

Insight

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INSPECTION RESULTS

'Excellent' all the way...

Estyn Inspectors judged the St. Joseph's RC High School's overall current performance and its prospects for improvement to be 'Excellent' – the highest overall gradings that a school can achieve.

Of the 15 judgements that are made in an inspection, St. Joseph's RC High School achieved 15 'Excellent' gradings out of 15, becoming only the second secondary school in Wales to do so. This means that all aspects of the school's work are judged to have *"Many strengths including significant examples of sector-leading practice."*

Inspectors judged the excellent features of the school to include the very high standards and progress achieved by pupils, its excellent attendance, the exemplary behaviour of pupils, the quality of teaching and the effective way in which the school cares for, supports and guides pupils.



Serving God Through
Learning Together

Yn gwasanaethu Duw trwy
ddysgu gyda'n gilydd

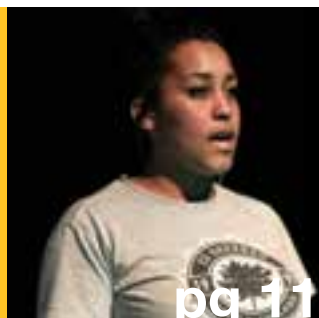
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Headteacher's Message neges y pennaethn

Miss S M Jenkins Headteacher

I am delighted to celebrate with you the publication of two outstanding recent Inspection Reports.

Not only did the school achieve fifteen 'Excellent' gradings out of fifteen, but also 'Excellent' gradings in its Section 50 inspection which looked at the Catholic life of the school and described the "vibrant Catholic ethos [which] permeates every

area of school life." The report also states that pupils "can communicate their understanding of [the school's] mission and ... translate that into their daily lives ... through their respect and care for one another as well as their outreach to others beyond the school." Both Inspection reports highlighted that pupils are 'very proud' of being a part of

St Joseph's RC High School.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise that the reports are a testament to the hard work, determination and commitment of pupils, staff, parents/carers, governors and our partner primary schools who work in partnership to make our mission statement of 'Serving God Through Learning Together' come alive.

The reports recognise the outstanding achievements of our young people and the way they contribute to all aspects of school life. Learners leave us with excellent qualifications and as rounded, positive citizens. I am immensely proud of our children. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the school. I wish you all peace, joy and contentment now and in the future.

*“provides direction
in a busy world and
provides motivation
in an apathetic world”*



A New Sign of the Cross

The cross is the most important of all Christian symbols. The cross gives us our identity as believers in Jesus Christ and because of this the Student Council thought it necessary that a cross should be placed in a prominent position on the outside of our school building.

The cross is a symbol of God's love as He sent His only Son to die on the cross. Through the cross of Christ,

God has reconciled sinful man unto Himself. The cross is of great importance to us because it provides simplicity in a complex world, it provides direction in a busy world and it provides motivation in an apathetic world.

The cross will be blessed by Fr. Mike Evans and prayers written by the Youth Chaplaincy team will be used in the blessing of the cross.



OBE at St. Joseph's

Miss S M Jenkins has been awarded an OBE in the 2013 New Year's Honours' List

Congratulations to Miss S M Jenkins, who in recognition of all her extraordinary services to education was appointed OBE, Order of the British Empire, in the 2013 New Year's Honours' List.

Miss Jenkins is a genuine role model for both staff and students in her tenacious approach to teaching and learning. She is more than a head teacher, she is an

absolute inspiration, who works tirelessly to get the best from everybody.

Miss Jenkins is an exemplary leader who has always focused upon the attainment and well being of the students in St. Joseph's RC High School. She takes interest in every student, knowing and caring for them as individuals. She emphasises the necessity of providing a nurturing

and supportive learning environment that encourages the development of the academic, social and spiritual growth of all children.

Nobody who meets Miss Jenkins can miss her inner drive to do the very best for her students and the community she serves, and we are all very grateful to her.

Thank you and congratulations Miss Jenkins.



