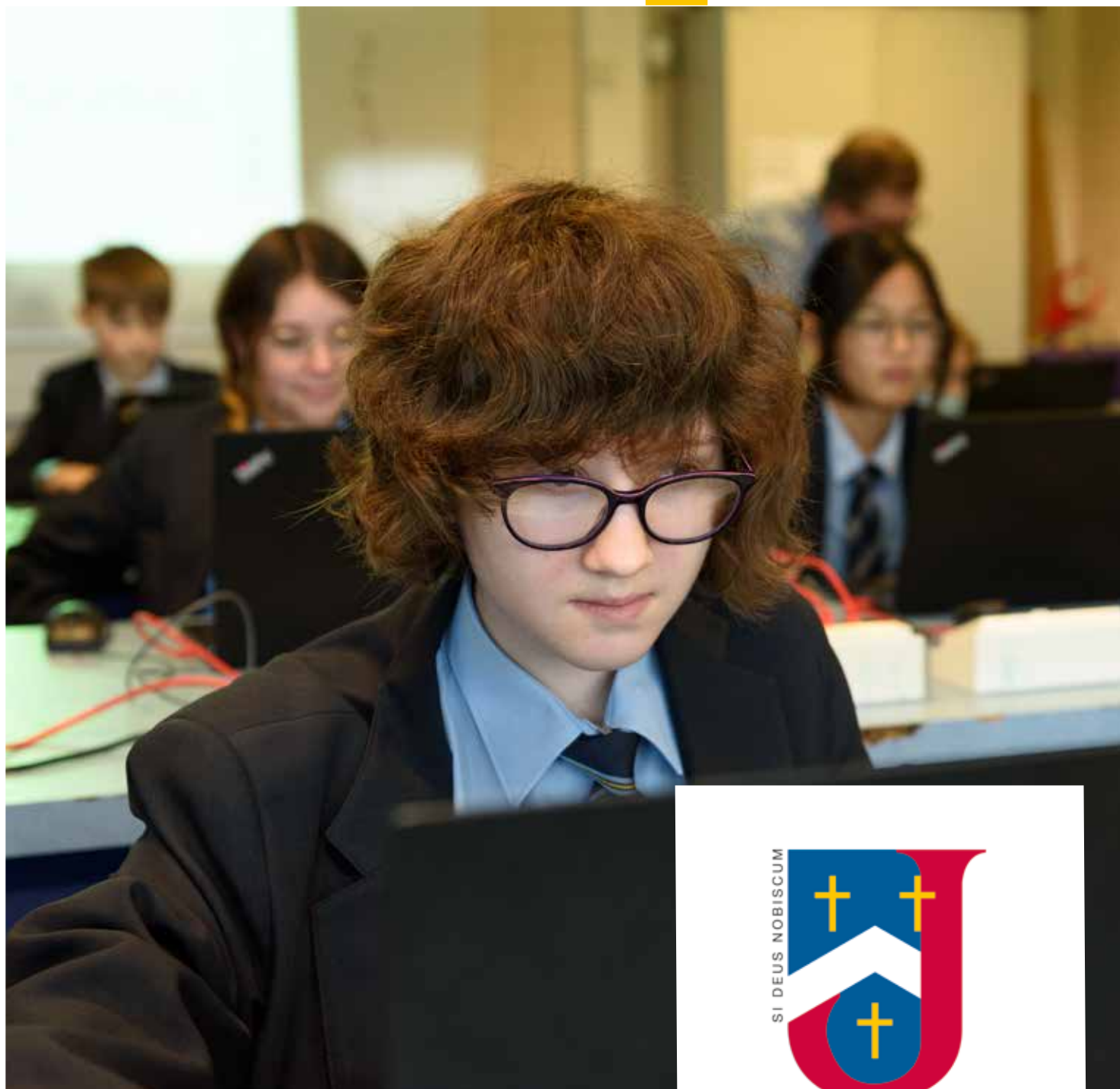


# Insight

Spring 2022 Gwanwyn

The official newsletter of  
St Joseph's RC High School

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## Headteacher's Message neges y pennaeth

**Mrs J Jarrett Headteacher**

**I cannot believe this term is drawing to a close; what an amazingly successful and productive term we have had! Every day, I have a new reason to feel proud of our students, your children, and the way in which they exemplify our mission statement of 'Serving God Through Learning Together.'**

This wonderful edition of our school newsletter reflects just a small proportion of the ways in which our community lives our mission statement. I hope you enjoy reading about all the events and activities that have taken place this term.

