

Insight

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Headteacher's Message neges y pennaeth

Mrs J Jarrett Headteacher

A very warm welcome to our final edition of Insight. I can't quite believe we are coming to the end of another historic year – where has the time gone?! As we approach the end of the academic year, I am filled with a great sense of gratitude to you all for the great support that we as a community have provided for each other. This has been a most unique and historic

year. Yet, I suppose that has been true of all the years since March 2020. When I consider the way in which our school has navigated the challenges of the year, it is with a sense of pride that I reflect upon the perseverance, flexibility, and good humour that staff and pupils, supported by parents and carers, have met these challenges.

I know, that particularly in the Autumn term, the regularity of rule changes and the presence of Covid were at times both stressful and worrying. However, as a St Joseph's RC High School family we were able to keep going with a sense of purpose and dedication to the needs of every child in our care. We have been able to remain a vital place of learning and growth.

Whilst the year began with constraints, this edition of Insight is a great example of how we have jumped back with vigour and exhilaration into being a vibrant Catholic learning community embracing and celebrating life. I feel as the year has progressed, I could not be prouder of each member within our SJHS family.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our Governors who give up so much of their time to help, support and guide us – we would be truly lost without them. In particular, I would like to extend a special thank you to Mr Paul Bennett who after over 30 years as our Chair of Governors has recently stepped down. It was a great privilege to be able to celebrate his outstanding service to Catholic education and St. Joseph's at our Key Stage 3 Evening of Celebration.

On behalf of everyone at St Joseph's RC High School, we wish you a great summer, look after yourself and enjoy the sunshine!

“The first step in securing our cyber future is education, and that means everything from educating individuals to companies to the next generation of IT professionals.” Dan Lipinski



Cyberfirst

CYBERUK has become a key date in the calendar for thought-leaders in cyber security and technical professionals from the UK and around the world. This year SJHS were invited by the NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) to experience this event.

Our students had the opportunity to participate in a range of experiences with some of the largest IT and security companies from across the world and UK government security agencies



“It was great to spend time talking to pupils at St Joseph’s School in Newport and to hear about their aspirations of working in the cyber industry and the valuable skills they are learning to help them achieve that ambition.” **Steve Barclay**



We were given the privilege to host a meeting with a senior government official to discuss our involvement in the **NCSC CyberFirst Program** and our recognition as a Silver Award CyberFirst school. Lead Minister for Cyber and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Steve Barclay took part in a Computer Science lesson, discussed with students their cyber education experiences and aspirations for the future in this field.

St Joseph’s RC High school was the first state secondary school in Wales to be awarded the Silver Award for the NCSC’s CyberFirst school’s program.

Over the past 5 years we have developed a challenging, engaging and rewarding curriculum that is centred on computer science, applied digital skills and cyber security. CyberFirst activities are intended to inspire and encourage students from all backgrounds to consider a career in cyber security and apply for a CyberFirst bursary.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Lead Cyber Minister, Steve Barclay said:

“These skills are crucial in helping to boost our individual and collective cyber defences from the threats that we face, so I was delighted to see the enthusiasm and passion of both children and teaching staff at the school.”

A key component of our success has been our participation in the NCSC’s Cyber girl’s competition. This has enabled us to provide further opportunities for our school community and to inspire us to achieve more in the cyber world.

The NCSC have been fantastic in giving us guidance, a link to real industry experts and professional learning opportunities. The NDEC team, led by Holly Lidbury, have been particularly supportive and encouraging with our journey as a CyberFirst school. It was great to have Steve Barclay here today to show off what we’ve managed to achieve so far, and we look forward to some of our students helping shape the UK’s cyber future.

Mr Rhys Driscoll

What is Seren?

Seren is a Welsh Government initiative dedicated to helping Wales' brightest students achieve their full academic potential and support their education pathway into leading universities in Wales, the UK, and overseas.

What have we been up to?

This term, Seren Foundation students have taken part in online lectures and seminars to gain an invaluable insight into what Degree level studies would involve! They have also attended online writing workshops, Science and Dentistry lectures and an Open University planetary science lecture delivered by Dr Martin Suttle.

"The 'How to Build a Planet' event run by the Seren Foundation, was very informative and really engaging! The premise of the event already piques my interest and the way it was delivered certainly lived up to my expectations, it was very accessible for all ages! The content delivered during the lecture seemed quite complicated at first, but the lecturer delivering used examples to explain the concepts in detail. All in all, I really enjoyed this event and am definitely interested in attending more events similar to this in the future!"

Keisha Ortega, Year 10



Congratulations Alex...

Earlier this year, I took part in the British Physics Olympiad Senior Challenge and received a bronze award after completing an examination. I received my award at a celebration event in Cardiff, where I was given a certificate. I have an interest in physics because it allows me to understand how the universe behaves at the most fundamental level, which really fascinates me, as well as the idea that these discoveries could benefit humanity as a whole. In the future, I'd like to take my studies of physics further by taking part in research involving astronomy or particles. I decided to complete this award as I felt that it would help me build my understanding of physics to help me in year 13 and my future studies, which will improve both my grades and interest in the subject. I also think that completing this award will be useful in my university applications as it will help to show my interest in physics and will also help show my ability in understanding topics beyond A level.

Alex, Year 12

As a school, we're really proud of the work that the Seren project does to help our Sixth Form students to achieve. It is even better when such a promising student, such as Alex, is recognised for his passion, hard work and dedication to his studies. Da iawn Alex, we're all very proud of you, Mr James.

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AN EXCITTING TRANSITION

St Joseph's Primary Mock High School

Moving up to High School is frequently a daunting experience; there's a new building, new routine, new faces and facilities, not to mention for many of our Year 7 students, a new way of travelling to school. This is why we were thrilled to be asked to participate in St Joseph's Primary School's mock High School week in June, so that some of our teachers could visit them and deliver lessons in their specific subjects.

Over the course of a week, seven separate departments from the High School visited the Primary School and taught the Year 6 pupils who will join us in September. Students had to follow all the High School routines, including bringing their own books each day, moving around the school for different lessons, being responsible for their own equipment, and ensuring they recorded all of their homework; Senora Clements even managed to fit in a Spanish vocabulary test!

It was a lovely opportunity for us to start to meet some of our new faces, and to enthuse them about some of the topics and subjects they will study next year. We are really grateful to St Joseph's Primary School, Mrs Beckett and Mrs Bradshaw for inviting us in, and to the WBQ, Spanish, Welsh, PE, Maths, Technology, and English departments who participated in this trial. Hopefully this is something we will be able to extend to our whole cluster next year!



SJHS Transition Days

During June, it was such a relief to deliver a full Year 6 transition package. We really enjoyed visiting primary schools and speaking to prospective new Year 7 pupils, hearing about all their fantastic contributions to school life and the progress they had been making. Primary schools spoke so fondly and lovingly of the young people that we will be inheriting;

St Joseph's is truly blessed in having kind, enthusiastic, motivated, and talented individuals. We are looking forward so much to developing new friendships, providing exciting learning opportunities, and welcoming families into our St Joseph's community this September.

With the help of staff and Year 7 Transition Ambassadors, Year 6 were given two fun filled days of high school experiences, as well as a transition evening. Pupils met their new form and form tutors, they discussed ambitions, the future, community spirit and our faith filled commitment, pupils also visited computer science, modern foreign languages, music, physical education, and Welsh departments. Our Transition Ambassadors were fantastic role models and were able to show their compassion for others, creativity, and sense of humour in producing an insightful film called **A Day in the Life at St Joseph's** ([click to view on our website](#)). Year 6 saw high school in full operation and were able to enjoy the day to day 'buzz' of our vibrant and busy environment. Two days went so quickly; we saw lots of smiles, budding friendships, teamwork, and kindness, we heard much laughter, excitement and positivity, and feedback was inspiring and lavishly given.