Eisteddfod



2013

“*Dechreuodd yr Eisteddfod gyda’r Adran Addysg Grefyddol yn dathlu’r achlysur gyda gwasanaeth Dydd Grŵyl Dewi*”

Yr Eisteddfod

Eleni, cafodd Joseff Sant ei Eisteddfod eto gydag amrywiaeth o gystadlaethau gwahanol. Dechreuodd yr Eisteddfod gyda’r Adran Addysg Grefyddol yn dathlu’r achlysur gyda gwasanaeth Dydd Grŵyl Dewi.

Adroddodd Blwyddyn 7 ‘Sglodion Di-ri’ ac adroddodd Blwyddyn 8 ‘Byd y Bêl’. Canodd Blwyddyn 7 ac 8 fersiwn fywiog o ‘Sosban Fach’ hefyd. Ar ddiwedd yr Eisteddfod gofynnodd Mr Loader “A oes heddwch?” ac ymatebodd y gynulleidfa gyda’n hateb “Heddwch!” fel rhan o’r seremoni gadeirio lle enillodd Anastasia Wall (7O) a Lewys Nightingale (8T) y gadair am eu barddoniaeth.

Dyma oedd yr ail dro cafodd y disgyblion cyfle i ganu a dawnsio ar y llwyfan:

- Marc Peplow (7O); Erin Flaherty (8J); Jade Hall a Grace Cotterell (7H) yn canu
- Kyle Catalla a George O’Garra (7H) yn dawnsio
- Jade Carberry (7V) yn adrodd barddoniaeth
- Alzbeta Matysakova ac Alix Sullivan (7T) yn actio.

Mae rhaid i’r adran Gymraeg ddweud diolch yn fawr iawn i bob disgybl sy wedi creu posteri gwahanol fel cystadleuaeth gwaith cartref a hefyd i’r adrannau gwahanol am eu gwaith caled sy wedi helpu creu’r Eisteddfod lwyddiannus.

The Eisteddfod

This year, St. Joseph’s conducted its Eisteddfod again with a variety of different competitions. The Eisteddfod started with the Religious Education department celebrating the occasion with a St. David’s Day service.

Year 7 classes recited ‘Sglodion Di-ri’ and Year 8 recited ‘Byd y Bêl’. Years 7 and 8 both sang a lovely version of ‘Sosban Fach’ also. At the end of the Eisteddfod Mr Loader asked “*Is there peace?*” to which the audience responded “*Peace!*” as part of the chairing ceremony where Anastasia Wall (7O) and Lewys Nightingale (8T) won the chair for their poetry.

It was also the second time that the students had the opportunity to sing and dance on the stage:

- Marc Peplow (7O); Erin Flaherty (8J); Jade Hall and Grace Cotterell (7H) sang
- Kyle Catalla and George O’Garra (7H) danced
- Jade Carberry (7V) recited poetry
- Alzbeta Matysakova and Alix Sullivan (7T) acted.

The Welsh department would like to say a huge thank you to each student who created different posters for homework as well as all of the different departments who contributed in creating our successful Eisteddfod.

ART WINNERS AT THE EISTEDDFOD

YR7 students created a mixed media piece based on a dragon.

- 1st** Owain Holdaway
- 2nd** Anna Brown
- 3rd** Isabella Luciani

YR8 students photographed something Welsh.

- 1st** Eleanor Styles
- 2nd** Lily-Rose Bolwell
- 3rd** Niamh Lynch



Welsh Trip with Year 7 to LLANGRANNOG

Diolch yn fawr i Flwyddyn saith am daith anturus iawn i Langrannog eleni. Roedd y tywydd yn sych ac yn oer – perffaith am benwythnos ar y ceffylau, beiciau modur a llethr sgïo. Cyfle ffantaisig i ddefnyddio'r iaith Cymraeg mewn sefyllfa naturiol oedd ef gyda staf yr Urdd.