With Easter upon us, I feel it appropriate to remember that Easter is about love; a love that comes from the knowledge of God's love for us and that, in Christ, life has hope and meaning. Over the past month, the world has almost paused as we have watched events unfold in Ukraine. The courage and bravery of people living in Ukraine has been remarkable and has moved the world. It has been so heart-warming to see our St Joseph's students stand together to show their support in aiding the humanitarian crisis.

The Easter message calls us all to have faith and trust in the God who brings life out of death, hope from despair and the opportunity for new beginnings out of endings. Pope Francis has appealed for an end to the war in Ukraine, for *"the silencing of the guns."* He said, *"God is with those who work for peace, not with those who use violence."* Pope Francis

has called on Christians around the world to pray for peace in Eastern Europe, *"I would like to appeal to those with political responsibilities to do a serious examination of conscience before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the father of all and not only of some, who wants us to be brothers and sisters and not enemies."*

Through faith, hope and love, I hope that we may be transformed by the power of the risen Christ to know the real joy of Easter. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff and governors at St Joseph's RC High School, to thank you for your continued support and understanding. We are incredibly grateful to our parents and carers for all the support they show us. We all wish you and your family a happy, blessed and Holy Easter. Please take care, look after yourselves and I look forward to seeing you soon.



*“If you would know strength and patience,  
welcome the company of trees.”* Hal Borland



# TREES

*Treat our Existing Ecosystem Sacredly*

## **Bamboo trees, Sir?**

On Friday 18th, we were privileged to be asked by Eco-Schools Wales to be part of a photo-shoot for their website and in recognition of our 3 year platinum status. One activity involved us re-visiting the 101 saplings we planted last year and ripping away competing grass from their bases. Guards and stakes were also repositioned to prevent mice and squirrels chewing through the young native trees. One pupil made me laugh by seriously asking me if we were growing bamboo! There is always one!

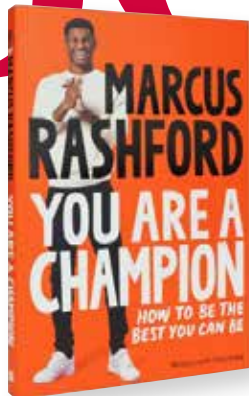
Around school, some fab Year 10 boys have also labelled our trees to educate pupils and visitors about our vital friends.

**Diolch, Mr Nunn and Planet Earth**  
**Remember there is no Plan-it-B.**





# THE POWER OF A BOOK

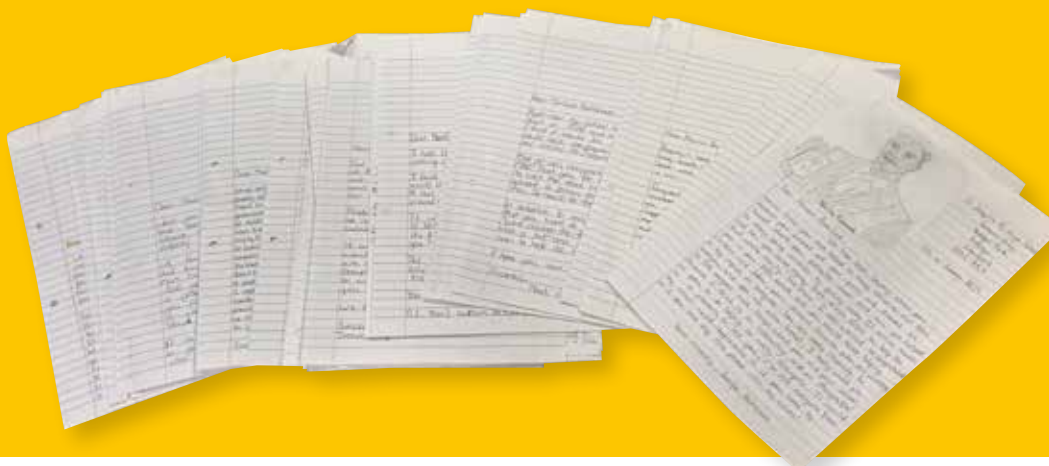


KS3 and KS4 followed PSHE lessons based on Marcus Rashford's advice. Students were encouraged to consider what made them each special. Marcus Rashford's rationale (that everyone is unique and important) fitted strongly with the Catholic ethos of our school.

**We would like to extend an enormous thank you to Mrs Burn for all her hard work in organising this amazing whole school project**

*“I don’t have the education of a politician, many on Twitter have made that clear today, but I have a social education having lived through this and having spent time with the families and children most affected. These children matter... And as long as they don’t have a voice, they will have mine.”* **Marcus Rashford**





Year 7 wrote over a hundred invitation letters to Marcus Rashford, asking him to visit St Joseph's.

These have been posted, so we are waiting with baited breath to see if he will reply!