We cannot wait to see you all again in September.





COLOURRUN

On Thursday 26th May, our Sixth Form, in collaboration with Newport Live, St Joseph's held a Colour Run to raise money for Papyrus. Papyrus is our chosen Sixth Form charity due to their work in young suicide prevention and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for young people.

Just before the COVID pandemic, our school and Year 13 lost a talented and popular student and friend. As Year 13 are leaving for pastures new, we felt that it was important to help raise awareness within the Sixth Form in positive mental health and doing something that was fun, energetic and all in the memory of Brodie Morgan, under the banner #DoltforBrodie.

We were overwhelmed with the support of our school community and the numbers of students and staff who took part exceeded even our highest expectation. Students and staff all stood eagerly waiting at the start line before completing the 5k whilst Sixth Form students and staff covered us in paint

powder. It was amazing! The students looked so colourful and following the pandemic, it was lovely to hear the laughter and the opportunity to come together as a community.

We raised over £2100.00 for Papyrus, an amazing cause.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Newport Live for donating the paint powder and medals, and in particular Amelia Warren from our Sixth Form for planning such a successful event. I hope that from the Colour Run, students will look back and smile at the fun had by all, but more importantly know that if they ever need to speak to someone, there is always a door open at St Joseph's. **Mr O James, Head of Sixth Form.**

Please, if you feel you need some support please click link below, you are never alone.

Papyrus HOPELINEUK



Summer Message



“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Num. 6:24-26

The summer holidays are finally here!

Certainly, in my house, that’s thrilling news. You may relate. Time away with family and friends...laid back days...staying up late...catching up on things we’ve wanted to do all year...a much-needed break from the busy lives that so many of us lead.

But as much as we love the days of summer, fun holidays, and the times that rest and relaxation with those we love can bring, sometimes our focus gets side-tracked. We might somehow start to feel responsible for all the fun and making every minute count. And along the way, we may get weary, distracted, impatient. We get tired. The excitement of summer days can quickly fade.

I am reminded of this at the start of the season...true rest is not found simply because it’s summer; true rest is found in the Lord. And the secret to finding real peace is not found in time off from work and school, it’s found in Him.

It’s in His Presence that we find refreshing for our souls, renewing of our spirits, peace in our hearts, rest over our worried thoughts.

With the arrival of summer, many of us are taking or finding ways to unwind and beat the summer heat, and it is always important to find opportunities to rest and reflect. The sabbath or day of rest was created for that purpose, God knew that we, not him, need periods of rest and reflection when he deemed the seventh day of every week as such. It is also important for us to take the time to periodically rest and reflect on where we have been and where God is taking us next. So, this summer, rest in God and lean into Him so you can relax and fully enjoy the season.

Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the weeks of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during this holiday. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Archbishop George Stack MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On Saturday 21st May 2022, Joilene, 9P, Pearl, 10T and Mrs Jarrett gathered with representatives from parishes and secondary schools across the diocese at St David's Metropolitan Cathedral to join Archbishop George Stack for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Archbishop George was himself the principal celebrant at a celebration marked with a great sense of joy. The Mass started with the hymn "Lord, You give the great commission", a reminder that the call to priesthood, the call of any vocation always comes from the Lord and is always at the service of the Great Commission found at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel.

During the homily, the Archbishop reflected that, "The privilege of the priest is to call people to worship not just in words but in action too." He went on to say that a priest's life is to be "... a living sign of the presence and the care and the love of God to the people he is called to serve". In reference to his forthcoming retirement with the installation of Archbishop-elect Mark O'Toole on June 20th, he gave thanks for his time in Wales.

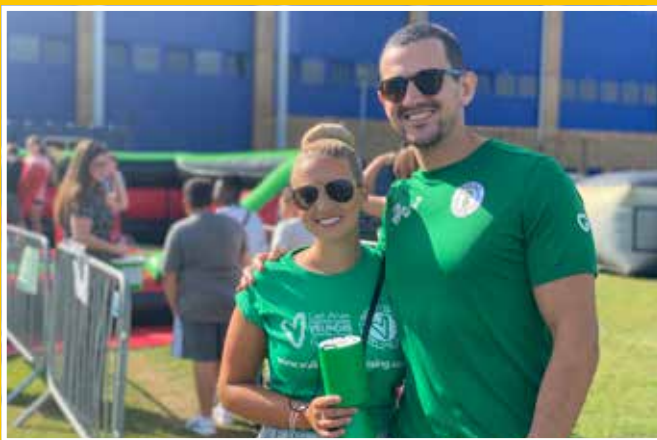
As Archbishop George prepares to enter the next phase of his life and his ministry, St Joseph's RC High School says 'Ad multos annos' and thank you.



We love our new outdoor reflection spot outside the chapel. Also, a big thank you to Mr Rowland, Mr Foster and the site team for planting the Jubilee Tree.

On Friday 15th July, St Joseph's celebrated the end of the school year in style. After a turbulent year overcoming the pandemic, as a true family, we all came together to have fun and celebrate the academic achievements of everyone. Even the sweltering summer temperatures did not stop our SJHS community from having the time of their lives. With a variety of inflatables, a fair ground ride and craft stalls, students and staff had a wonderful time raising money for Velindre.

<https://www.velindrefundraising.com/>



The Key Stage Four Welsh Baccalaureate department worked tirelessly to ensure The Enterprise Fair ran smoothly. Organised by our Head of Welsh Baccalaureate, Miss Wilcox, allowed Year 10 students to promote their entrepreneurship skills in preparation for the world of work. Year 10 worked incredibly hard creating products from jewellery and sweet cones, to promoting a service of hosting competitive football matches. It is evident that there are many talented entrepreneurs with incredibly successful futures here at St Joseph's.

Velindre Cancer Centre provides specialist cancer and blood services across South and Mid Wales through Velindre Cancer Centre and the Welsh Blood Service. Delivering quality, care and excellence to their patients and donors is at the heart of their organisation.

#VELINDRE



Year 10 raised £4418.29 in total. Amazing!!!

Year 10 have been planning months in advance for this event, researching prices, promotion, and place to ensure their products were successful. Like true entrepreneurs, their promotional skills were in full force from bartering to three for two offers. From start to finish the event was a huge success. Year 10 should feel incredibly proud of their efforts for this worthy cause.

The thrills, laughter, and excitement on students' faces were a pleasure to see. The screams from the Miami ride and

the delights from the inflatables filled students with joy and happiness – what a great way to celebrate finishing a fulfilling academic year.

The total money raised for Velindre Cancer Care was £4418.29. An incredible amount of money for a worthy cause close to our hearts here at St Joseph's. All staff and students should be immensely proud of their efforts as a family and community. Roll on next year!





SPORTS DAYS 2022

One thing we know what to do well in St Joseph's is how to throw an excellent sports day. Or four! We have seen four FABulous sports days for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, with both pupils and staff getting fully involved in traditional and non-competitive activities.

All year groups took part in 8 events within their form classes, where they could gain points to coincide with our Catholic virtues for this term, **attentive and discerning**, with participation and teamwork as the focus.