Thank you very much to Year 7 for an adventurous trip to Llangrannog this year. The weather was dry and cold – perfect for a weekend on the horses, quad bikes and ski slope. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to use the Welsh language in a natural setting with the Urdd Staff.



Welsh Trip with Year 9 to GLAN LLYN

Mae llawer o uchafbwyntiau am Lan Llyn eleni ond o leiaf mae plant wedi cadw'n sych! Diolch i fyfyrwyr blwyddyn 9 oedd ar y daith am benwythnos llawn hwyl ac antur ar y dŵr yng Ngogledd Cymru'n canŵio a dringo.

There are lots of highlights this year of Glan Llyn and at least the students stayed dry! Thank you to Year 9 who were on the trip for the fun filled, adventurous weekend on the water in North Wales, canoeing and climbing.





HITLER ON TRIAL

by Non Richardson 10T

“Both the prosecution and defence cases were strong but after hearing them it was our turn to decide.”

To help with our GCSE History we went on a trip to take part in an exam-busting workshop and a ‘Hitler On Trial’ play. We became examiners ourselves with the opportunity to mark past answers giving us an insight into what examiners look for, and how to approach a variety of different questions.

Secondly, we were treated to an acted court case where we became the jury to decide

Hitler’s guilt in causing the Second World War. We heard from several witnesses who gave a variety of statements for our deliberation. Both the prosecution and defence cases were strong but after hearing them it was our turn to decide. It was close but Hitler was found not guilty! Unfortunately we had an assassin among us and Hitler’s victory was short lived.



Making History Real

The Holocaust Educational Trust took 20 Welsh teenagers on the one day trip from Cardiff to Oświęcim, Poland last month, aiming to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust based on the premise ‘hearing is not like seeing’. The Trust realises that the number of people

who witnessed these deaths and the events leading up to them first hand are reducing quickly and they want to ensure that the horror never forgotten.

St. Joseph’s RC High School student Andrew Williams, Year 13 was able to experience Oświęcim first hand. He says:

“It’s shocking to think so many people died in such a small space in that amount of time. It was such a needless loss of life, such a waste”.

It’s almost 70 years since the end of WWII but the horrors of the Holocaust live on in this Polish death camp. Auschwitz is being used in a bid to learn from the past. There are not many places in the world devoid of any sound or life, but Auschwitz is one

of them. DEATHLY SILENCE is the best way to describe the stark, crumbling building where millions of Jews lost their lives.

Georgina Saunders, Year 13 feels it will take some time before what she saw sinks in. She says: *“I feel like I need to reflect. It doesn’t feel quite real. I don’t think I will ever get the image of the piles of hair out of my mind. It was horrible but I’m glad I came. I will never forget it.”*

The trip was also beneficial to St. Joseph’s teacher Mrs Blackwell, who said it will give her a deeper understanding of the topic and would therefore make passing on this knowledge to her students that much easier.



“Just when my brother and I didn’t think Maths could get any better..it did!”

Simon George



Mathematics Rocks!

Inspired by Mathematics...



Simon – with 28 other Year 11, 12 and 13 students attended a Maths Inspiration Show in Cardiff at the end of the Autumn Term. The show included interactive tasks and lively question and answer sessions.

Simon tells us, “There was so much to learn and observe. The speakers were motivating and surprisingly funny; the content was fascinating; the atmosphere was phenomenal. All of this constructed the right formula for a very enjoyable, yet educational afternoon.”

Alfie Testing

AlfieSoft is an online ‘numeracy’ assessment programme that identifies students’ strengths and weaknesses and provides accurate question level data that schools can use to analyse student and group performance in specific curriculum areas, track students’ progress and ultimately raise standards by providing further evidence to support teacher assessment.

St. Joseph’s used the assessment for Year 7 and Year 8 students. The results were extremely promising.

“Excellent improvement in Year 8 and the best improvement in Year 7 across Newport”.

The Maths Roadshow 2013

The Maths Roadshow came to St. Joseph’s RC High School, to demonstrate where and when Mathematics is used within real life.