## Celebrating World Fiction!

Anna (from GEMS) once again gave her time and expertise to the English department. Year 7 enjoyed learning about fiction from around the world; they were also able to spot well-known texts labelled in a variety of different languages.

## Reading for Pleasure!

Year 7 and Year 8 have been following a reading programme called Accelerated Reader. These students have been reading diligently at the start of every lesson and have shown great improvements in their reading ability. Students who have done particularly well include:

### Year 7

Alvin Binoy  
William Cooper  
Niamh Holton  
Lucas Jones  
Isabel Davies  
Charlie Wright  
Lydia Powell  
Iestyn Norris  
Starr Conibeer  
Andrew Flores  
Isla Scrimshire  
Kai Devonshire  
Otis Smith  
Flynn Wixey  
Maelie Daniels  
Sophie Bellia  
Carter Mansfield

### Frasier Thomas

Labayyaka Babar  
Megan Paul  
Florence Febin  
Ieuan Putz

### Year 8

Caden Clifford  
Olivier Depka  
Deelan Dooler  
Alfie Manoj  
Rubin Fish  
Brooke O'Neill  
Holwell  
Jay Price



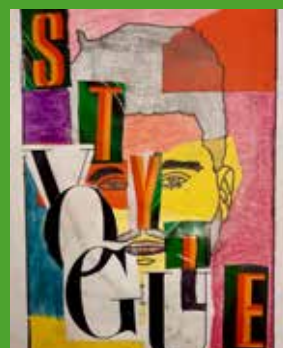
## Thank you to Book-ish, Crickhowell!

Year 7 have continued to celebrate the gift of Marcus Rashford's 'You Are a Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be' books by making thank you cards for Emma and her team. Congratulations to Florence for winning the competition for best card!

## Art exploring celebrity role models and equal rights.

Year 9 have been developing their artistic skills, whilst using a wide range of mixed medias this term. The students explored roles of celebrities that promote and create awareness of diversity and equality in society.

They examined the outspoken music artists, Lady Gaga and The Weeknd; both have given their voice and support to the LGBTQ community and the Black Lives Matter Movement to promote equality rights. These exciting portraits include mono-printing, collages, lettering and stencilling: very eye-catching and fitting for these celebrity personalities.



Artwork by Mrs Neale's Year 9 art class. These pieces are vibrant and exciting. Well done Year 9.



**Our trip to Liverpool was a unique and enthralling experience, learning about the expressive arts culture. We started our first day by exploring the Walker Gallery.**

The gallery contained many expressive and historical fine art along with design elements. The treasure hunt and interaction challenge was a fantastic way to explore the museum in our groups, learning about artists and gaining inspiration for our art projects.

In the evening, we headed to a restaurant for a Pan Asian buffet. The buffet had delicious cuisines from around the world and a huge variety of desserts to indulge in after a long day! With full stomachs, we made our way to the Empire Theatre to watch *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*. The show was amazing and the acting was fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and the Q&A with the cast member

following the performance was a fantastic opportunity to gain insight & knowledge of a career in performing arts. Our overnight stay was great and the facilities at the hostel were exceptional with the food catering for all diets.

The following morning, after a hearty breakfast, we embarked on a Discover the Beatles Tour beginning at the legendary Cavern Club. We then joined our tour guide on the coach for a journey around Liverpool, seeing the band member's childhood homes and famous landmarks from their songs.

Next, we went to the Tate Liverpool which holds British and international modern and contemporary art. It was an inspirational visit and very interesting to see the difference between the two galleries. Lastly, we finished our day with souvenir shopping in the Albert Docks before heading home following a fantastic trip.

**Written by Charlotte Jones 13A**



# EXPRESSIVE ARTS LIVERPOOL



## A New Perspective

Take a photo from a new perspective, an odd angle or an everyday object in an unusual place.

Winner Holly Morgan with photograph 'Silhouette' and Chris Ashell Lewis with 'Red Pipes'



## Interactive Treasure Hunt

Following a treasure hunt (won by Sophie Sefton, Daisy-Beth Harvey and Kaysha Rose) pupils all had to choose a painting and interact with it - with rather some funny results!

Won by Holly, Sophie, Eve, Megan and Libby.



**The Expressive Arts trip to Liverpool was very inspiring for everyone involved. As an Art student, I found the Walker Gallery very topical for my art project. I thought the treasure hunt and the interaction challenge was fun and a great way to get us to relate to the ancient artworks and think about what they mean.**

The Pan Asian buffet was the perfect way to relax, with something everyone enjoyed. We concluded our first day with a wonderful theatre performance of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime' which was an insightful view into the autistic experience. I loved the opportunity to have a Q&A with the cast member; it allowed us and the Drama students to see what it takes to put on a theatre production. We also learnt that

they only cast neurodivergent actors for the lead role. The hostel we stayed in that night was lovely, with a peaceful sleep and a full English cooked breakfast the following morning.