Pupils could gain points in the traditional sports day events for distances thrown, times for running, and distances jumped. Although there were points available to win for each form class, pupil participation and enjoyment was always at the forefront of each day. Also, the sun was shining, and the music beats were playing. Win win!!

Pupils also experienced some of the traditional athletic events with all form classes competing against each other. It was great to see so many pupils involved, displaying great sportsmanship, resilience, determination, and amazing effort. There were overall form winners for each year groups, but each pupil should be extremely proud of their achievements and performances.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents, carers and other home links for your continued support and commitment towards our sporting extra curricular clubs this year!!

We are looking forward to seeing many more of you in September to continue building on our successes from this year. Much love, Mrs Geeves and the PE Team x

Thank you to Holly Morgan, Year 12 for coming and taking photographs.





YR8







SPORTS SUPERSTARS

Some of our pupils are shining outside of school once more. As a PE Department, we are very proud of these pupils and what they have achieved so far. Please join us in celebrating their fantastic sporting achievements...



Gerard Welsh Basketball
 Gavin Welsh Basketball
 Shay Newport Schools Rugby
 Ethan Newport Schools Rugby
 Zayn 70kg Welsh Champion

Callum GB Athletics
 Josh Newport Schools Football
 Adam Newport Schools Football
 Ben Newport Schools Football
 Ruby U14 SE Wales Netball
 Ollie U16 Welsh Hockey Finals



The following pupils were selected to compete for South East Wales Schools in the NATIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Cardiff International Sports Stadium, on Saturday 2th July 2022:

Akash
 Sebastian
 Jorge
 Cormac
 Aeden
 Morgan

If you know of anyone else that has achieved sporting greatness outside of school, please let us know as we would love to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

SJHS

MINISTRIES' VOICES



Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Ministry

Health and Wellbeing Ministry

Community Ministry

Teaching and Learning Ministry

Mental Health and Wellbeing Ministry Update

In the ministry of Mental Health and Wellbeing, we have utilised this year to implement many new ideas and solutions to the problems that were created from the tough previous years.

Firstly, Mr Humpage, as the SLT link of our ministry, through extensive preparation and training, launched a Mental Health & Ambassador Program open to all students from a range of all years to ensure that students feel relatable to an ambassador of their age. The ambassadors have been selected through tough application stages and thus we have ensured that these ambassadors will truly help our community and boost the overall morale. These ambassadors will be actively helping students throughout break and lunch periods from next year onwards.

Additionally, we are currently designing and communicating with our school planner designers about a Mood journal. This will be located within the planner and will include resources to allow for better revision and wellbeing tips and to track mood and emotion throughout weeks and months. This will help students to boost their mental health; and this is proven to be one of the best methods to get on top of mental health.

We are also looking to establish mood rooms to allow students to refocus during break and lunch periods. This is currently being initially revised and planned by our ministry and we hope for this to be active by the start of next year.

We will also be providing updates of our ministry by having a

consistent page in the insight in which we will have an array of updates, progress towards targets, tips, tricks, and other information which is helpful.

We are also trialling a Mental Health And Wellbeing podcast. We as a ministry are opening this podcast to all years and it will also be publicly available on the school website within our mental health and wellbeing section. We will include topics like exam revision techniques, health and wellbeing, time management, and stress relief methods and also have some guests like pupils and teachers to tell inspiring stories as well as personal methods of coping with stress and how to effectively revise in exams.

Furthermore, as a ministry, we really consider the mental health and wellbeing of our sixth form and thus we have cooperated with Mr. James and our 6th form ministry members to find out where we can strengthen support for the sixth form students. Examples such as bringing in pathway councillors and specifically trained ambassadors have been considered and will be active soon.

We can't wait to see the impact of our targets next year and prosper even more to better our school community. Have a wonderful summer.

Diolch, MHW Ministry

The Impact of the Equality Ministry 2021-2022

Welcome Megan • **Croeso Hannah** • **Ahlan bik Yasmeen** (Arabic) • **Sbagata** (Bengali) • **Maligayang pagdating Keisha** (Filipino) • **Witam Yomi** (Polish) • **Bienvenue Luc** (French) • **Bienvenidos Alejandra** (Spanish) • **Benvenuto Chiara** (Italian) • **Willkommen** (German) • **Siyalemukela Trey** (Isindebele) • **Kaabo Michelle** (Yoruba) • **Akwaaba Afia** (Twi) • **Ndewo Triumph** (Igbo).

Infographic created by the Equality Ministry

DIVERSITY@ ST JOSEPH'S

We have a core group and an extra 20 pupil VIPs representing our wide range of ethnicities. 44 ethnicities are represented in our proudly multi-cultural school.

A new welcome reception has been developed to celebrate diversity and inclusivity. The Equality policy has been reviewed again and linked to our Strategic Equality Action Plan. Please see the school website.

Staff have attended several DARPL training events focussed on anti-racism. Year 7 have been trained by 'Show Racism the Red Card' and Year 9 by Race Cymru. We have started to collaborate further and to share good practice around diversity in the curriculum. Our canteen windows and most classrooms celebrate diversity champions in every subject area. (A3 poster display)

In PSHE, Mr Nunn has taught all pupils about our school ethos, our anti-racist stance and how racism must be tackled in 6 stages. This has included education around the official reporting of racist incidents. Many pupils have helped influence our anti-racism banners. Thank you to Miss Durston one of university teachers for helping to finish the design.

Trey Mathuthu and Tennessee Cruz in Year 10 have attended many workshops with the Black History Wales. Trey even presented at the final conference 'Standing on the shoulders of giants'. Our Diversity ministry and many VIPs have attended many meetings across the school year to plan for change and impact.

These pupils also completed an 18 question audit of the school curriculum and our Year 11 reps analysed all 244 responses. The Finale saw many of these amazing young people presenting at our staff inset day on July 1st. Consequently, all teachers agreed to 3 pledges that will ensure we embrace diversity even more in 2022-23 in our lessons and school curriculum.

Finally, a big thank you to Miss Cooper for all her support across the year, we would not have had this impact without her involvement.

*Diolch,
Equality Ministry*

Community Ministry Update



In the Ministry of Community, this year we have dedicated ourselves to providing a more environmentally friendly community for the pupils and staff at St Joseph's.

At the beginning of the year, we set out a list of goals that we aimed to achieve throughout the academic year. Firstly, we discussed implementing permanent recycling bins for students to use in the corridors to ensure that there is no litter on the floor around the school.

Through the support of the Senior Leadership Team and Mr Rowland, we managed to buy many recycling bins to place around the school and we have noticed that the amount of littering has significantly decreased. We hope that students will continue to use them and that they will also recognise the difference that it is making.

Additionally, we set out to remove all of the single-use plastic in the canteen. With the support of Mr Rowland and Chartwells, we replaced the canteen's popular plastic bottled fruit drink with a new set of drinks from a brand called 'Flawsome'. Their drinks are made of 'wonky' fruit that is discarded from supermarkets and usually goes to waste. In our ministry meetings, we tried each of the drink flavours and scored them against one another until we decided on our favourites and they were put into the canteen for students and staff to enjoy. These drinks do not include any single use plastic and are made from recycled fruit waste so are significantly better for the environment. We

understand that there are still products that are packaged in single use plastic in our canteen so we will continue to work towards fully meeting this aim.

