and 13
9	School Photographer Years 8,10 and 12
15	School Photographer Years 7,8,11 and 13
24	KS4 Celebration of Excellence
October	
14	Year 11 Parents Evening
20-22	Open Mornings
22	Geography Trip to Southerndown - Year 8
22-26	MFL Trip to Madrid, Spain - Years 10,11
23-27	Art/Drama Trip to NewYork - Sixth Form
26-30	HALF TERM

November	
11	Year 7 Tutor Evening
19	Year 12 Parents Evening
30	Training Day
December	
1	Year 13 Parents Evening
8	Physics Christmas Lectures - Year 10
16	Advent Service and Christmas Concert
18	Autumn Term Ends

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

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