On day two, the Beatles Magical Mystery Tour included The Cavern Club, Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields and the band member's childhood homes. It was an interesting and eye opening tour especially for the music students.

The Tate, Liverpool was my favourite part of the entire trip. I loved the modern art and found it inspirational. We saw many Picasso paintings which was amazing. It was so much fun browsing the gallery gift shop and I bought many postcards of my favourite pieces of art.

**Written by Sophie Cridland 13C**

# Easter Message



*“He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.”* **Mark 8:31**

**This time of year, many Christians look forward to Easter - chocolate bunnies, coloured eggs, fun activities, social events, and more. What's not to love? But Easter is more than this, and its significance extends to more than just one day. To fully appreciate the resurrection of Jesus, it is helpful to understand and appreciate what took place beforehand.**

Starting with Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is a time for reflection and study – a time to look into the events leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Scripture, you may find descriptions of these events in the Gospels as well as references from other New Testament passages. Two of the most important things to reflect on during this time is Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the day on which Jesus Christ shared the Last Supper with his 12 disciples, prior to his crucifixion. Jesus washed the disciples' feet before the meal in order to demonstrate the importance of serving others. In addition to the foot-washing and His new commandment 'to love one another,' Maundy Thursday recognises the Last Supper. Jesus blessed the bread and wine as a symbol of his body and blood, which He would sacrifice the very next day. After this blessing, Jesus tells his disciples to “do this in remembrance” of him. That is the reason we still observe the Lord's Supper today.

Even though the death of Jesus was a horrific and sorrowful event, the Friday before Easter is appropriately called “Good” Friday because it is only through his sacrifice that we are given life – eternal life. Romans 4:25 tells us that Jesus “was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Good Friday is the perfect time to thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus. He gave his only Son so that we might live! Could there be any greater gift?

Take time on Good Friday to reflect on the sins you have contributed to the pain Jesus endured, and ask God for forgiveness and cleansing. This might be painful, but the good news is that as soon as you ask for forgiveness, it is given to you. As we approach Holy Week, let us take a few extra minutes out of our day to thank God for his endless mercy and forgiveness and His unconditional love.

Recognizing the days leading up to Easter prepares our hearts and minds to fully appreciate the most important aspect of the season: the Resurrection! For in the Resurrection of Jesus we find our hope of eternal life. This event in the life of the early disciples changed everything. Before the Resurrection, they were cowering behind closed doors – hiding out in fear—but after the Resurrection, their faith was renewed and strengthened. The Resurrection of Jesus was given to us as proof for the Gospel – the Good News. Build your faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ just as the early church did.

**Love starts here!**

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

## *Easter Prayer*

Lord God, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.  
**Amen**



# PASSIONTIDE

[Click here to watch our YouTube Live Stream, Friday 8th April 11am](#)

The last two weeks of Lent is known as Passiontide and next week we enter the most important and solemn week in the Church year which is Holy week. It is a time to commemorate the last events in the life of Jesus Christ leading to His death on the cross. The death and resurrection of our Lord is at the heart of the Catholic faith and our school life.

After two years, we are pleased to say that we can celebrate Passiontide in the hall. As some Covid restrictions remain, representatives of each year group will be invited to the hall and the service will be live streamed across the whole school. **[Click here to join our service.](#)**



## Stations of the Cross

Pupils have enjoyed reflecting on the Stations of the Cross this week taking part in the readings and prayers. So lovely to have quiet time as we journey towards Holy Week.



## Ash Wednesday

**On Wednesday 2nd March, the school celebrated Ash Wednesday. Throughout the day, pupils from each year group were invited to come to the chapel and receive the ashes.**

Receiving the ashes was voluntary and Mrs Burke was delighted at the number of pupils from each year group attending. The pupils were very reverent throughout the liturgy of the ashes. During the distribution of the ashes, reflective music was played. This consisted of the Taizé chant *Laudate Omnes Gentes* sung by a Ukrainian choir in their native language which translated as *Slavite vsi narody*.

The Ash Wednesday liturgy concluded with a prayer said for all people affected by the Ukrainian invasion.

# MUSICAL YOUTH

The music department have been very busy performing live once again! Congratulations to all the pupils and staff involved.



## Music for Youth Competition 2022

On Sunday, our talented music pupils moved onto the next stage of the Music for Youth competition. They performed two wind band pieces along with three other high schools across Newport as part of an audition process.

If we get past the first stage of the audition, we will be able to go to Birmingham for the next stage. Fingers crossed, but whatever the result, we congratulate them on a spectacular performance. It is so amazing to be playing live once again.