It has been wonderful to see that we have finally been able to have the Year 6s from the feeder primary schools at St Joseph's for their transition days and the Ministry of Community hope to be able to continue to strengthen the relationship between the pupils at St Joseph's and the feeder schools. We have chosen to produce videos with the current Year 7's so that the primary school students can see what a welcoming and supportive place St Joseph's is. These videos will also provide some top tips for those who are apprehensive about what to expect.

For the upcoming year, we hope to make charity work a significant part of our agenda so that we can bridge the gap between our school and the wider community. We would love to work with local charities to raise money for their organisation's services and we feel that charity work is a great way to educate pupils at our school about important social issues and those who need our support.

As a ministry, we are proud of the progress that we have made so far and cannot wait to see the impact that we can make next year! Have a great summer!

Diolch, Community Ministry

Teaching and Learning Ministry Update

The Teaching and Learning Ministry has been working hard throughout this year to improve education and student experience within the school. In our first meeting, we recognised three areas that needed our attention:

- engaging students' interest
- student-led projects
- developing revision aids

From next year onwards, a new education curriculum will launch and we believed it was important for students to have an active voice in this change. We conducted a survey to identify pupils' interests, the effectiveness of support received by students and what we can do to make exam season less stressful for our students. As a collective, we realised how effective revision techniques can boost confidence during the

exam period. There are right and wrong ways to revise and it is not always clear to students what works and what doesn't. As revision is a vital part of school life, we feel that students should not only be taught the curriculum but also how to revise and why certain revision techniques are more effective than others.

To help students, we will be designing an "Effective Revision Techniques" section on the school planners which students can access at any time. Furthermore, to encourage student engagement, one of our sixth form students has launched a Year 7 Maths club called "Roots to Success". This is a revision group led by year 12 students aiming to help Year 7 pupils with school work and developing their maths skills. We hope to continue this project in the years to come as well as expanding to further subject-specific revision clubs led by sixth formers to help our younger students with their learning and develop their interest in education.

Diolch, Community Ministry

NEW CURRICULUM for Wales September 22

In September 2022, our new Year 7 students will be embarking on a new and innovative development in Welsh education.

As part of Welsh Government's agenda of developing young people with the skills needed for their future, we will be adopting the new Welsh curriculum along with all secondary schools in Newport, and all of our cluster primary schools.

The new Curriculum for Wales is designed to prepare pupils to understand the connectivity between their learning and to explore authentic, real-life examples of how and why their learning is important. There are four core purposes which drive the new curriculum as we strive to help pupils become:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their life
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens, ready to take part in Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead a fulfilling life as a valued member of society.

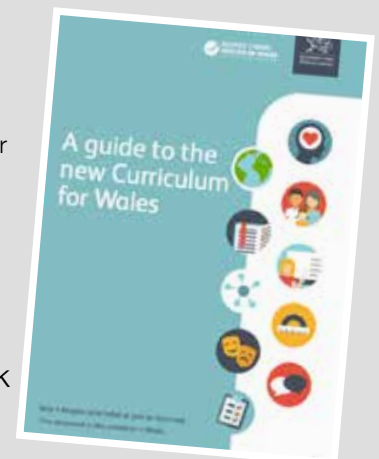
At St Joseph's, we have been preparing for this over the last three years and have successfully piloted two new schemes with our current Year 7. These have been very well received by pupils, and as we progress through the new curriculum,

we will update and amend our provision annually so that we reflect our ever-changing world to suit the requirements of all pupils. As teachers, this will enable us to deliver learning experiences which allow pupils to recognise their learning in real-life situations and contexts, and to appreciate the connections between subjects.

As a Catholic school, we are also excited about how seamlessly the four core purposes align with our Catholic Virtues which are at the centre of our curriculum, and enable us to support pupils and parents in their faith journey.

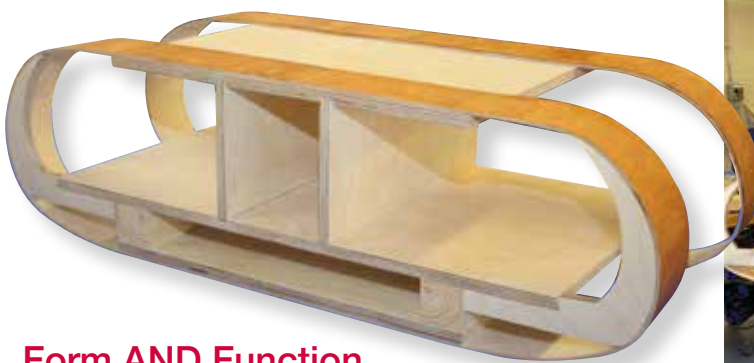
We are excited to be starting the new curriculum in September and hope that it will enthuse our pupils in their learning.

A handy guide for parents has been designed by Welsh Government and can be found **here** or click on the brochure on the right.



TECH

Introducing two of our Design and Technology superstars Christian and Kenneth.



Form AND Function

Hello my name is Christian, and what you're seeing in the picture is the very creation that I've been putting several lunches and hours into, from product research to the designing stages and getting a final idea of what I want it to look like. I decided to not go for something generic and something that everyone does. Instead, my whole goal was to be different. Why make something that already exists when you can innovate and create your minds desire. But first of all, to inspire my design I look at modern designers like artistic director of Louis Vuitton's menswear, Virgil Abloh and major figure in architecture, Zara Hadid. Both of the designers have inspired me to make an abstract design with the incorporation of curves and modernism.

From the curves on the side panels to the open storage space for numerous things, I have merged both worlds incorporating both art/design and functionality. Two worlds, two sides, two different purposes. Yet I reached an equilibrium between the two. This product may look all artsy and abstract but it has a lot of purpose to it like a decorative piece for your furniture in your house that accounts to also being storage. It's big enough to fit pairs of shoes and its open air design lets the shoes breathe and let them be shown off to whomever may lay their eyes upon it. The design is meant to both compliment its environment and be able to have the function fit for the daily average person. I innovated such a product because everyone wants to be organised, but of course how do you even become organised when you don't have a place to put it. Its open air design makes it easy to use and is both aesthetically pleasing to the human eye, thus making you actually want to put more things in it. This is in benefit of both the use of the product and the consumer in use of it. I'm not here to make a difference. I'm here to have an impact but know my impact will make a difference.



The Liquid Spillage Stopper

I am a year 11 student currently sitting GCSE exams. I chose 3 individual subjects to take for my GCSEs and one of these subjects was Product Design. The Product Design GCSE came with a theory exam and coursework which included a practical. For the practical we had to make a product that either had finding and fixing problems qualities, biomimicry qualities or designer qualities. For the product I made (referred to as "The Liquid Spillage Stopper") I incorporated the finding and fixing as well as the biomimicry qualities. The main function of the product I made is to prevent and minimise the risk of liquid in a mug accidentally being spilled when transported around the workplace, houses or restaurants.

The Liquid Spillage Stopper is an interesting and simple product that uses the principles of physics to move a cup or mug full of liquid without the liquid spilling out. My main inspiration for designing and manufacturing this product was down to my dad's love for drinking tea. I noticed that there was a tendency to sometimes spill the tea when transporting his mug around the house, so I decided to design and create a product that will rule out any spillage. The device holds the cup or mug with liquid in it and no matter how much it is swung around, the liquid will not spill. This means that the liquid can be transported from one place to another, without a single spillage. This is particularly useful for carrying hot drinks which have the ability to spill without the appropriate care, eliminating the risk of getting burnt and ensuring that health and safety standards are met.

MOONBASE ALPHA

Sustainable living



This year, we have closely worked with our Science and Computer Science department to enable multiple opportunities for our pupils to become ambitious, capable and ready to learn throughout their life.

