

Insight

Examinations 2016 Arholiadau

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

Taflen wybodaeth swyddogol
Ysgol Gyfun Gatholig Joseff Sant



OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Nervous excitement was followed by elation at St Joseph's RC High School as our students ripped open envelopes which contained outstanding GCSE results and A level results.

At A Level our students achieved the school's best ever outcomes with 29% of grades being awarded at A and A*, 80% of students achieving A*-C and 98% achieving A*-E. We are delighted that these results show a three-year trend of continued improvement and that the progress of our students at A Level places us in the top 10% of schools and colleges across Wales and England. At GCSE the school continues to be amongst the very highest performing in the region with 73% of students achieving a minimum of 5 GCSEs including English and mathematics. 82% of students left with an A*-C grade in English and 81% in mathematics. These are stunning results. 24% of students achieved a record-breaking minimum of 5 A*/A grades and, as importantly, nearly all pupils (98%) left with 5 A*-G grades enabling them to move onto their next steps.

We are delighted for our all of our students, the vast majority of whom out-performed their targets, in many cases by a massive margin. For the last few years, students in our school have made significantly greater progress than students in schools locally and nationally. This year's GCSE results have not just sustained our success from previous years but have built upon them to cement our reputation as an excellent school.

This year's GCSE and A Level results support our strong belief that success breeds success. Our students achieve so well as a result of quality teaching, a planned seven-year journey, high expectations with a 'can-do' culture', a dedicated, hard-working staff and supportive parents and carers.



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Learning Together

Yn Gwasanaethu Duw Trwy
Ddysgu Gyda'n Gilydd

Congratulations



As proud as we are of these results, we are also proud of the wonderful, hard working, friendly, fun and genuinely pleasant and polite young people our students have grown to become. They are supported by an outstanding team of staff who are united in encouraging and challenging them all to be the best they can be. There are many aspects of life which are important for our children, not just exam results, but also human wholeness, laughter, fun, caring for others and spirituality. I pray for all of our young people who have received their results as they embark on their next steps. I am sure that these qualities, having been nurtured at home and at school, will remain with them for the whole of their lives. **Mr Trevor Brown, Headteacher**

A Level Success

We were delighted with the success of our Year 13 pupils this year. 29% of grades achieved were in the A*/A bracket, with an equally impressive 80% being A*-C and 98% A*-E. 100% of our students achieved the Level 3 Threshold. These are our best ever results at A Level and are all above national averages. This is an exceptional achievement by our pupils and reflects their hard work and the dedication of their teachers. There were many instances of individual success stories, including our highest achievers, William Ryley and Mary O'Hagan, who now take up their prestigious places at Bath and Bristol Universities respectively, but 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 pupils 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 pupils have managed to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level with our best ever set of AS results. There were many examples of pupils achieving above and beyond expectations and they are now well on their way to taking their first steps towards the all important university application. Special mention must however go to the following pupils who all achieved a minimum of 3 A grades: Callum Doughty, Harriet Ebengho, Rose Evans, Grace Hedderman, Freya Jones, Jamie Medina, Adrian Regalado, Kerry Ruthven and Kelly Sarsfield. A number of our pupils have also spent time over the summer at the prestigious Oxford UNIQ and Sutton Trust summer schools, with others attending the Atlantic College School for young leaders, where they will have honed their intellectual curiosity in preparation for their final year. Others have spent a week learning leadership skills with the Rotary Club of Newport. We would also like to congratulate all of our collaborative students who had great success with us 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.**

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University Destinations Cychfannau Prifysgol