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## We were delighted to welcome 2nd Year Undergraduate music students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama this month.

They came to school to lead a Brass Workshop with our Key Stage 3 students. They also performed a set of brass pieces for our Key Stage 4 and 5 students. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the session and found it incredibly inspiring.

[@rwcmd](#) [@gwentmusic](#) [@superbrassuk](#) [@quantumbrass](#)

@MusicSJHS





# Wake up to Make up!!

The drama department was privileged to host a Master Class session, with past pupil, Jenna McDonnell.

*“Since leaving SJHS Jenna has made a name for herself in the world of beauty, make-up, and prosthetic effects”*

Pupils from Year 10 GCSE Drama and Year 12 Theatre Studies enjoyed a one-hour workshop where they were shown how to create gruesome cuts and grazes, perfect for pupils to add into their performances. We can't wait to have Jenna back in school for the second workshop!

Web: [www.jennamcdonnell.co.uk](http://www.jennamcdonnell.co.uk)  
 Insta: [@jennamcdonnell6](https://www.instagram.com/jennamcdonnell6)



The new SJHS Library

Bookshelves

Bag Storage Units

Computer Tables

Study Booths

Soft Seating

Computer Chairs

Hall AV Projector

Taste Testers

Chromebook Trolleys

Mac Media Suite

Recycling Project

PE Office

Display Boards

# SJHS22

## WHAT'S GOING ON!



### **The amazing new Mac Media suite.**

Situated in F29, we have 14 brand new Apple Macs for Media studies, loaded with all the latest Adobe Creative Suite software including Photoshop, InDesign, iMovie and Illustrator.





Welcoming the Chartwell's Chef and enjoying lots of chat about our canteen, great food and cooking.

## Chartwells with Year 7 Taste Testers

Thank you to our Year 7 pupils for the (not so tough) task of helping the Chartwells chef and our canteen team. They tasted lots of potential new menu options and gave great feedback on what they liked about the new recipe for chicken burgers with salad/relish and new chicken tikka.



## Thank you to our SJHS site team

A huge shout out to our fantastic site team. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to help make our school and its community the best it can be. From painting walls, moving hundreds of books, helping to plant trees, managing external agencies and even keeping an eye on the new bike shed! The Easter holidays will see them finishing off the brand new library so keep an eye open for exciting developments.



# LIBRARY

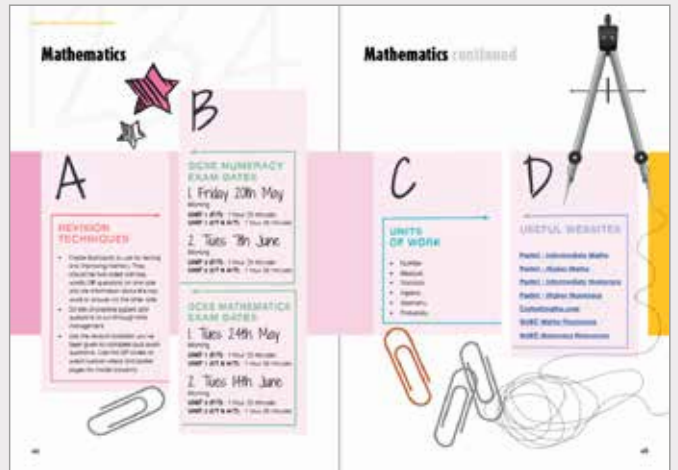
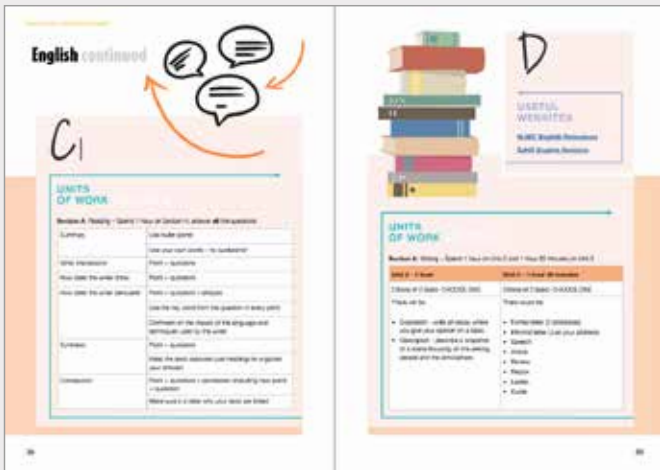
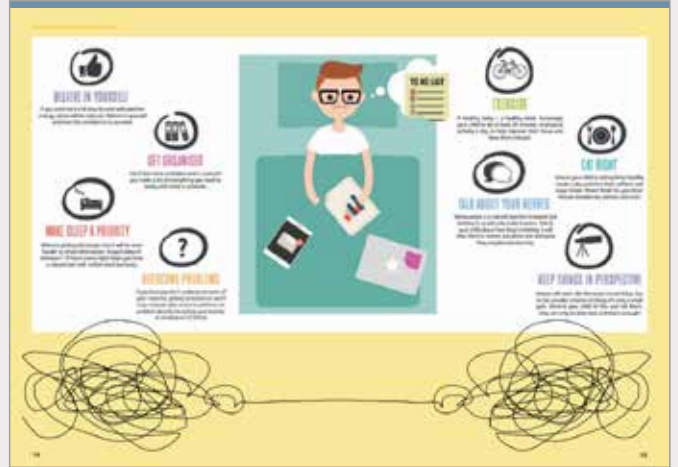
## The new St Joseph's Library

