

Insight

Examinations 2014 Arholiadau

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

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EXAM SUCCESS 2014

Welcome to our special examination edition of Insight.

We are delighted to be able to share with you the fantastic achievement of last year's A Level and GCSE students. 2013-2014 was a record breaking year, 90% of our students left Year 11 with 5 or more GCSE qualifications at grades A*-C and 100% of our Year 13 students achieved the Level 3 Threshold with 54% achieving A*-B grades. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students on their hard work and determination to achieve success. These are exceptional results which will provide our students with an excellent foundation for their future careers.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you for all you do in building our partnership between home and school, which forms the foundation of this success.

Our whole school community is one which continues to have huge aspirations. For that reason our focus will continue to be on ensuring the richest learning experience for our young people during their time here.

We will celebrate the success of our students at GCSE and A Level in our 'Celebration of Excellence' event which will, this year, take place in December to enable as many of our former students to attend on their return from their first term at university.



Serving God Through
Learning Together

Yn Gwasanaethu Duw Trwy
Ddysgu Gyda'n Gilydd

Congratulations



Welcome to our special examinations edition of Insight. Our young students have achieved enormous success again this year with 90% of students achieving the equivalent of 5A*-C grades and no child leaving the school without a qualification. At Advanced Level we bucked national trends with a record number of A* and A grades awarded. These results have been achieved through an incredible amount of hard work from our students, high quality teaching and learning from our talented staff and through the excellent partnerships built with you. We are proud of every single child who has achieved qualifications with us this year and wish all our students the very best in the next steps in their learning journeys, whether it be with us to study at Advanced Level, onto higher education, or in the workplace. **Mr Trevor Brown, Headteacher**

A Level Success

We were delighted with the success of our Year 13 students this year. 54% of grades achieved were in the A*-B bracket, with an equally impressive 74% being A*-C and 99% A*-E. 100% of our students achieved the Level 3 Threshold. This is an exceptional achievement by our students and it reflects their hard work and the dedication of their teachers. There were many instances of individual success stories, including our highest achievers, Georgia Buchanan, Ciara Cullen and Zachary Plummer, who now take up their prestigious places at Bristol, Durham and Birmingham 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. 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 mentions must however go to Jason Jim, Joseph McDonnell, Leah Paginton, Martha Pole, Giordan Price and Luke Turner who all achieved 3 or more A grades. A number of our students have also spent time over the summer at the prestigious Oxford and Sutton Trust summer schools, both in this country and at Yale in America, where they will have honed their intellectual curiosity in preparation for their final year. Some have also 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 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 in the future.