Year 7, Year 8 and some Year 10 students were shown evidence in jobs such as hairdressing, games designing, sports science and car design.

Students were encouraged to take part in the show, where interactive displays were used to engage students and extend further the link between Mathematics and some potentially exciting employment possibilities.

WTE

Despite the initial cancellation of the trip due to weather complications, we eventually flew out to America on Sunday 10 February to Newark Airport, with thanks to Mr Ryan and Skibound.

We were all thrilled at the opportunity to visit the iconic New York City, which wasn't originally planned. After a 7 hour flight, we travelled into the City, sightseeing on route. We caught a glimpse of the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building before stopping off at the 9/11 Memorial, a humbling and moving experience. Venturing further into the City we were lucky enough to experience the New York skyline at night on the top of Rockefeller Center, a once in a lifetime opportunity that will never be forgotten. After a long and eventful day we were introduced to American cuisine the best way – the Hard Rock Café on Times Square.

After a well deserved night's sleep we were prepared to face an anticipated day shopping at New York's Times Square. We managed to spend most of our spending money in day one and even bumped into TV personality Paul O'Grady! From the illustrious stores and impressive architecture to the street vendors and the eccentric

personalities encountered, we witnessed the true magic of Times Square.

Upon arrival at our hotel in Sunday River, we were shown to our rooms and crashed for the evening, enjoying some classic American TV.

Our group consisted of novice to advanced skiers and the start of our first day on the slopes highlighted the new exciting challenges we would all be facing. The beginners' group began the week putting on skis for the first time and spent most of the first and second day on the novice slope. The instructor, Al, and Miss Morgan spent a lot of time helping people up after countless falls, but by the third day everyone had managed to grasp the basics of skiing and we made our way to the chair lift to try out the green slopes. By the end of the week we had made our way to the top of one of the highest mountains and even travelled down blue terrain. We are all really proud of the progress we made, but mostly we all really enjoyed the experience, and witnessing people face plant the snow was absolutely priceless. Massive thank you to our amazing instructor Al and to the teachers for their patience!

The majority of the intermediate group had been skiing once or twice before, so were put straight on the chair lift to the green slopes. The instructor, Stephanie, was supportive to those whose memory needed refreshing and couldn't stay

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on their feet. The group were pushed to their limits, and by the last day had progressed to black terrain; an impressive feat considering the time given.

Most of the advanced group were regular skiers, so were taken by their instructor Lou to the higher peaks. It was a great opportunity to push their skills in varying terrains and try out new slopes in a new country. Throughout the week the group learnt new skills such as '360' and tree skiing, which by the end of the week they were perfecting.

After a day skiing, everyone was given a bit of time to relax before going to the evening activities. We visited the local bowling alley, which was certainly different from the British ones! One night we did 'snow tubing' which basically involved going down the slope in a giant rubber

ring. Competition was high to produce the most adventurous way of travelling down with the help of 'Ping' and 'Reed' the entertaining tubing supervisors. Our final evening activity was split in two parts – rock climbing and laser-tag. The laser-tag brought out a dark side in members of the group and it bordered on actual war, but everyone loved the evening. We finished the week in style with a firework show over the slopes in commemoration of President's Weekend.

As a group we would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Morgan and Mrs Trethewey for all their support in skiing and all their efforts on the trip as a whole, and to our parents for the opportunity of a lifetime. A special thanks to Mr Ryan for arranging and then re-arranging the trip when it was cancelled on the night of departure! It was an unforgettable experience that we are tremendously grateful for, and one which we are already missing.

**Rosie Higgins
& Nicole Pitman Year 13**

INNY



The instructor, Al, and Miss Morgan spent a lot of time helping people up after countless falls.





SGT PEPPER'S PERFORMING ARTS CLUB BAND



This year the Drama and Music department celebrated the talents of students studying BTEC Performing Arts (Drama) and A Level Applied Performing Arts (Music).

