



St. Joseph's School and Sixth Form

Becoming fully human in Christ

CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2014



Welcome



Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter. As usual these pages are put together to provide just a small taste of our school's most recent activity, and yet again there has been so much going on. St Joseph's thrives when all connected to our school - students and staff, parents and governors - take an active and interested part in the school's life.

In the last few months no effort has been spared to ensure that our students benefit from a rich curriculum that is enhanced by attitudes and opportunities that take them beyond what is stipulated by the national curriculum. We have had educational visits to London and Brussels and to the Welsh Assembly Government building in Cardiff. We have had a skiing excursion to the USA, residential retreats to St Cassian's, Kintbury and, for those preparing for their pilgrimage to Santiago, a short cycling tour taking in four of our neighbouring counties. A significant number of our young people have successfully taken part in sporting and other competitions - football, swimming, Youth Speaks - and it is wonderful to mark their achievements.

An outstanding expression of our school's talent, vision and commitment was our production of the Wizard of Oz. Not a single person who saw the show in the Princess Royal Theatre could have failed to be astounded by the quality on offer - a superb effort from all involved!

We do encourage everyone at St Joseph's to go the extra mile. Congratulations must go to Miss Lucas, Coordinator of Chemistry, who has won a prestigious Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award from Oxford University. Miss Lucas was nominated by former student Grace Barnes who after completing her A Levels last year is currently studying Medicine at Oxford.

I would like to offer a very special "thank you" to the parents of our students for all of their cooperation in helping to maintain the highest expectations. At the time of writing I have before me a chart showing that student attendance at St Joseph's is the highest that it has ever been. The stories in this newsletter show us that we can all achieve. What a great privilege to celebrate these successes!

Eugene Scourfield

A time for Reflection

Throughout the year, students across all year groups have had the opportunity to visit St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury to participate in religious retreats. These retreats give pupils the opportunity to explore their faith, reflect on their relationships with God and others, and take time out of their busy lives to look at what really matters to them.

On March 10th, 31 Year 10 pupils visited Kintbury in a joint retreat with Swansea's Bishop Vaughan School. During their time at the centre, pupils participated in a range of team-building activities including sports, orienteering, arts and crafts and music, as well as enjoying opportunities for prayer and reflection. On their final day, pupils wrote and delivered various elements of their farewell Mass.

Year 10 pupil, Cody Borkett, says she thoroughly enjoyed the experience: "St Cassian's encouraged us to be ourselves around others to help us grow together as a school community. Being able to go on the retreat with pupils from Bishop Vaughan School made the experience even more enjoyable as I made new friendships which otherwise wouldn't have been possible. The whole experience helped me gain confidence and the range of activities we were involved in made the retreat incredibly enjoyable. I can't wait to go again next year!"

The pupils were accompanied on the visit by Head of Year, Mrs Johnston, who commended the pupils on their excellent behaviour: "As always, Year 10 were fantastic ambassadors for St Joseph's. Polite, courteous and respectful at all times, they certainly made me exceptionally proud to be their Head of Year. The Kintbury experience was unique and every one of us there gained something special".



We're Not in Kansas Any More!

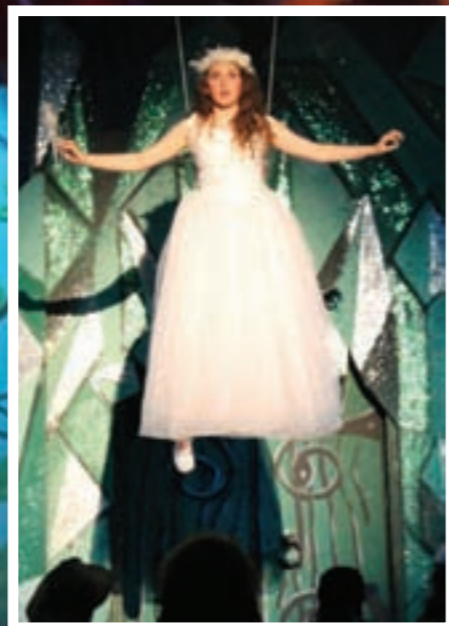
March 2014 saw the culmination of months of rehearsal as St Joseph's staff and pupils took to the stage in the Princess Royal Theatre with our production of 'Wizard of Oz'. The show was hailed a tremendous success with audiences enjoying outstanding acting, singing, dancing, costumes and scenery across the three evening performances. It was truly a whole-school production, with staff and pupils working together to deliver flawless performances night after night.