Francesca Ainley



Beatrice Crowley



Curtis Dada



Joseph Draper



Eleanor Dudek

- Francesca Ainley** reading English and Journalism at Cardiff
- Ffion Berry** reading Law at UWE
- Casey Boswell** reading History and Politics at Cardiff
- Jordan Bryan** reading Nursing at Birmingham
- Alisha Cadogan** reading Journalism at Nottingham Trent
- Anna Castillo** reading Architecture and Planning at UWE
- Kelechi Chigbo** reading Nursing at Birmingham
- Gabriella Cinotti** reading Law at Exeter
- Lindsey Cobb** reading Media and Communication at Swansea
- Jessabeth Compayan** reading Accounting and Finance at UWE
- Beatrice Crowley** reading History at Bristol
- Curtis Dada** reading Law at Nottingham
- Bethan Davidge** reading American Studies at Leicester
- Chelsey Davies** reading Law at Gloucester
- Jack Davies** reading Sociology at South Wales
- Karl Derrick** reading Rugby Coaching and Performance at South Wales
- Joseph Draper** reading History at Bristol
- Eleanor Dudek** reading History and Theology at Birmingham
- Afraz Inayat** reading Law at Anglia Ruskin
- Sean Graham** reading Product Design Engineering at Liverpool John Moores
- Jac Hobbs** reading History at Gloucester
- Georgia Hood** reading Health and Social Care at Edge Hill
- Molly Hurley** reading Mathematics at Hertfordshire
- Morgan James** reading Computer Games Programming at Gloucester
- Jessica Jeffries-Craig** reading Sociology at Cardiff Metropolitan
- William Jessop** reading Greenspace Design and Management at Warwickshire
- Carol John** reading Accounting and Finance at Cardiff Metropolitan
- Hope Johnson** reading English and Spanish at Royal Holloway
- Emma Jones** reading History at Aberystwyth
- Gwendolyn Jones** reading Art Foundation at Cardiff
- Catherine Joslin** reading Film and Television Production at Bath Spa
- Paige Knight-Davis** reading Veterinary Medicine at Bristol
- Jason Lai** reading Business Management at Cardiff
- Mark Lai** reading Computer Science at UWE
- Liam Langdon** reading Geography at Swansea
- Jaymi Lee** reading Law at Leicester
- Tonicha Luffman** reading Journalism at Gloucester
- Alicia Mai** reading Accounting and Finance at Exeter
- Montana Malone** reading Health, Exercise and Nutrition at Cardiff Metropolitan
- Urszula Maslowska** reading French at Kings, London
- Winnifred Mathew** reading Dental Therapy at Cardiff
- Elliot McGuinness** reading Political Science at Birmingham

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Paige Knight-Davis

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Mary O'Hagan

Roberto McNiven reading Business and Management at UWE

Patrycja Mielnicka reading Criminology at Chester

Holly Morgan reading Marine Biology at Plymouth

Joseph Morgan reading History and Politics at Cardiff

Nick Nash-Wright reading History at South Wales

Daniel Newberry reading Music at Bath Spa

Mary O'Hagan reading Law at Bristol

Andrew Ogun reading English at Birmingham

Danny Oliveira reading History at Cardiff

Donovan Pearce reading Art Foundation at Cardiff

Georgia Phasey reading Law at Leicester

Eleanor Powell reading Theology at Nottingham

Hannah Price reading Law at Cardiff

Milly Price reading English at Britannia

Craig Pritchard reading Business Management at South Wales

Kaitlin Rees reading Nursing at Cardiff

Non Richardson reading English at Bangor

Jay Robinson reading History at Cardiff

Jack Roche reading English and History at Cardiff

Dylan Routley reading Politics and History at Manchester

William Ryley reading Chemistry at Bath

Maria Saba reading Accounting and Finance at Bristol

Gilbert Sabiti reading Art Foundation at Cardiff

Mibi Sabu reading Psychology at Aston

Maria Sanders reading History at Gloucester

Megan Sparrow-Biggs reading Sociology at Birmingham City

Hannah Steele reading Welsh at Cardiff

Elinor Stephens reading Criminology at South Wales

Keelan Stirling-Harte reading History at Swansea

Alexander Suayan reading Accounting and Finance at Birmingham

Tia Thomas reading Social Policy and Criminology at Cardiff

Courtney Thompson reading Law at South Wales

Charlie Thorp reading Sociology at Birmingham

William Tomlinson reading American Studies at Swansea

Victoria Wacheke reading Public Health at Wolverhampton

Natasha Wassall reading Optometry at Cardiff

Matthew Waters reading History and Politics at Liverpool

Chelsea Westacott reading Primary Education at UWE

Jack Whittington reading Genetics at Swansea

Elisabeth Williams reading Law at Cardiff

Sam Williams reading Accounting and Finance at Swansea

Tyler Williams reading Sport Development at Cardiff Metropolitan



Jack Roche



William Ryley



Natasha Wassall

Year 11 Success

Llwyddiant Blwyddyn 11



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

There were some outstanding individual performances with a number of pupils achieving top grades in many of their subjects. A special mention must go to the 24% of pupils who achieved five or more A/A grades or equivalent:*

Student Name	No of A*s	No of As
Erin Hawkins	10	4.5
Caitlin Morrison	3	11.5
Matthew Roche	10	4.5
Steffi Johnson	9	4.5
Erin Flaherty	11	2
Jasmine Celtel	4	7.5
Urszula Fydrych	5	6.5
Jozef Pearce	2	9.5
Mikaela Virtucio	4	7.5
Alexandra Chen	4	7
Daniel Gardner	7	4
Liam Gunter	2	9
Jordan Ingles	3	8
Jonquil Mallorca	4	7
Edward McCarthy	9	2
Joel Rochester	4	6.5
Carys Waters	4	6.5
Joseph Alley	3	7
Carys Parselle	4	6
Alessandro Alfieri	4	5
Thomas Bromiley	4	5