We are delighted to announce that the refurbishment of our school library is now complete.

The design and layout of the library was student lead by our wonderful School Council. This term will be used to re-stock books and arrange IT connectivity so that we can fully re-open the library to students in September 2022. Thank you to all those students involved in the project who have done a fantastic job and we hope all our school community will benefit from their hard work and input moving forward!

# Revision Books

**[www.sjhs.newport.sch.uk/revision](http://www.sjhs.newport.sch.uk/revision)**



*SJHS Revision Booklets include GCSE or A LEVEL exam dates, revision information, relevant links and specifications for every subject.*

Please download the SJHS Revision Booklet designed especially for our students and parents to give you the information and skills needed to revise successfully and do as well as possible in your summer exams. How can this booklet help? Using this booklet will:

- Give you some ideas on how best to revise
- Help you plan and make the most of your time
- Boost your confidence *simply click*

simply click the button





# WELLBEING MINISTRY

*According to youngminds.org.uk “83% of young people with mental health needs agreed that the coronavirus pandemic had made their mental health worse”.*



Written By Joseph Pauly and James Porter, on behalf of the SJHS Ministry of Mental Health and Wellbeing

The statistic shown above describes the impact of the pandemic on the mental health of students. Throughout the academic year our resilient Ministry of Mental Health and Wellbeing has created solutions and adjustments, in focus areas, to boost the Mental Health And Wellbeing of our students. We have tried to listen to all of our communities suggestions, such as electing Mental Health Ambassadors.

As a Ministry, we believe that this was a key area to focus on, so through extensive preparation and training we have launched a Mental Health & Ambassador Program. It is open to all students, from all year groups, to ensure everyone is able to relate to an ambassador of their own age. Our ambassadors have been selected through a tough application process and we trust they will truly help our community and to boost overall student morale. These ambassadors will be available throughout break/lunch.

We are also designing a Mood Journal. This will be enclosed within pupils' planners and will include resources such as better revision hints, wellbeing tips and charts to track mood and emotion throughout each term. This will help students track their mental health and boost their feeling of wellbeing - this can be one of the best methods to get on top of our mental health. We are also looking to establish mood rooms within the near future to allow for students to refocus during break and lunch periods.

Watch out for the Mental Health and Wellbeing Podcast too! This podcast will be open to all year groups and will also be accessible 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 and personal methods of coping with stress and how

to effectively revise in exams. We will also be bringing in students with stories to see, so keep an eye out!

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

This is only just the start of our ministry and we can't wait to make even more progress and see the impact. We all have open ears to your ideas so if you see any of our members or Mr Humpage, please feel free to talk to us about your suggestions.

**From our Ministry to you, we hope you have a wonderful Easter!**

If you need help there are lots of support groups on our SJHS web page [www.sjhs.org.uk/healthandwellbeing](http://www.sjhs.org.uk/healthandwellbeing)

NEWPORT MIND

PAPYRUS

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CHILDLINE



Staff v Year 10 Charity Football match raised over £400.

# Support for UKRAINE

[Click here](#) to donate what you can. Thank you.

**JustGiving**

## The SJHS Cycle, walk, jog, run to Ukraine (2451km from Newport)

To raise a target of £2451 for British Red Cross in Ukraine we are organising a Year 7-9 charity walk, jog and run to Ukraine. Which form and year group can travel the furthest?

We have raised £400 so far from a charity football game but we still have a long way to go! Please donate on the link below and sing along to the adapted lyrics!

### Donate here.

We would walk 1500 miles

And we would roll 1500 more

Just to be the school who rolls a thousand miles

To fall down at your door

Da da da (da da da) Da da da (da da da)!

Dont forget to wear blue and yellow on Friday.