Taking the prestigious February show slot the students were set the challenge to produce, direct, choreograph and manage a show, suitable for a paying audience within a 5 week time period. Students rehearsed after school, at weekends and during school time to ensure the show was ready for the two night run on the 6th & 7th of February.

For much of the cast this was their first time performing on the stage in front of an audience. Nerves were one of many issues to overcome, but the sense of pride and success flowing through the cast after the opening night was electric and many of them could not wait to perform again for the closing night. Audience members were treated to a lively first half that told a tale of unrequited love through dance, drama and

the music of Rihanna. The dance choreographed by Year 11 was spectacular and demonstrated the individual talents of Teighlor Richards and Nicole Reed who commanded the stage with grace and acrobatic flair. The girls led the ensemble with finesse and control. Year 10 students had to create a Bollywood themed dance and this was energetic and exciting to watch. The audience were treated to a second Bollywood Dance

choreographed by Winnifred Mathew and Colleen Centeno that left the audience spellbound by the intricate moves and detailed narrative in their creation.

The second half of the performance was called 'Sergeant Pepper's Performing Arts Club Band' and this was a celebration of 'The Beatles' songs performed by 6 Year 13 students. The cast commanded the stage and

filled the hall with professional harmonies and mature voices that captured the audience's attention and took a whole generation back to their youth. Sophie Taylor, Lucy Tomlinson, Stephanie Forde, Arianne Vijandre and Conor Clement provided the vocal and visual content, whilst the 6th member of the Year 13 group, Anjelica Cashman, expertly played Paul McCartney's bass guitar lines as part of the live backing band. An appreciative audience enjoyed classics such as 'Please, Please Me', 'I Saw Her Standing There' and a special extended version of 'Hey Jude'.

The production team were extremely proud of the cast and grateful to the professionalism of the Year 12 Performing Arts (Music) group who managed the front of house, interval and back stage requirements with a positive, tireless attitude.





In December, five very brave (foolish) members of staff put themselves forward to take part in a Bushtucker Trial.

Mrs Blackwell (Year 7), Mr Dack (Year 8), Mrs James (Year 9), Mr Jones (Year 10) and Mrs Neale (Year 11) had been voted in to the task to represent their Year Groups by students who paid 10p per vote. They had to fight their way through a number of tasks to get to the final. This included retrieving stars from a mystery box and passing as many chocolate raisins as they could from one dish to another using chopsticks. The final round saw Mr Dack

take on Mrs Neale for the title of King/Queen of the Jungle. The final task was the hardest of all! They had to eat a plate of Bushtucker – salt and vinegar crickets, barbecue mealworms, tripe filled widgety grubs (made of white chocolate) and a glass of Komodo Dragon Blood (tomato juice mixed with chilli sauce). In a tough battle, Mr Dack emerged triumphant taking the title of the first St. Joseph's King of the Jungle. In total £330 was raised which was divided between Ty Hafan (Year 8's charity) and the Bullies Out campaign, supported by the group of Sixth Formers who help organise and run the event. A massive thank you to all who took part.

Year 11 Easter Raffle

Year 11 students have been raffling two giant Easter Eggs to raise money for LATCH, the children's cancer charity. A dedicated group of volunteers have been selling tickets over the last few weeks and have been doing a roaring trade. **We exceeded our target of £100 and our grand total raised was just under £150.** Thank you to everyone who has taken part.

Hunger Lunches

Every Friday throughout Lent we have been running Hunger Lunches to raise money for CAFOD. Students have donated £1 to be given bread and soup to help them empathise with people who have little in the developing world. Thank you to everyone who has supported these lunches so far and continues to do so.



I'm a
teacher
Get me out of here..!



*I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even
though he dies; and whoever lives and
believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)*

Easter Celebrations

Easter is the greatest feast in the liturgical calendar. It is a time for Christians to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter comes at the end of forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter.

Easter is a celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:17).

Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

This Easter we were reminded of the unconditional love God has for us, as well as the power He has over death and that it's more than just traditions like Easter eggs and bunnies.

Jesus died on a cross for our sins, and then He overcame death. This Easter season, we pray that we have a sense of how powerful that act was. Here is a simple Easter prayer you can say:

Lord,

*Thank You for the gift of hope
You gave us on Easter morning
Because of You we know
That no problem is too difficult
And even death does not have power over us.*

*Thank You for the gift of joy
You gave us when You were resurrected.
Because of you we know
That no matter how challenging life may be,
In the end we will rejoice again.*

*Thank you for the gift of love
You gave us when You laid down Your life.
Because of You we know
That there is no sin too great to separate us
And we are incredibly valuable to You.*

*Thank You for the gift of life,
You gave us when You left the tomb.
Because of Easter we know this world is
just the beginning
And we will spend forever in heaven with You.*

*We celebrate You, Jesus,
With hearts full of praise and gratitude
For who You are and all You
have done for us!*

Amen.

St Joseph's Day 2013



All students joined in the celebration of Mass for St Joseph's Day. Because of the large numbers involved, Father Michael Evans, the parish priest of All Saints, Newport, agreed to celebrate three Masses for the students and staff of the school. In his homily, Father Mike took certain words which could be used to describe Saint Joseph's qualities. Joseph, he said, was practical, loyal, caring, trusting and, above all, faithful in the vocation to which he had been called by God. Although a man

of few words, his loving care of Jesus and Mary made Joseph a pattern for Christian living. In a happy coincidence, Saint Joseph's Day this year marked the solemn inauguration of the Petrine ministry of the new pope, Francis I, and special prayers were offered for the Holy Father. We hope and pray that through the prayers of Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis will be blessed in his ministry of faithful service to God and his Holy People.



“not just for boys...”

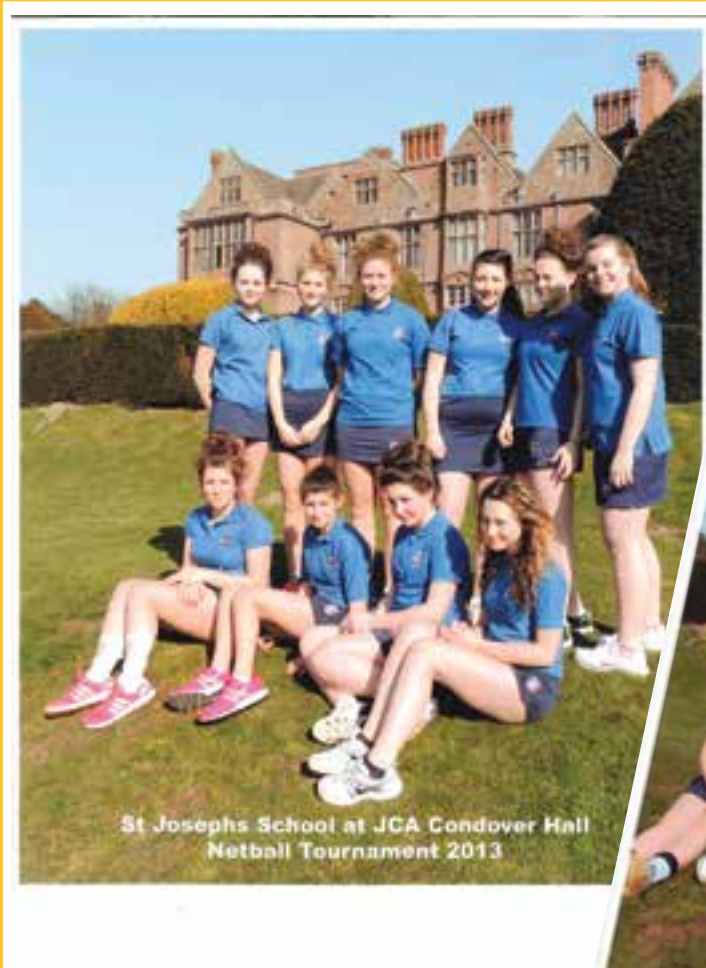
Future Dragons...?