Shannon Ready, a Year 7, chorus member said "Wizard of Oz was amazing! I will always remember the experience. We had so much fun performing and it was brilliant to see the audiences every evening enjoying the show! We all worked really hard but in the end all our rehearsals paid off. I would love to do it again!"

These thoughts are echoed by Year 10 pupil, Abbie, who played Glinda the Good Witch in the show: "Being in the school's production of 'Wizard of Oz' was an amazing and emotional experience. We laughed, cried and, most importantly, enjoyed every minute of our time on stage. The journey we went on together is what made the

experience so special; we saw each other and the show grow into something we were incredibly proud of. The cast became extremely close and I made friends I hope to keep forever. Apart from having the opportunity to fly onstage, my favourite memory of the show is the final scene where we waved goodbye to Dorothy for the last time. My emotions got the better of me and I was overwhelmed with a sense of achievement, as well as sadness that it was all over. 'Wizard of Oz' 2014 is a show that will go down in the school's history as a huge success and I feel incredibly proud and privileged to have been a part of it".

Headteacher, Eugene Scourfield, said "Our school's production of the 'Wizard of Oz' was by far the best school production I have ever seen. It was an immense success on so many levels and a wonderful expression of the talent, dedication and commitment that we work to cultivate at St Joseph's. The music and choreography were evidently outstanding and all the work that went on behind the scenes was superb too. The quality of the performances was extremely high, easily good enough for the West End! Maybe we'll go on tour some day!"



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Inspirational Teacher Award

On Friday 2nd May, Chemistry Coordinator, Miss Steh Lucas attended the Oxford University Inspirational Teacher's Award Ceremony. Miss Lucas was awarded the Inspirational Teacher prize after former pupil, Grace Barnes, nominated her as a means of thanking her for all the help, support and guidance Miss Lucas gave her during her time at the school. Grace, who is now studying Medicine at Oxford, was so overwhelmed by Miss Lucas's positive attitude and commitment to her students that she was compelled to nominate her for the prestigious award.

In her application, Grace said: "If it wasn't for her constant positive attitude, encouragement and help both inside and outside of the timetabled lessons, I don't think I would have achieved my offer for Medicine and certainly wouldn't have gotten A* in both Biology and Chemistry".



Teacher, Steph Lucas, says she was overwhelmed to not only be nominated but to actually win the Inspirational Teacher title: "I am absolutely stunned to even be nominated for such a prestigious award. I just try to do everything I can to give the students the greatest possible chance of achieving to their full potential. There is no greater honour than receiving an award from a student."

Headteacher, Mr Eugene Scourfield, said "I am sure that I speak for our whole school community when I say that we are delighted that Miss Lucas has been granted this award. Her commitment and determination are wonderful expressions of her vocation as a teacher. She is an outstanding role model for other teachers and for our young people. It is particularly heartening that Miss Lucas was nominated by one of her students, Grace Barnes, who last year gained entry to Oxford University to study Medicine. The award is a tremendous achievement for Miss Lucas, an honour for the school and a true reflection of the quality of teaching we offer here at St. Joseph's".



Youth Speaks Success

In February, St Joseph's was proud to host the annual 'Youth Speaks' competition organised by the Port Talbot Rotary Club. The popular 'Youth Speaks' competition invites students from across the borough to participate in an evening of lively debate. Having won the title for the past two years, the team were eager to go for the hat trick!

Representing St Joseph's were Year 11 pupils Amber, Olivia and Molly. With Molly acting as the team's chairperson, Amber proposed the motion "The drive for healthy eating, rather than helping, is turning our schools into mini dictatorships," before Olivia delivered a rousing defence.

Despite stiff opposition, St Joseph's were thrilled to be declared winners of the competition for the third year running, with Olivia awarded an individual prize for best speaker opposing the motion.

Speaking of the pupil's success, English teacher Mrs Evans said "The quality of the pupils' debate was outstanding. I am incredibly proud of the 'Youth Speaks' team, not only because of their success but because of the hard work, time and effort they put into preparing and rehearsing for the competition. All three girls delivered flawless speeches on the



night and it was a pleasure to see their efforts rewarded with them taking the first place trophy".