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University Destinations



G Buchanan



C Cullen



Z Plummer



C O'Doherty



Z Groves

Deborah Abigo reading Pharmaceutical Sciences at Kingston
Ariel Astrologia reading Psychology and Marketing at Portsmouth
Eloise Barrett reading Education Studies at Gloucester
Emily Barrett reading Philosophy and Sociology at Exeter
Mateusz Bartoszczyk reading Economics at Aberystwyth
Luis Belmonte reading Dietetics at Coventry
Madeleine Bird reading Musical Theatre at Manchester College of Arts and Technology
Georgia Buchanan reading History at Cardiff
Charlotte Burridge reading History at Bristol
Joseph Burton reading Creative Sound and Music at University of South Wales
Christian Carreon reading History at Reading
Joshua Chan reading English at Kings, London
Julian Christie reading Accounting and Finance at Cardiff Metropolitan
Callum Clement reading Accounting and Finance at Aberystwyth
David Cook reading Financial Economics at Swansea
Ciara Cullen reading English at Durham
Bradley Cunvin reading Law at Cardiff
Philomena Dineen reading History of Art at Bristol
Joseph Doughty reading History at Bristol
Ellie Edwards reading Psychology at Roehampton
Rebecca Ellahi reading Community Health at University of South Wales
Clark Estrada reading Pharmacology at Brighton
Holli Fowler reading International Business Management at Cardiff Metropolitan
Paige George reading English at Swansea
Simon George reading Biomedical Science at Sheffield
Solomon George reading Pharmacology at Nottingham Trent
Lloyd Griffin reading Sport and Exercise Science at Cardiff Metropolitan
Owen Griffiths reading Business and Management Studies at Cardiff Metropolitan
Zoe Groves reading Fashion Design at Instituto Marangoni, London
Kelsey Haymonds reading Primary Studies with QTS at University of South Wales
Rory Hedderman reading Mechanical Engineering at UCL
Patrick Higgins reading Film and Television Studies at Nottingham
Lauren Howe reading Nursing at Southampton
Bethan Howells reading Primary Studies with QTS at University of South Wales
Jimmy Ip reading Economics at Swansea
Eleanor Jenkins reading Philosophy and Sociology at Exeter
Georgia Jones reading Events Management at Bournemouth
Mitchell Jones reading International Business Management at Southampton Solent
Macauley Kembrey reading Law at Swansea
Grace Lai reading Community Health at University of South Wales
Reya Lanot-Manuel reading Accounting and Finance at Cardiff
Justin Lloyd reading Physics at Bath
Elizabeth Lolín reading Philosophy and Sociology at Exeter
Struthymol Lukose reading Medical Pharmacology at Cardiff
George Mainstone reading Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Exeter
Samuel Manship reading History at Swansea
Ciara Matthews reading Sociology and Criminology at Cardiff
Elizabeth McAllister reading Primary Education with QTS at Gloucester
Abigail McCarthy reading Education and Sociology at Bath Spa
Molly McGill reading Microbiology at Cardiff
Connor McGoldrick reading Mechanical Engineering at Bath

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C Burrige



G Mainstone



E Taylor



B Phillips



J Doughty



E Edwards

University Destinations

Roberto McNiven reading Business and Management at UWE, Bristol
Jacob Middleton reading History at Birmingham
Benjamin Miles reading Physics at Exeter
Rebecca Miller reading Journalism at Bournemouth
Bethan Morgan reading Sociology and Criminology at Southampton
Joseph Morgan reading Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Bath
Ryan Murphy reading Psychology at Cardiff Metropolitan
Nicole Muza reading Forensic Studies at Winchester
Callum O'Doherty reading Law at Exeter
Melissa O'Neill reading Primary Education with QTS at University of South Wales
Nelson Oliveira reading Engineering at Cardiff
Isoken Omusi-Ehue reading Product Design at Aston, Birmingham
Alex Palmer reading Mathematics with Finance at Swansea
Lauren Paul reading History at Bristol
Ronan Pearce reading Criminology and Criminal Justice at University of South Wales
Bethan Phillips reading Biochemistry at Bristol
Rhys Plaister reading Music Technology at University of South Wales
Zachary Plummer reading Physics and Astrophysics at Birmingham
Leah Powell reading Journalism at University of South Wales
Matthew Powell reading Computer Science at UWE, Bristol
Tyler Prendergast reading Primary Studies with QTS at University of South Wales
Shannon Prince reading Law at Bournemouth
Patrick Quinn reading Medicine at Bristol
Kyle Richards reading Economics at Swansea
Margaret Rodriguez reading History at Exeter
Orla Ryan reading Media and Communication at Swansea
Jonathan Ryley reading Physics at Bath
Mina Saba reading Law at Exeter
Sam Sheehan reading Sociology and Social Policy at Southampton
Holly Skiffington reading Sociology at Cardiff
Elizabeth Smith reading Law at Reading
Cecelia Solari-Beirne reading English with Creative Writing at Roehampton
Robin Sparrow-Biggs reading Film at University of South Wales
Maja Stepien reading City and Regional Planning at UWE, Bristol
Kacper Stopa reading 3D Games Art and Design at Hertfordshire
Kamil Stopa reading Law at University of South Wales
Alex Swift reading Humanities at University of South Wales
Gabriel Tapfuma reading Business Management at Swansea
Sithara Tariq reading Marketing at Aston, Birmingham
Evie Taylor reading History at Reading
Jae Taylor reading Creative Music Technology at Bath Spa
Marco Ubaldi reading Law with Business at Liverpool
Gareth Wassall reading Dentistry at Cardiff
Abigail Westerberg reading Primary Education with QTS at Gloucester
Lauren Westley reading Sociology at Liverpool
Laura Westren reading Early Childhood Studies at Trinity St David's
Marielle Wilkinson reading Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies at Cardiff
Claudia Williams reading English at Warwick
Gregory Williams reading Geography at Portsmouth
Dayna Wrozyzna reading Fashion Design at University of South Wales
Alexander Young reading Project Management at University of South Wales

Year 11 Success

Just when you think things can't get any better... Record Level 2 results!