The idea of this project was to demonstrate to Year 7 pupils the importance of sustainable living in harsh and challenging habitats. We studied the need of a human colonization in an off-world setting. This allowed us to create a range of design proposals, drawn and rendered in 3D for human habitation upon the moon. We created models with recycled materials and photographed them from various angles. The photos then had their backgrounds removed and a space scene added,

using a free program called **Paint.net**. Pupils learnt a variety of graphical techniques including perspective, isometric and oblique drawing, model making, computer graphics, processing and presentation skills.

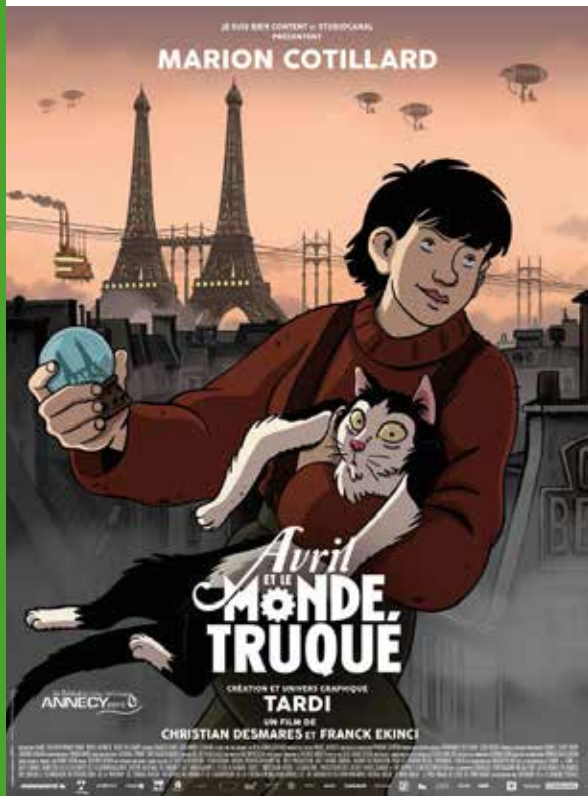
The knowledge and deep understanding gained through experiencing science and technology has helped learners to become creative contributors, embrace challenges, encouraged to take risks and learn to develop solutions. Thus, they can become more resilient and purposeful learners across all areas of learning and experience.

Band in Brum!

On Friday 8th July 2022, in partnership with Caerleon Comprehensive School and other local Secondary Schools, the SJHS Music Department travelled to Birmingham to compete in the second round of the National Music for Youth Festival.

Our musicians joined together to form a large wind band and performed 3 pieces of music live on stage to an audience at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. The performances were fantastic, and the Music Department would like to sincerely thank all pupils for their hard work and for taking part. We're keeping our fingers crossed to get through to the next round!





FRENCH FILM NIGHT22

On Thursday 7th April, 49 Year 7 pupils enjoyed a special screening of April and the Extraordinary World, a french language film set in an alternate past where electricity hasn't yet been discovered and Paris is run by steam power. April and her talking cat Darwin go on an action-packed adventure through the city, with lots of twists and turns thrown in!

Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed the film, and were able to notice lots of words and phrases they had learnt in their French lessons. Mrs Clements and Miss Cooper were on hand to sell sweets, chocolate and drinks during the interval, with all proceeds raised by the film night donated to the Year 7 chosen charity.

Quelle magnifique soirée! We all had a brilliant time and can't wait for the next one!

The MFL Department

"We were so impressed with your children and it was lovely to see them interacting so well with ours. I hope we can do this again next year..." Miss R Garrod, Rougemont School



Year 7

Adina, Amelie, Angelina, Annis, Evie, Joe, Lucia, Lucy, Sophie

"I really enjoyed going to Rougemont because I could meet new people who liked books just as much as I did. We spoke about the Carnegie prize books and did activities inspired by the books.

After that we looked at the Kate Greenaway books and spoke about them too. We had a great time and I hope we can go again."

Year 8

Ali, Ava, Caitlin, Cara, Karolina, Martina, Millie

"Book group is an amazing way to make friends. It is also a great way to explore new stories to read. It's a lovely environment where we meet others. It is our happy place."

READING GROUP PUPIL'S Visit to Rougemont & REVIEW

Year 9

Angelica, Rosa maria, Maddy, George, Ashley, Sarah

"It's not just the books. We have studied plays (and acted them); Solved Agatha Christie mysteries; and just enjoyed reading."

Year 10

Megan, Niamh, Keisha

"In book group, we like to read about a variety of books from lots of different genres. Especially now we are in year 10 it is nice to have a place where we can read for pleasure. Mr Watts is a fabulous teacher who includes everyone no matter what they read. Even during the pandemic he did everything he could to keep book group going giving us lots of activities and ideas books we could read".

Year 12

Hollie, Eve, Libby, Megan, Sophie

"Year 12/13 book group have been together since they were y7. Pre Christmas we focus on Booker Prize then after Christmas delve into more adult reading for pleasure".

EISTEDDFOD

Cadair Eisteddfod Anhygoel An Amazing Eisteddfod Chair



Gofynnwyd yr Adran Dechnoleg gan Mrs R Davies yn yr Adran Gymraeg i greu Cadair Eisteddfod, y gallai gael ei defnyddio yn ystod bob Eisteddfod yn Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Joseph Sant er mwyn coronio'r bardd buddugoliaethus ym Mlynnyddoedd 7 ac 8.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i Danielle Tenorio (7V), Lyla-May Ulhaq (7V) a Jake Brice (10O) yn ogystal â Mrs L Williams, Mr T Simmonds a Mrs J Thomas am greu, dylunio a gwneud Cadair Eisteddfod anhygoel y bydd yn cael ei defnyddio am flynyddoedd.

Gwneir y gadair o ddeunyddiau cynaliadwy a thorrrwyd pob graddfa'r ddraig yn unigol ac wedyn haenwyd i greu effaith drawiadol. Arddangosir y gadair yn falch ym mynedfa'r Brif Neuadd yn yr ysgol ac wedi cael llawer o edmygwyr yn barod. Da iawn!

The Technology Department were asked by Mrs R Davies from the Welsh Department to create an Eisteddfod Chair, which could be used at every Eisteddfod at St Joseph's High School to crown the winning bard from Years 7 and 8.

Diolch yn fawr iawn to Danielle Tenorio (7V), Lyla-May Ulhaq (7V) and Jake Brice (10O) as well as Mrs L Williams, Mr T Simmonds and Mrs J Thomas for creating, designing and making such a wonderful Eisteddfod chair, which will be used for many years to come.

The chair is made out of sustainable materials and each dragon scale was individually cut and layered to create a striking effect. The chair is being proudly displayed at the entrance to the main hall of the school and has had many admirers. Da iawn!

Celf Cymraeg Arbennig o Dda • Outstanding Welsh Art



Diolch yn fawr i Macie Silverson, Roisin Thomas, Molly Hatherall a Grace Kinsella-Maher o 9H a greodd gelf Cymraeg arbennig o dda. Rydych chi wedi disgleirio coridor Cymraeg yn yr ysgol gyda draig fendigedig a chennin Pedr siriol.

Diolch yn fawr to Macie Silverson, Roisin Thomas, Molly Hatherall and Grace Kinsella-Maher from 9H who created some magnificent Welsh artwork. You have really brightened up the Welsh corridor in school with a fantastic dragon and cheerful daffodils.