This term the girls are involved in Tag Rugby during their games lessons.

To ensure they are given a variety of learning experiences, we have invited in Gwesyn Price-Jones

(Dragons Women and Girls Development Officer) to deliver a variety of taster sessions. We hope this will encourage more girls to get involved with clubs in the local community.





Left: Year 9 Netball Team on Tour

Back: J Phillips, R Jervis, M Seivwright, L Griffin, C Finnerty, J Ash. Front: B Doughty, G Shwartz, F Manship, O Beckett.

Below: Year 8 Netball Team on Tour

Back: C Baggii, N Lynch, F Storey, N McHugh, C Morrison, C Burley. Front: D Jenkins, E Hinds, R Mone, C Waters, M Stirling-Harte, S Johnstone.



Netball Girls on Tour

22 girls from Years 8 and 9 joined Mrs Yates and Miss Davies on a weekend Netball Tour to Condover Hall in Shrewsbury. The girls spent the weekend competing in two days of qualifying matches and sampling a variety of outdoor pursuit and team building activities. We were exceptionally pleased that both teams finished in the top 6 out of 12 teams to go through to the final for the Cup on Sunday morning.

Year 8 faced high competition

on the Sunday and unfortunately lost both their matches resulting in them finishing 5th overall. The Year 9 team were ready for the challenge and qualified for the final, which was against Hockerill. On Saturday, Hockerill had beaten all their teams by double figures, with St. Joseph's being the only school which contended them with the final score being 4-6.

The girls were not put off by the statistics and went out playing their best game ever.

Unfortunately they lost to them, this time by only 1 goal. Final score St. Joseph's 5 and Hockerill 6.

We would like to thank all of the parents for supporting this event and the girls for their impeccable behaviour and performance whilst away.

The weekend was a real success and we were proud of all of the girls involved. They were a credit to the department and to the school.

Netball Results Round-up

Team	Won	Drew	Lost	Games Played	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference
Year 7A	7	0	3	10	25	20	+5
Year 7B	2	0	2	4	9	6	+3
Year 8	3	0	5	8	20	38	-18
Year 9	8	0	2	10	67	20	+47
Year 10	2	0	2	4	17	16	+1
Year 11	7	1	0	8	44	12	+32
Senior	0	1	1	2	5	7	-2

Number of games played by the seven teams at St. Joseph's, either League games or friendlies against South East Wales schools.

Congratulations to Year 9s who won the South East Wales Netball Tournament. They beat Liswerry 4-1, Croesyceiliog 5-0 and Brynmawr 5-1 to go through to the finals. The girls went on to beat Newbridge 1-0, Ebbw Fawr 4-0 and

Rougemont 6-3. In the last game it was exceptionally close with Bassaleg scoring in the last minute to take a 1 goal lead. However, Bassaleg had lost to Ebbw Fawr earlier in the final so we took 1st place on a 3 point goal difference.

Hockey Results Round-up

Team	Won	Drew	Lost	Games Played	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference
Year 7A	8	0	3	11	54	10	+44
Year 7B	6	0	4	10	32	12	+20
U14A	10	0	3	13	51	7	+44
U14B	4	1	2	7	13	9	+4
U16	5	0	1	6	17	2	+15
U18	1	0	2	3	5	5	0

Number of games played by the six hockey teams at St. Joseph's, either League games or friendlies against South East Wales schools and Cardiff Schools.



Year 7B won two out of their two league matches, and qualified for the Round Robin Final of the South East Wales Hockey League on Wednesday. The girls went on to win 3-0 versus Croesyceiliog and won 3-0 versus Bassaleg to becoming South East Wales Year 7B Hockey League winners.

League Results

Year 7A won two out of their three league matches, losing out to Rougemont 2-1 to qualify for the finals.