There were some outstanding individual performances with a number of students 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:*

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 11 students who achieved our best Key Stage 4 results recorded by the school, with 88% achieving the Level 2 threshold. This figure refers to the percentage of students achieving 5 A*-C grades. The percentage of students achieving a C grade or equivalent in Science was 97%, 86% in English and 52% in Mathematics. We were also delighted that 97% of students achieved the Level 1 threshold, achieving 5 A*-G grades or more and no student left without a qualification.

Student Name	No of A*/A grades
Ursula Maslowska	13
Paige Knight-Davis	12.5
Natasha Wassall	12.5
Casey Boswell	10.5
Kelechi Chigbo	10.5
Curtis Dada	10.5
Leah Griffiths	10.5
Kieran Richardson	10.5
Elisabeth Williams	10.5
Winnifred Mathew	10
William Ryley	10
Eleanor Dudek	9

Hope Johnson	8.5
Hannah Price	8.5
Colleen Centeno	8
Non Richardson	8
Hannah Steele	8
Alexander Suayan	8
Ruby Davies	7.5
Molly Hurley	7
Daniel Newberry	7
Patrick Richardson	7
Dylan Routley	7
Mibi Sabu	7
Clouie Anareta	6.5
Alisha Cadogan	6.5

Gabriella Cinotti	6.5
Beatrice Crowley	6.5
Christopher O'Connor	6.5
Mary O'Hagan	6.5
Georgia Phasey	6.5
Andrew Ogun	6
Samuel Williams	6

This is a figure we are particularly proud of as we continue to ensure that all students are able to achieve whatever their ability or circumstances. These results are testament to the committed partnership between home and school and, of course, to the hard work and considerable talent of our students.



RYLA

We would like to extend our gratitude once again to the Rotary Club who supported Year 12 students in their completion of the Rotary Youth Leaders Award at Dolygaer Outdoor Education Centre.

Following submission of an application and an interview four students were selected to attend a week of physical activities to develop leadership qualities. The students start the week having expertise training in activities like caving, canoeing and gorge walking. For one day they have to then lead their peers in completing one of these activities, giving them the opportunity to learn team building as well as leadership communication. At the end of the week they compete in a super challenge to put their new learnt skills and team cohesion to the test.

“RYLA was one of the most enjoyable weeks of my life. Not only did I take part in thrilling activities, I made so many new friends.” **Carmen Garcia**



Student Success IT ALL COUNTS

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. We recognise that when parents choose our school for their children they entrust us with something very precious and we will continue to encourage each and every child to fulfil their potential, challenging them to do their best in our vibrant community. The students you are reading about, have achieved these qualifications, have also had the opportunity to think and reflect, to place their knowledge in a framework of values, to become wise and compassionate young people as part of their all round education. We aim to encourage self-confidence and nurture the leadership skills so necessary for young people in today's society and our pupils continue to do us and you proud! **Trevor Brown**

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

At St Joseph's RC High School, we are always keen to celebrate the successes of our younger pupils, particularly those who have reached the end of a key stage. We know that the success enjoyed by pupils at Key Stages 4 and 5 is only possible because of the stimulating and challenging learning experiences available to pupils at Key Stage 3 which aims to foster and nurture in pupils a lifelong love of learning.

With this in mind, it is with great pleasure that we celebrate the achievements of our Year 9 students, 92% of whom achieved a Level 5 or higher in English and Science and 91% achieved a Level 5 in Mathematics. 87% of Year 9 achieved a Level 5 in at least five subjects, including English and Mathematics, which is a fantastic achievement.