Simron George	1	8
Harry Palmer	2	7
Aimee Pollock	6	3
Lia Hadley	3	5.5
Joel Abraham	3	5
Sara Cubonova	3	5
Ellena Mathew	2	6
Joshua Nadeem	3	5
Roshan Roy	2	6
Hannah Spruce	1	7
Princess Alzate	4	3.5
George Crowley	1	6.5
Grace Hurley	1	6.5
Paul Rich	3	4.5
Ffion Hedderman	4	3
Naima Khan	2	5
Oliver Williams	2	5
Grace Cook	1	5.5
Olivia Then	2	4
Harri Thomas	1	5
Tamarah Zammimba	1	5
Tia Baker	2	3.5
Jasmine Briones	1	4.5

All staff and governors at St Joseph's wish to congratulate Year 11 for their fantastic GCSE results this summer. 98% of pupils achieved at least five GCSE A-G grades and 73% achieved at least 5 A-C grades including Mathematics and English. This is the highest level of performance recorded by the school and we are VERY proud of all our pupils for their hard work and commitment.

Ewelina Gil	1	4.5
Luc Simmonds	2.5	3
Charlotte Burley	2	3
Milo Channing	1	4
Sasha Fowler	1	4
Elizabeth Hinds	1	4
Niamh Lynch	2	3
Louison Menayse	3	2
Claudia Phipps	1	4
Bayanda Vundamina	2	3

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



SCHOOL COMMS...

Keep up to date easily. We are constantly looking to work with our families to ensure that communication is effective in all aspects of school life.

School Comms is the new communication line at St Joseph's. The system has been operational for almost 6 months and is working very well with many parents having chosen to download the free Schoolscomms smartphone app and pay for school meals online via debit or credit cards. It has also enabled parents and carers to monitor meal balances, top up the cards 24/7 remotely via their smartphones and view items purchased by their children during the school week.

If you have a smartphone, you can download the "School Gateway" app from the app store (Android and iPhone). By doing this, both you and the school avoid incurring charges for text messages, and future message exchanges

will be free. It is quick and easy to do. All you need is the e-mail address and mobile phone number that the school holds on record for you. Alternatively, you can visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click on "new user". You will receive a text message with a PIN number to log into School Gateway. If you experience any trouble when logging in, please contact the school on (01633) 653112 and we will update your details on SIMS. Details on downloading the app are also available via our school website, within the Interactive tab. This will also have benefits moving forward, as you will be able to pay instalments for higher value/foreign trips using your debit or credit card.

From this September, our aim is to manage all of our communications with parents via e-mail. We will email copies of letters directly to parents/carers and will no longer send them home via pupils or in the post. If you do not have access to the internet at home, work or via phone then please contact us.



iPhone app



Android app



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

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

This year, 91% of pupils achieved the expected level, Level 5, or higher in English, Mathematics and Science.

Llongyfarchiadau Blwyddyn 9.

Particularly impressive are the 33 pupils who achieved Level 7s or higher in at least 7 subjects by the end of Key Stage 3; an incredible achievement:

Student Name	No of L7/7+	Student Name	No of L7/7+	Student Name	No of L7/7+
COLOMBO Amelia	11	GODFREY Emilia	9	WEAVER Olivia	8
JONES Nansi	11	HUSSAIN Kamran	9	WINSTONE Ellis	8
MIDDLETON Samuel	11	ILES Carys	9	BARIA Molly	7
WATERS Tegan	11	MCHUGH Kitty	9	DUGGAN Kelci	7
JOHNSON Molly	10	NYCZ Julia	9	JENKINS Eve	7
KING Jessica	10	PAGINTON Zoe	9	LIMBURN Sasha	7
PENN Callum	10	POWELL Martha	9	PRITCHARD Corinne	7
TURNER Amy	10	SAMUEL Abigail	9	TAYLOR Sian	7
WHITE Zoe	10	THOMPSON Joseph	9	VELLUCCI-SENIOR Luca	7
CHIGBO Toochi	9	DVNI Elina	8	WANG Alexander	7
COWAN Thomas	9	PERRY Kendra	8		
		PETER Princiya	8		



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



Firstly, the PE department would like to say “thank you” to all competitors and staff that helped make the 2016 Sports Day one of the best yet. All pupils took the community spirit and determination seen in PE and Games lessons out on to the field and they continued to shine. An amazing 14 records were broken across all year groups - outstanding!! Many personal and school records were broken and the courage and determination shown by every single competitor was admired by everyone watching.