According to Amber, winning the competition was one of the biggest achievements of her school career: "Being part of the 'Youth Speaks' team was a really worthwhile experience. When they announced us as winners I felt incredibly proud of what we'd accomplished. We could never have achieved this without the help of Mrs Evans and Mr Pyke who helped us to prepare for the competition. I can't believe we were able to retain the 'Youth Speaks' title for the third consecutive year!"

Hitting the Road



In July, pupils from St Joseph's will embark on a 500 mile pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, a designated UNESCO world heritage site. The cycle ride follows the Camino Frances, the ancient pilgrim trail to Santiago - reputed burial place of St. James 'Iago' the Apostle. With last year's trip a tremendous success, both staff and pupils were eager to repeat the experience.

In order to prepare for this endurance feat, the Easter holidays were spent on a practice cycle ride, allowing those involved to build up their stamina ahead of their departure date in July. With a route that took them through Pembrey Country Park, Llandovery and the Black Mountain, the group covered 130 miles in just 50 hours, camping overnight.

Trip leader, Mr Scourfield described the ride as an excellent opportunity for staff and pupils to prepare for their journey in July: "This was a little taste of what it will be like in Spain - only it's likely to be much hotter there. We had a great time with wonderful scenery and lots of fun. Students feel good about their accomplishment and are now very excited, looking forward to the Camino."

news

The successful PE Department at St Joseph's has once again been busy, with a number of pupils celebrating sporting successes. Throughout the term, the school has participated in a range of sporting activities, with pupils from all year groups representing the school in a range of disciplines. Here's some of our most recent news:



National Success

In March, Year 11 pupils, Olivia and Demi, represented their country as part of the under 16 Welsh netball squad. To have not one but two players in the national team is a tremendous achievement and one that St Joseph's is incredibly proud of. Speaking about the match, Olivia said "We were thrilled to have the honour of representing our country and after a tough battle we achieved a well-deserved second place. Both Demi and I were capped for our game and feel very proud to have raised the profile of netball tuition at St Joseph's". Following their success, Olivia and Demi have both been selected to play for the European squad. A tremendous achievement: well done, girls!

Table Tennis Proving Popular at St Joe's



Table tennis has recently become the sport of choice at St Joseph's following the purchase of four new tables. Pupils have enjoyed brushing up on their skills in the 5 x 60 extra-curricular club which has proved extremely successful. As a result, we're hoping table tennis will be added to the curriculum in the next academic year.

Fighting Fit!

Year 9 pupil, Josh, has continued to experience great success in judo. He has won and been placed in a number of prestigious tournaments, often fighting boys much older than himself, and is currently placed second in Wales. Speaking of his love for the sport, Josh said: "Judo is a highly competitive sport where fitness is top priority. It's one of the most enjoyable things I've ever done in my life". We wish Josh every luck in his future competitions.



Dressed to Impress!

Year 9 boys are celebrating after receiving two brand new rugby kits from Mr Davies, the former chairman of South Wales Scorpions. After hearing about the PE Department's fundraising drive, Mr Davies kindly offered his support. The PE Department and pupils are overwhelmed by his generosity and would like to extend their sincerest thanks to Mr Davies.

Year 10 Second in County Netball Tournament



The Year 10 netball squad is celebrating after achieving second place in a recent county-wide netball tournament. The pupils attended the Neath Port Talbot Schools tournament in March after winning almost all of their matches in the qualifying rounds.



PE Teacher, Miss Bishop, said: "I'm incredibly proud of the Year 10 netball team who were runners up in the tournament. They played exceptionally well and represented the school in an excellent manner. I would like to thank the girls in all our netball teams for their hard work and dedication. We have had numerous fixtures throughout the year and each time the girls have competed to the best of their ability and been a credit to the school".

Year 7 Football News

Year 7 recently took on Cefn Saeson Comprehensive in a nail-biting football match. With St Joseph's five - four down, Joseph Crocker produced a stunning penalty in the 90th minute to draw the teams level. With the match ending in a draw, coach, Mr Dulake, praised the team's determination and teamwork: "The sportsmanship the boys showed on the pitch was astounding, with every player showing tremendous focus and tenacity. A special mention must go to Sam Dulake, Alfie Tomalin-Reeves and Riley Henderson who all had an excellent game, along with keeper, Sam Jardine who made a number of impressive saves. I was incredibly proud of the whole team and hope they retain their fighting spirit as the season continues".