Eisteddfod ar lein Virtual Eisteddfod

Roedd rhaid i'r adran Gymraeg yn meddwl yn wahanol eleni achos allen ni ddim cwrdd â'n gilydd i ddathlu'r Eisteddfod fel yr ydym yn fel arfer yn ei wneud. Ni stopiodd rheolau Covid ni o ddathlu a chynhaliwyd wythnos gyfan o weithgareddau Cymraeg yn yr ysgol rhwng Chwefror 28ain - Mawrth 4ydd.

The Welsh department had to think outside the box a little bit this year due to not being able to meet as whole year groups to celebrate the Eisteddfod as normal. We didn't let the Covid regulations stop us from celebrating and a whole week of activities took place in school from February 28th – March 4th.

Helfa Drysor Treasure Hunt

Cynhaliwyd gwasanaeth Dewi Sant ar lein ar gyfer yr ysgol i gyd yn ogystal ag Helfa Drysor cod QR, lle roedd rhaid i'r disgyblion ddarganfod a chasglu cliwiau 16 llythren sydd wedi cael eu cuddio o gwmpas yr ysgol fel cōd QR a gweithio mas y neges cudd yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg. Cawson ni llawer o atebion cywir, ond llongyfarchiadau i'r enillwyr canlynol:

We held a virtual St David's day assembly for the whole school as well as a QR code Welsh treasure hunt, whereby pupils had to discover and collect the 16 letter clues which had been hidden around the school as a QR code and work out the hidden message in Welsh and English. We had lots of entries, but congratulations to the following winners:

Blwyddyn / Year 7

1af / 1st:

Isabel Davies

Enillwyr eraill / Runners up: Niamh Holt, Gabrielle White, Zoie Magallanes and Alvin Binoy

Blwyddyn / Year 8

1af / 1st - Adam Chua

Enillwyr eraill / Runners up: Rubin Fish, Amber Blackbird, Caden Clifford, Zarah Magallanes and Abbie Hastings

Blwyddyn / Year 9

1af / 1st - Nissi Manjoro

Blwyddyn / Year 10

1af / 1st - Tegan Stapleton

Enillwyr eraill / Runners up: Faith Lewis, Mia Grant and Cerys Smyth

Blwyddyn / Year 11

1af / 1st: Isabelle Rogers, Kaysha Rose and Libbie O'Neill

Staff

Mrs S Parry



Staff tu ôl i'r daff Staff behind the daff.

Sut bynnag, y prif beth a oedd pawb yn siarad am drwy'r wythnos oedd, "Pwy ydy'r staff tu ôl i'r daff?"

Roedd aelod o staff sy wedi cael ei guddio tu ôl cenhinen Pedr a roedd rhaid i'r disgyblion weithio mas y cliwiau dyddiol Cymraeg trwy'r wythnos yn ystod amser cofrestru yn y prynhawn i ddarganfod y staff.

Roedd llawer o waith ditectif a oedd yn mynd ymlaen a llawer o gyffro a rhagweld cyn iddo gael ei ddatgelu ar ddiwrnod olaf yr wythnos mai Mr I Humpage oedd y staff tu ôl i'r daff!

Diolch i Mr Humpage am fod yn gyfranogwr gwych a llongyfarchiadau i'r canlynol a ddyfalodd mai Mr Humpage oedd tu ôl i'r daff:

However, the main talking point for the week was, "Pwy ydy'r staff tu ôl i'r daff?", "Who is the staff behind the daff?"

A member of staff had been hidden behind a daffodil and pupils had to work out the daily Welsh clues all week during their form periods to reveal the staff member.

There was lots of detective work going on and lots of excitement and anticipation before it was revealed on the final day of the week that Mr I Humpage was the staff behind the daff!

Diolch to Mr Humpage for being such a great sport and well done to the following who guessed that it was Mr Humpage behind the daff:

Blwyddyn / Year 7 - Lydia Powell

Blwyddyn / Year 9 - Ffion Driscoll

Blwyddyn / Year 10 – Faith Lewis

Staff – Mrs S Parry

PATAGONIA



A big thank you to Mr O James for sharing such amazing photos with us for the newsletter.

TAITH I BATAGONIA 2022



On the 10th of April 2022, the Welsh Department took 25 pupils from Years 8-13 to Patagonia in South America for 10 days.

Days 1 and 2

We set off from school at 2am to make our way to Heathrow Airport and our 1st of 3 flights to Houston Texas, followed by a flight to Buenos Aires before finally arriving at Patagonia on Monday night, absolutely shattered but all looking forward to our Patagonian adventures the next day.

Day 3

After breakfast, we met with our knowledgeable tour guide Carina who walked us to the Paleontological museum in Patagonia. We were taught how the land had changed to form South America and all the different species that lived in Argentina before being show a documentary about the largest dinosaur to ever be discovered in the world in Patagonia called the "Patagotitan" as well as the laboratories where the palaeontologists worked on this discovery.



We then visited a Welsh speaking primary school called, "Ysgol yr Hendre" and were warmly greeted by Year 4 and 5 pupils who sang songs in Welsh to us and recited poetry that they had learnt in Welsh for their school Eisteddfod. Both Ysgol yr Hendre pupils and St Joseph's pupils were speaking to each and playing games in Welsh. What an unforgettable experience that was.

We then went to Puerto Madryn to see where the Welsh people had originally landed in 1865 and made a home for themselves and their families. In May 1865, 150 Welsh people set sail from Liverpool on the tea-clipper boat called, "Mimosa" and arrived in Puerto Madryn 8 weeks later on 27th July having travelled over 8,000 miles. We met some very friendly local volunteers who told us the history of the landings all through the medium of Welsh.

Day 4

Today, we travelled to Playa Union and went on a dolphin watching boat trip. The Tonina Overa or Panda dolphins are unique to Patagonia and were absolutely spectacular to get up close to as they look like mini orca whales. We all had lots of fun trying to spot them whilst on the boat, but Mrs Davies wishes that she had brought her sea legs!

After the dolphin watching, we went to Punta Tomba where we could walk amongst the Magellanic penguins before they migrate back to Brazil. The Magellanic penguin was named by the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, whose crew spotted it while sailing around the tip of South America. The penguins were really friendly and considering we visited at the end of their

breeding season, there were still lots of penguins there as well as armadillos in the wild and red llamas wandering around!

Day 5

Today we visited the town of Gaiman and specifically the Regional Historical Museum, the Old Railway Station and the Bethel Chapel as we followed in the footsteps of the Welsh settlers. After speaking to and meeting lots of different Welsh speaking tour guides, we then had a traditional Welsh afternoon tea in "Plas y Coed" tearooms with Welsh cakes, Welsh tea, cakes and bara brith. Absolutely delicious!

Day 6

So today we said goodbye to Carina our tour guide, who had provided us with plenty of memories of Patagonia and we headed off to Buenos Aires. We were all sad to leave Patagonia but we gave Carina our Welsh flag signed by all of us so a piece of St Joseph's will remain in Patagonia.

Day 7

We met Antonella, our fabulous tour guide in Buenos Aires along with Alex "the legend" bus driver! We had a full day of sight seeing in Buenos Aires as we walked down the Casa Rosada Presidential on the Plaza de Mayo and saw many landmarks such as the Teatro Colon. We walked down the Grand Avenida de Mayo, explored the cobblestone streets of San Telmo (the birth place of the tango) and saw tango dancers. We saw the famous Boca Junior football stadium along with the brightly painted house of La Boca before ending our day visiting the grave of Evita.