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 Level 7/7+
Erin Flaherty	11
Matthew Roche	11
Steffi Johnston	11
Caitlin Morrison	11
Edward McCarthy	10
Jordan Ingles	10
Jennifer Marillat	10

Carys Waters	10
Grace Hurley	9
Hannah Spruce	9
Alexandra Chen	9
Erin Hawkins	9
Urszula Fydrych	8
Joel Rochester	8
Aimee Pollock	8
Oliver Williams	8

Harri Thomas	7
Princess Kiara Alzate	7
Ewelina Gil	7
Ellena Mathew	7
Rhiannon Smith	7
Evie Bignell	7
Sanjidah Alamgir	7
Carys Parselle	7
Isus Mallorca	7



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Erin Flaherty



Matthew Roche



Carys Waters



Erin Hawkins



Urszula Fydrych



Joel Rochester



Harri Thomas



Princess Kiara Alzate



Ellena Mathew



Carys Parselle



Isys Mallorca

These successes are all due to hard work and really 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.



This year despite the threat of rain the sun actually came out all day and brought with it some amazing performances across all four year groups involved in Sports Day 2014. I would like to thank all of the students who demonstrated determination and team spirit, something we feel is a particular strength of St Joseph's students. The PE department would also like to thank all the St Joseph's staff who went an extra mile to help us prepare for what was a very successful school event.

We are always excited about our students competing in a positive manner throughout the year in inter-school events, but there is always something special about Sports Day as it brings the whole school together. I would also like to thank The Hilton Hotel who donated 50 day passes to use their leisure facilities free of charge. We used these as a way of rewarding students who demonstrated the true St Joseph's spirit, through personal endeavour, personal excellence and all round team effort.

SPORTS DAY 14



by Mrs Yates
Head of PE





OUR SCHOOL RECORD BREAKERS:

Field Events			
Event	Name	Year	Distance
Girls' High Jump	C Ashworth	7	1.20M
Boys' Triple Jump	B Vundamina	9	10.96M
Boys' Long Jump	K Jones	9	5.16M
Boys' High Jump	K Jones	9	1.51M
Boys' High Jump	J Amucha	10	1.60M
Track Events			
Boys' 300M	R Mbongompasi	9	40.81sec
Girls' 200M	A Williams	8	26.20sec
Relays were spectacular and Year 8 eight broke all previous records:			
Girls' Year 8	8V = 1:01.28 MIN		
Boys' Year 8	8V = 54.04 SEC		

Congratulations to our new Sporting Young Ambassadors

Rose Evans	Rhiannon Smith
Georgia Schwartz	Luke Conibeer
Myah Seivwright	Ruby Barry
Amy Penn	Rory Tolton
Carys Waters	Luis Palanca
Tom Kearney	Natalia Shwartz
Odran Hobbs	Martha Powell
Maciej Byles	Callum Penn
Courtney Wrozyna	Tegan Waters
Elle Bentham	Will Fraser-Gray
Emily Channing	

Introducing our new Head Students...



Giordan Price 13X
Head Boy



Anna Saunders 13Z
Head Girl



Lewis Mitchell 13X
Head Boy



Lili Dunn 13V
Head Girl



Kayleigh meets Barack Obama

On the 4th of September, I was lucky enough to be invited by the Prince of Wales to the NATO summit reception at the Celtic Manor Resort. NATO is a military alliance of countries, set up after the Second World War to help protect each other in case of aggression from non NATO members. I spoke to Prince Charles, Nick Clegg and, to cap it all off actually spoke and shook hands with possibly the most powerful man in the world, Barack Obama, the President of The United States.

It was a moment to remember and one I will never forget.
Kayleigh Mochizuki-Ward, 11V



Joseph McDonnell 13U
Deputy Head Boy



Carmen Garcia 13X
Deputy Head Girl



Francis Bolivar 13W
Deputy Head Boy



Fiona Fessey 13X
Deputy Head Girl

Croeso I'n Staff Newydd



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Science Teacher



MR L JOSEPH
Maths Teacher



MRS L STEVENS
Art Teacher



MISS C BISHOP
Teaching Assistant



MR M ANTHONY
Caretaker



MR J MELLON
Sixth Form Bus Driver

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