## Youth Speaks Competition

Every year, the Rotary Club of Great Britain and Ireland host a National Youth Speaks Competition where schools debate a range of topics in Area, District and National Rounds. The event has not taken place for the last two years due to the Covid pandemic but this year, Newport Rotary Club decided to host the event online. St Joseph's entered a Year 11 team consisting of Phoebe Lynch (Chairperson) Jasmine Gibson (Proposer) and Jessica Wootton (Opposer). They argued the topic, "This house believes that money spent on space exploration would be better invested on Earth."

The SJHS team faced excellent opposition in two senior teams from Rougemont School and the whole evening was thoroughly entertaining. After a long deliberation, the team from St Joseph's were declared the Best Team and Jessica Wootton also won the Best Opposer for her contribution.

Phoebe said *"We all enjoyed both discussing the topic and having conversations with our fellow competitors and adjudicators after. We were very impressed at the standard Rougemont had set in place as they competed very well. When we found out that we had won, we were extremely proud of ourselves as we had put a lot of work into the debate. We also were very grateful for the experience and the time that the Rotary Club gave us."*



## Collection for Ukraine

Thank you to all our sixth form pupils, staff and wider community for the help to collect, sort and send aid in the form of clothing, medicine and household items to the Ukraine. It is hard to imagine having to leave everything behind, so we hope this help the people of Ukraine just a little.



## Long Serving SJHS colleagues:

We are proud to have presented Newport City Council pin badges to three of the St Joseph's team this term, who have achieved long service awards with the Authority/School:

**Joseph Ryan** Assistant Headteacher  
20 years

**Helen Thomas** School Support Officer  
20 years

**Gillian Fortuna** Cleaner  
30 years

Further congratulations to Lewis Watts who passed his D1 Minibus test and also the following staff who passed MIDAS minibus tests aimed at safe driving when carrying pupils: Mrs Geeves, Miss Millichip, Mrs Ryan, Mr Foster, Mr Rowland. Three more staff will undertake this training on 1st July 2022.

# STAND UP AND BREATHE

## By Jasmine Gibson

It's not easy being 'the youth of today',  
I can't breathe. Everywhere I am. Every place I enter.  
My throat feels like it's strangled shut with chains,  
keeping every thought and cry suppressed.  
My mind battles from pain to urgency.  
A constant tug of war,  
constant.

When will it stop?  
When will we stop to think about everything  
we have done to the world we live in?

I see people on the street.  
Eagerly they pass. Trampling on trash tossed on the street, dumping perfect  
plastic for innocent creatures to consume and choke. Scooting along in their  
petroleum cars coughing out carbon dioxide like the plague.  
Don't they see?  
Maybe they can't. Maybe they don't want to.

I see red eyes raging with tears as they watch their homes go up in flames. There  
are lonesome loved ones that collapse recalling the catastrophic wave that killed  
their family. Some frustrated friends find no remorse, searching for their room-  
mate in earthquake rubble. I hear devastating cries of children hot, hungry and  
hurt by the harsh heat of a hortative drought.  
Soon we will see nothing.

What I also witness, which I regret to admit, is the silence I stand in while the  
clock ticks.  
Eyes glued to the nail-biting news; I sit listening to empty promises by powerful  
leaders about plans in place to protect the planet.  
Yet who am I to judge? As I cower here in fear, hiding from the horrors that  
inhabit the earth.  
There is so much I could do, so much I could be, all it takes is one person to  
stand up and...  
breathe.

And I do, and it's exhilarating.  
my heart is once again rehabilitating.  
No more do I see the value in hiding,  
I find protests, recycling and veganism inspiring.  
I realise the woes of the world will never deplete,  
the rise of the earth's temperature and humans forever to compete.  
Unless we choose to change our small actions,  
the damage we wish to waver away will never meet extraction.  
Turn misery to might, worry to will,  
donate your time to fight the deforestation in Brazil.  
Write to politicians stating how change is happening,  
a carbon-neutral world we are no longer imagining.  
Wagering war against an invisible enemy is challenging,  
but the longer we remain inert, the attack becomes more damaging.  
We must always remember that we conjured this devastation,  
now is the time to change our actions and restore our creation.



## Young Writer's Winner

The Rotary Club of Great Britain and Ireland offer a Young Writer competition every year to showcase writing talent of young people. Jasmine Gibson in Year 11 entered with a powerful poem about the consequences of climate change entitled **"Stand up and Breathe."** Jasmine's poem won the Newport round and has consequently won the District round which covers the whole of Southern Wales.