U14A won seven out of their seven league matches, and qualified for the semi final of the South East Wales Hockey League. The girls went on to win 1-0 versus Caerleon and went on to play against Rougemont in the South East Wales Hockey League Final. In the final, Rougemont won on penalty flicks after the game ended 2-2. The girls have made the finals for three years running and have won twice.

U14B won four out of their seven league matches and have been awarded the winners of the U14B South East Wales Hockey League.

U16 won their only league match due to a number of schools conceding or withdrawing from the league. The U16 girls qualified for the semi final of the South East Wales Hockey League, to play against Croesyceiliog which they lost 3-0.

U18 finished 3rd place out of 5 teams for the U18 South East Wales Hockey Cup Finals.

Yr9 Boys Rugby League

Were the second year group to make the British Corvegie Cup in our history. We were drawn against Castleford Academy who are widely tipped to be the champions this year. In an outstanding match we were highly competitive where rugby league is the main sport of choice. Mr Sankala said:

“We came to the heartland of rugby league and gained respect. Seven minutes from beating the favourites we showed heart, commitment and desire in a game that saw the lead change hands on several occasions.”

All staff are extremely proud of the boys who represented St. Joseph's superbly. Our efforts now look to next year.



Congratulations to Liam Derrick who was noted St. Joseph High School's Man of the Match and also won great plaudits from the Wigan Warriors Scouts.

An Extra Mile for Liz...

On Friday 1st February, Elizabeth Smith (12D) was awarded the Newport Extra Mile award at a gala dinner at the Celtic Manor Resort. Elizabeth was chosen from the entire year group as a result of her outstanding academic record and GCSE results, combined with a challenging training schedule, which entails training up to 11 times a week in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014.

Elizabeth is currently Number 1 for her age group in Wales in the 100 metres butterfly, and hopes to represent Wales in the pool next year, whilst currently studying for 4 AS Levels and the Welsh Baccalaureate Level 3 qualification. She regularly starts training at 5am and then completes a full day of school followed by homework. We wish her every success with both her swimming and her studies.



Dance Festival

A group of Year 7, 8 and 9 dancers took part in a dance festival held at Lliswerry High School. The aim of the festival was to highlight the progress the pupils have made during dance clubs held at lunch times and after school. Families and friends were invited to watch the show.

As a group they rehearsed during lunch times and after school, showing great commitment. As a school they performed in six dances and displayed excellent effort and enthusiasm throughout. Well done to all that took part.

Congratulations to Armani

Armani won a silver medal at the Welsh Indoor Athletics Championships this month. Her win has placed her 3rd overall in British rankings.

She runs for Newport Harriers and is coached by her dad Kevin Williams, a former GB and Welsh International sprinter. She is also the cousin of Welsh Olympic sprinter Christian Malcolm so has the 'sprint gene'.



Dates for your diary 2013

SUMMER TERM TYMOR YR HAF

May	
6	May Day Bank Holiday
10	Year 12 Study Leave Begins
17	Year 12 Return from Study Leave
12	PTFA Car Boot Sale (9am-1pm)
21-27	Years 8 & 9 Trip to Spain
24	Year 13 Leavers' Day
24	Year 11 Last Timetabled Teaching Day
27-31	HALF TERM
June	
3-14	Year 7 & 8 Internal Examinations
7	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
20	Full Governors' Meeting
24-28	Year 10 Work Experience
24-28	Year 9 Enterprise Week
25	Year 11 Celebration of Key Stage 4
27	Key Stage 3 Celebration of Excellence

July	
1	Year 7 Trip to Cosmeston
2	Year 8 Trip to Llancaiach Fawr
5	Year 7 & 8 Reports Sent Home
9	New Year 7 Parents' Evening
10	Summer Concert
11	Sports Day
15-19	Year 12 Work Experience
16-19	Years 8 & 9 Trip to Paris
19	End of term for all students
22	INSET DAY

Please be aware that due to any unforeseen circumstances, these dates might change.

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