*Ysgol yr Hendre, Trelew
Hendre Primary School, Trelew*



Gwenweh! Smile!



*Y Cymry ym Mhuerto Madryn
The Welsh in Puerto Madryn*



*Houston.....does dim problem gyda ni!
Houston.....we don't have a problem!*

“



My favourite part about Patagonia was dolphin watching; hanging off the boat and watching them jump out of the water. I loved meeting the children at the primary school too. Speaking to them in Welsh was really exciting” **Carlito O’Sullivan, 8H**



*‘Ble maer dolffiniaid?
Where are the dolphins?’*



*Gorsaf drên Gaiman
Gaiman train station*

Day 8

Today we visited Estancia Don Silvano, which is an El Gaucho ranch and tried our hands at being cowboys for the day! We all rode horses, with some having more success than others! We had a big Argentinean BBQ followed by a traditional Argentine dance and singing show.

Days 9 and 10

Today we said “adios” to Buenos Aires as we began our return journey back home to Newport. We did stop off in Houston, Texas for a little while and visited the Houston Space Station where we saw over 400 space artefacts including the Saturn V rocket, of which only 3 remain, before heading back to the airport for our final flight home.

We had an amazing adventure during the Easter holidays and a great big thank you goes to Mr O James for organising such a fantastic and memorable trip of a lifetime. Diolch yn fawr iawn!



*Dulce de Leche - Blasus iawn!
Dulce de Leche - Very tasty!*



Casa Rosada / Tŷ Pine / Pink House



*Diwylliant yr Ariannin
Argentinian culture*



Sut mae?! How are you?!



Ole! Ole! Ole! Ole! Baza Junior's!



SHOW RACISM the Red Card

Just before Easter, all Year 7 pupils were involved in anti-racism workshops.

There was a key focus on the similarities between Christianity and Islam and clear messages provided about the origin of unacceptable racist language.

Our school will also embrace the effective challenge toolkit which has 6 key steps to help us all be pro-active in standing up to racism and discrimination of all types.

1 Rephrase **2** Question **3** Inform **4** Direct challenge
5 Report (indirect challenge) **6** Withdraw (if you feel unsafe).

The data below show what our Year 7's thought of the sessions.

All Year 7 pupils involved were provided with a survey to give feedback.

91% said the session was interesting

97% said it helped them know how to tackle racism

98% said it needs to be re-delivered to the new Year 7

The following comments were also made by pupils.

“Very helpful and informative session”

“It was fun and I would like to do more”

“I thought this was a very good way to educate people like me who didn't know much about what was right or wrong to say.”

KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS

An enormous congratulations to all the Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 pupils that have been awarded Attainment and Endeavour Awards for their hard work and resilience over the last academic year:

History

Genevieve Dinham
Tomas Briley
Emmanuel Suayan
Serenwyn Purkiss
Sophia Mogre
Jacey Brown

Welsh

Baccalaureate

Alvin Binoy
Ava Sullivan
Aryam Sium
Eva Meddins
William Norrie
Ffion Driscoll

Technology

Enrico Dirienzo
Seren Adams
Howie Kimble
Eliana Khasraw
Jacey Brown
Patrycja Bradford

RE

Danielle Tenorio
Esther-Salom Madiziva
Josna Joby
Aryam Sium
Simon Bellia
Edwin Thomas

Welsh

Joseph Wakeman
Sophia Navarra
Bailey Jackson
Josna Joby
Chloe Newman
Demi-Lee Roberts

Drama

Poppy Couldrey-May
Isla Scimshire
Laura Przelozynska
Carter Greenaway
Ffion Driscoll
Jude Taylor

Computer Science

Genevieve Dinham
Labaayka Babar
Mailee Gumsley
Joseph Gibbons
Grace Kinsella-Maher
Simon Bellia

MFL

Genevieve Dinham
James Beckett
Josh Abraham
Luca Scarpato
Jinead Callahi
Greyson Balfour

Maths

Joilene Prince
Lydia Thwaites
Kevin Sefton
Noel Sebastian
Michaela Makarova
Sophie Bellia
Alvin Binoy
Joshua Kemp

Inclusion

Riley Longmuir
Erin Phillips
Nissi Manjoro
Kevin Layton
Yustina Thomas
Kyan O'Neil

Geography

Caitlin Johnston
Florence Febin
Aryam Suim
Ali Theo Elharrif
Coby Ross
Merin Sibi

Music

Alvin Binoy
Leanne Fernandes
Jennifer Pastuszak
Leon
James Porter
Javier Gonzalez
Craig Nyamunda

English

Alvin Binoy
Sophia Navarra
Ryan Ross
Audrey Alcid
Justin Chacko
Nikolai Dminicki
Evander Wakely
Amelia Wixey
Paris Limbrick

PE

Ivy Pinches
Leo Ingles
Lacey Hughes
Iwan Bailey
Maya Archos
Koby Howells
Abbie Hastings
Conor Oakerbee
Kennedy Hallinan-Tobin
Gerard Cante
Grace White
Jorge Bishop

Art

Natalia Rodziewicz
Jennifer Pastuszak
Jude Taylor
Brayden Needs
Deelan Dodar
Alexander Matthews

Science

Alvin Binoy
Isla Dowding
Rijo Abraham
Eva meddins
Lydia Thwaites
Maddie Burgoyne

Headteacher Awards 2022

Genevieve Dinham
Izabelle Bailey
Gerard Canete



KS3 DRAMA AWARDS

KS3 'Excellence in Drama Certificates' were handed out this term for students who have consistently shown dedication, commitment and talent for acting throughout the year. The talent we have at St Joseph's is outstanding and a real delight to see. Keep up the fantastic work and have a wonderful summer.

A massive well done to all who received a certificate from the Drama Department. Mrs Baxter and Mr Testa

Year 7	
Bryony Balfe	7J
Alex Skierski	7J
Maria Chiritoiu	7O
Tomas Briley	7O
Niamh Holton	7S
Connor Downes	7E
Amy Smith	7E
Enrico Di Rienzo	7P
Lamiek Tesfay	7H
Shiri Fletcher	7H
Poppy Couldrey-May	7T
Faith Ekundayo	7V
Natasha Williams	7J
Fraser Thomas	7O
Joshua Kemp	7S
Faith Sabatia	7E
Joseph Davis	7P
Gwen Aderyn	7H
Isla Scrimshire	7T
Ethan Dudley	7V

Year 8	
Rijo Abraham/Lexie Powell	8J
Laura Przelozynska	8O
Fletcher Cain-Smith	8S
Eva Meddins	8S
Jamimah Mitchell	8E
Bailey Channings	8P
Rafael Martins	8P
Leo Dare	8H
Abbie Hastings	8H
Oliwier Depka	8T
Anais Hancock	8V
Constanza Colella	8J
Luca Howells	8O
Carter Greenaway	8S
Emma Durisova	8E
Scarlett Baker-Perry	8P
Carlito O'Sullivan	8H
Ava Bailey	8T
Howie Kimble	8V

Year 9	
Maya Odhiambo	9J
Lydia Thwaites	9O
Ruby Ryan	9S
Luke Duffield	9E
Kate Gunter	9E
Sophia Mogre	9P
Ffion Driscoll	9H
Matteo Di Rienzo	9H
Lucas Ibrahim	9T
Joseph Cross	9T
Simon Bellia	9V
William Norrie	9J
Lucy Norvill	9O
Jinead Calahi	9S
Methuran Rangathas	9E
Ruby Barrell	9P
Javier Gonzalez	9H
Thomas Ounsworth	9T
Jude Taylor	9V

Ukraine Support



Please see attached a thank you letter from Amanda Kirk who was the lead coordinator for the recent Ukraine initiative...