The community ethos of the school was evident at 7am in the morning with staff from a variety of departments out on the field helping set up the events. The PE staff would like to thank all members of staff who went the extra mile to ensure the day ran smoothly, with a special thank you to the Music department for providing entertainment throughout the day. Last but not least, a massive thank you and well done to all pupils that took part or supported their peers. You all behaved impeccably and competed to the best of your ability.

SPORTS DAY 16



by Mr Sankala
Head of PE



OUR SCHOOL RECORD BREAKERS:

Track Events			
Event	Name	Year	Distance
Boys 800m	Mackensie Matthews	7	2mins 46secs
Girls 100m Relay	8T	8	59.86secs
Girls 100m Relay	9S	9	59.12secs
Boys 300m	Daniel Tilly	9	40.65secs
Girls 200m	Armarni Williams	10	25.74secs
Girls 800m	Anna Brown	10	2mins 40secs
Field Events			
Girls High Jump	Lowri & Cerys Tanner	7	1.3m
Girls Discus	Wiktoria Szweda	7	20.56m
Boys Long Jump	Wilfred Joloza	8	4.10m
Girls High Jump	Nia Reynolds	8	1.35m
Girls Discus	Kidada Chidembo	9	19.98m
Girls Shot	Elle Hobbs	9	8.45m
Boys Discus	Ieuan Smith	10	30.04m
Boys Javelin	Ieuan Smith	10	30.40m



Welcome to our new Year 7 students

Congratulations to Year 7 for an outstanding start to the new academic year. The standard of behaviour has been excellent both in lessons and around the school. Furthermore, the year group look very smart and standards of uniform are high.

We have a very busy term ahead. Rugby and netball trials are underway and we have four students who have been selected to represent the year group at Key Stage 3 School Council meetings. Year 7 will also be participating in the PiXL Edge project. Ten students will attend the event and share what they learn with the rest of the year group.

Our Year 7 students have embraced the challenge of settling into a new environment, meeting new people and learning new subjects with enthusiasm. Welcome Year 7, we are sure you will all have a very successful year!

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

@SJHSBlwyddyn7

and the whole school twitter page
@SJHSnewport



Atlantic College Experience 2016

During the summer of 2016 we had the opportunity to spend ten days at Atlantic College's School for Young leaders. During these ten days we not only learnt how to be an outstanding leader within our local communities but also on a much larger scale. We engaged in skills-based sessions that taught us the most important practical skills that a leader would need such as event planning, time management, co-ordination, and facilitation. As well as that, the teams engaged in discussions and debates about how leaders act in the world today. We visited the Sennedd to see where Wales' leaders meet and how they make their decisions and also had the opportunity to put our new skills into practice and lead our own events; we ran a mini music festival, a public event and a graduation ceremony for ourselves.

It wasn't all hard work though! Throughout the week we enjoyed many fun activities, such as long walks along the beach, a trip to Cardiff, kayaking and rock climbing. During our free time we made lots of lifelong friends from all across the globe that we still speak to on a daily basis. Atlantic College was definitely one of the best experiences of our lives and we would recommend it to anyone.

Written by Amy Penn

Introducing our new Head Students...



Stefan Garcia
Head Boy



Bethan Richards-Doughty
Head Girl



Jamie Medina
Head Boy



Amy Penn
Head Girl



Edward O'Keefe
Deputy Head Boy



Rose Evans
Deputy Head Girl



Callum Doughty
Deputy Head Boy



Myah Seivwright-Williams
Deputy Head Girl

Croeso i'n Staff Newydd



Karl Shackleford
IT MANAGER



Julia Bisson
DEPUTY IT MANAGER



Rhys Driscoll
HEAD OF IT



Simon Hendry
HEAD OF MUSIC



Matthew Richards
BUSINESS TEACHER



Shane Bury
SCIENCE TEACHER



Daisy Jones (Agency)
ENGLISH TEACHER



Jennifer Lye
ENGLISH TEACHER



Lucy Jones
MATHS TEACHER



Roya Hembrey
MATHS TEACHER



Lauren Tucker
MFL TEACHER



Hannah Star
MFL TEACHER



Karen O'Donoghue
RE TEACHER



Eleri Roberts
RE TEACHER



Calvin Burton
WELSH TEACHER



Kathryn Read
WELSH TEACHER

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