**She will now represent South Wales in the National Final and we wish her luck with her entry. A huge thank you to Miss Thomas for all her support and help.**







Anyone interested in Waterpolo...? Newport Junior Waterpolo team as they are always on the look out for new members to come and give it a go. Training every Saturday 1600 to 1730 at Newport International Sports Village pool

## Welsh Waterpolo...keep your eye on Dean

Dean has been playing for Newport Waterpolo Juniors for around 5 years now. In August of 2021 he was invited to join the Welsh training camp held over three days at Millfield. Dean was then selected to play as Goal Keeper for Wales 06 at the inter regionals held in Walsall where they marginally lost to teams who had been playing competitively for past 12 months.

Dean has again been selected as Welsh goal keeper for the Inter Regionals held in Watford, AND the EU Nations as Welsh goalkeeper for the Welsh Junior Mens team. This is a massive opportunity as the majority of this team are playing a year up and have their eyes on the prize for next year. This tournament will be held in Brno, Czech Republic over the Easter Weekend.

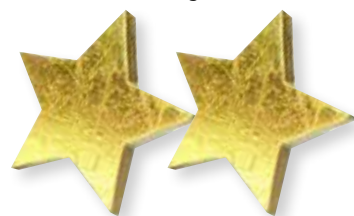
For anyone who wishes to follow this developing team's journey, they have recently set up an instagram account [@walesjuniormenswaterpolo](#) or follow their Twitter page [@WalesWaterPolo](#) It's such a low profile sport within the UK so any support following the team's page is greatly appreciated as it will help with sponsorship going forward.

Playing for the Dragon, Deano - amazing work, congratulations.



## Keen on Athletics

Morgan won the Bronze medal for long jump in the Welsh Men's Senior Competition this year. He also won a silver medal for long jump and bronze in the triple jump in the Welsh Junior Championships. A spectacular achievement - well done, Morgan.



## On 5th March, my brother, Kyan and I represented our club (Shaftesbury Youf Gang) at the High Sheriff Grant Awards.

We spoke in front of the Mayor of Newport, the High Sheriff and the Chief of Police in Garndiffaith to try and get funding for our club. Our club is run by volunteers and this funding will help the club continue for us to meet up and to continue what we do. My poem (right) was written as part of our presentation. It says about what we do and how we are supported in our group. We were successful in securing the funding for three years (£15,000!!!).

I enjoy belonging to a pro-active group that provides me with a place to develop and feel safe, but also shows me the value of working together to support others.

Written by Keeley Ynell Smith

*"two wonderful young people"*

Richard Davies, Chairman Shaftesbury Youf Gang

## YOUF GANG

Its not easy being 'the youth of today',  
With peer pressure and electronic play.  
Being accepted for who we are,  
Wondering if we are 'good enough' so far.  
Wondering if we 'fit in',  
And being comfortable in our 'skin'?

So off we go - every Monday,  
getting off the streets, to make our way,  
to youth club - a purpose to meet,  
having laughs, playing games with lots of treats.

Allowing us to let off steam,  
As individuals as well as part of a team,  
Meeting and making friends,  
Maybe start new trends.  
We are a new generation,  
Striving to broaden our horizon.

We mainly play football and basketball - that is the theme,  
To have a little more funding would be a dream.  
It would be great to be successful with this bid,  
To expand our activities with the others kids.

What a difference it would make to our club,  
Developing a more diverse and sociable hub.

Just imagine how our minds would expand,  
Filled with experiences and other things planned.  
Our fundraising is a way to 'give back',  
With the volunteers, our enthusiasm is never too slack!

Always a place for us all to be together,  
For exercise, friendship and lots of banter.  
That feeling of belonging to the 'Youf Gang',  
With the pro-active volunteers leading the clan.

Giving us a safe place to go to develop and play,  
Giving us the confidence to be 'The Youth of Today'.

# Dates for your diary 2022

## Summer Term TYMOR YR HAF

April	
8	Passiontide Service for Pupils
10-20	Welsh Trip to Patagonia
11-22	EASTER HOLIDAYS
23	PE/History Trip to Manchester
25	Summer Term begins
25 Apr - 6 May	Years 7-9 National Tests
May	
2	MAY DAY
16 May - 27 Jun	GCSE & A Level Written Exams
30 May - 3 Jun	Half Term

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

June	
16 May - 27 Jun	GCSE & A Level Written Exams
23	Year 7 Parents Evening
27	Geography Trip to Newport City Centre
28	Year 6 Transition Evening
29-30	Year 6 Transition Days
29-30	Geography Trip to Afon Llwyd
July	
1	INSET DAY
4	Geography Trip to Kenfig Sand Dunes
6	Years 7-9 Celebration Evening
7	Year 5 Transition Day
8	Sports Day
12	Summer Concert
11-15	Science Trip to Porthcawl Beaches
22	LAST DAY OF TERM



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