"I would also like to offer my sincere thanks for all your donations. When I looked on Wednesday, I was pleased to see copious donations behind the curtain in the hall. Then, I popped down p5 on Friday and I was beyond astonished to see how much more had been donated. I have attached pictures of the efforts, and this is just one area as there was just as much on the stage! I will continue to liaise with Amanda. I have expressed an interest to visit the centre when the Ukrainian families arrive at the end of May, and I will engage in further fundraising activities outside of school. I am currently in the process of convincing my husband and his business to buy them a washing machine and I hope to collect cans of food from the local community to help with their meals."

I would like to thank Jackie for allowing me to store the donations at school, the caretakers, especially Dave who I know was keen to leave early on Friday, but I kept him there right to the bitter end loading the donations into the collection vehicles. I hope the Victoria sponge cake made up for it Dave.



Song writer for the future...

Leanne in Year 7 made it through to the TOP 30 'SAYS22' (Song Academy Young Songwriter 2022) competition with her song "Something Big". Please congratulate her if you see her in the corridor: a fantastic achievement.

Goto the **Song Academy SoundCloud** account to listen to the finalists' songs.



Rubicon Dance

Thank you to Rubicon Dance for coming into St Joseph's to perform their version of The Nutcracker Bach. It was an outstanding performance and the pupils loved the show and the workshop. Congratulations to everyone involved with creating this new and exciting Dance Company. We were very lucky at St Joseph's to be chosen as one of the schools that the Dance Company went into visit.

www.rubicondance.co.uk



SAVES



Off to the Palace!

Miss Randall was rubbing shoulders, with the Royals at the Queens garden party in May..

"It was a great experience. We did have a little rain but it soon cleared up! And a Royal visit from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge was great. I couldn't wait to get shorts, T-shirt and trainers back on though!"

Miss Randall



DIOLCH!

Basketball Breaks

Our whole school Basketball community would like to extend a big slam dunk thank you to Mrs Jarrett, Mr Rowlands and Mr Foster!

All of our backboards and nets have been replaced allowing for 6 half court games each break.

*We love it!
Thank you xx*





Goodbye & Goodluck

We are sorry to say farewell to several colleagues who have been promoted to other schools or moving on to new adventures.

Of course, it is the time in the year when we sadly say goodbye to some staff. This year, Mr Humpage, one of the longest standing members of our SJHS family, will be retiring after 12 years of outstanding service to our young people. Mr Humpage has worked as an extraordinarily successful senior leader at St Joseph's since September 2010. A famous quote is no one is irreplaceable. However, when I think about the man Mr Humpage is, his values, his beliefs, his work ethic, his humour, his commitment, and driven determination to make a positive difference to the lives of all young people, it makes me believe that he is irreplaceable. When speaking with staff and pupils about Mr Humpage, the words that kept being repeated were "caring", "compassionate", "champion of all", "inclusive", 'respected' and "integrity". We wish Mr Humpage great happiness, good health and lots of adventures as starts to make new memories.

Other highly respected members of our school community leaving us are Mrs Purcell who has been a very highly valued and respected member of the Welsh department and the whole school since joining us in September 2007 and more recently been an excellent Assistant Head of Sixth Form. Mrs Purcell's caring and nurturing nature is a huge strength of hers and one many pupils at St Joseph's have benefitted from. I am delighted that the new and exciting role she will be taking on is in

the Inclusion department at Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr. We wish her enormous success and happiness as she continues to make a positive difference to the lives of young people; Mrs Edwards who having joined us in September 2010 as a Sociology, Psychology and Criminology teacher will be moving to the WJEC where she takes up the position as Subject Officer for Criminology. Mrs Edwards has not only been a consistently excellent teacher but also an incredibly strong pastoral leader when she worked as Assistant Head of Sixth Form. We are delighted that the qualification so many of our young people study is in safe hands with Mrs Edwards' role at the WJEC. We wish her every success and joy.

From our English department, Miss Davies and Mr Adams are both moving on to exciting new positions. It is always lovely to see past pupils flourish in their careers and so when Miss Davies came back to join us in June 2019 we were delighted. In the short time she has been with us, she has had a tremendous impact on the lives of the pupils at St Joseph's and formed excellent relationships with all. We wish her immense success and happiness in Radyr Comprehensive School as Second in English leading on KS4 and Literacy; last year, Mr Jones completed his PGCE placement with our English department and we were delighted when he agreed to stay with us for one more year. We wish him well as he moves on to work at Croesyceiliog School; Mr Taylor, having worked at St Joseph's since September 2020, will be leaving our Science and Mathematics departments to begin some

amazing adventures in Canada. Mr Taylor has worked hard to ensure that all pupils achieve their best possible outcomes in his lessons and has made some excellent relationships with staff and pupils. He will be missed but we wish him lots of fun and excitement; September 2021 Miss Cooper joined us as second in the MFL department. In the brief time she has been with us she has forged strong relationships with staff, pupils, parents, and carers. She is an excellent teacher, and we all wish her great success as a Spanish teacher at St John's College; Mrs Vinh, our Science Technician, joined us in April 2018 and will be missed by the Science department. We are grateful for all her hard work and dedication in preparing practical equipment, providing technical support to teachers, and ensuring the health and safety of the labs and prep rooms. We wish her well in her new role at Bassaleg School; and finally, we say goodbye to Mr Mellon our loved and respected Caretaker and Minibus Driver. Mr Mellon started at St Joseph's in September 2014 and since then he has taken immense pride in his work ensuring that our physical environment is one that we are all proud of. No job has ever been a problem for him. He has actively looked to support the school in everything we do. He will be missed by staff and pupils, and we wish him and his family good health and happiness

We wish all our leavers every success in the future and would like to thank them for the significant contribution they have made to our SJHS family over a number of years.

A LEVEL GALLERY



Bum! by
Lucy Hurley

Hands by
Wiktorja Szweda



Sketchbook by Annie Luther



Sketchbook by Wiktorja Szweda

Canteen Series by Kacie Hogan



GCSE GALLERY



Time (below left) by Jasmine Gibson



Innovation Series (above) by Christian Linganay



Sketchbook
by Jasmine Gibson

Astrology
by Poppy Sparrow

Stuff of Nightmares
by Kaysha Rose



Dates for your diary 2022

Autumn Term TYMOR Y HYDREF

September	
2	Inset Day
5	Year 7 and 12 Academic Year begins
6	Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 Academic Year begins
10-11	Duke of Edinburgh Trip
14	KS4&5 Celebration Evening
15	School Photographs (Years 7, 9, 11 & 13)
28	Year 7 Welcome Mass
October	
6	Year 7 Pastoral Evening
22-23	Expressive Arts Trip to London
31 Oct-4 Nov	Half Term

November	
8	GCSE Maths Paper 1
10	GCSE Maths Paper 2
11	Pupils Remembrance Service
14	Years 10&11 Progress Assessments Begin
24	Year 8 Parents Evening
25	Inset Day
28	Inset Day
December	
1	Year 13 Parents Evening
8	Year 12 Parents Evening
19	Year 7JOSE Christmas Fayre
20	Year 7PHTV Christmas Fayre
21	Advent Service
22	Last Day of Term
23	Inset Day

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

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