Our First Ever Inline Hockey International

Congratulations must go to Dalton of Year 9 who recently represented Wales in inline hockey, taking on both English and Scottish teams in a national tournament. His achievement is particularly impressive as he's only been involved in the sport for eighteen months. "I was really proud to represent my country in the competition", said Dalton. "It was really exciting and a great opportunity. Although we didn't win overall, it was a really enjoyable experience and one I hope to repeat when I take part in my second national tournament in June".



Stepping into the Past

On Wednesday, 19th February 2014 Year 11 GCSE History students had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the Winston Churchill War Rooms at the Imperial War Museum in London. Year 11 pupil, Olivia Larkman, recounts the experience:

I was really looking forward to having an insight into Winston Churchill, his life and wartime Britain. When we arrived in London, we first went for a short walk, taking in sights such as Downing Street and Trafalgar Square. Upon arriving at the Museum, we were shown a short film which told us about World War II and



was serious and very meaningful and it made me feel enthused about going into the rest of the Museum to find out more.

We then set off on our winding journey to the War Cabinet Room, where Churchill and his inner circle plotted the war. We saw the chair in which Churchill presided over meetings and the scratch marks on the arms bearing witness to the intense pressure he was under at the time. As we went deeper into the warren of rooms, we further discovered how life and work continued underground, from top-secret conversations between Churchill and Roosevelt in the Transatlantic Telephone Room to more domestic concerns in the Churchills' Kitchen. Wartime maps covered the walls, and thousands of tiny pinholes dotted the progress of Allied ships. It was very moving because everything remained exactly as it was when the lights were finally switched off on 16 August 1945.

We also went to the main Winston Churchill Museum where we were able to use cutting-edge technology and multimedia displays, to see Churchill's story brought to life, starting at the high point of his career and his appointment as Prime Minister on 10 May 1940. We heard extracts from Churchill's rousing wartime speeches, his voice delivering now-familiar phrases such as "Blood, toil, tears and sweat" and "We shall fight them on the beaches". Remarkably, on the wall hung the original No. 10 door that Churchill walked through after becoming Prime Minister. We also witnessed the displays that delved even deeper into Churchill's life story, focussing in on objects relating to all periods of his life from his early childhood to his State Funeral. I read some of the hundreds of devoted letters Churchill exchanged with his wife Clementine, often using the pet names they gave each other, 'Kat' and 'Pug'. I felt especially honoured observing the personal items that had belonged to this great man.

The visit we made to London was a truly enjoyable and intriguing experience for us. Churchill's War Room Museum is a fascinating piece of living history, an underground maze of rooms that once buzzed with round-the-clock planning, plotting, strategies and secrets. The whole experience filled me and the rest of the year 11 GCSE History students with tremendous understanding and inspiration which I'm sure will prove invaluable as we complete our final exams.

Sixth Form BTEC Students in Brussels

On a fresh Tuesday morning in March, 34 Sixth Form students embarked on their journey to the centre of European politics, Brussels. The students all study either Business Studies and/or Health & Social Care at Level 3 and the trip formed part of their studies in their respective subjects. The trip to Brussels lasted three days, during which time the staff and students visited a range of different cultural, business and educational venues.

Upon arrival, the group travelled to the European Parliament Complex and visited their visitors' centre which contains a virtual-reality version of the debating chamber and gave a detailed and interesting history of the European Union since its establishment in 1949.

The following day saw a short coach journey to Belgium's second city, Antwerp and a guided tour of the Stella Artois Brewery where students viewed the distillation, bottling, logistics and advertising aspects of the business. Stark comparisons were made between the Stella factory and the Steel Works in Port Talbot with regard to their workforce and place within the local community. The afternoon saw a return to Brussels for a meeting at the European Parliament with Derek Vaughan, Wales' MEP and former Leader of Neath Port Talbot Council. The students were able to question Mr Vaughan on a range of issues related to spending, the economy, funding for EU projects in Port Talbot and how Wales and its public services can benefit from the European Union.

The final morning was spent at a Belgian Chocolate Factory with a "Chocolate Master" demonstrating to students the mechanics and process of making chocolate. The students thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on visit, especially the taste testing!

The trip was a very enjoyable experience for all involved. Speaking of their visit, Mr Torrance, BTEC Coordinator said he and the accompanying staff could not speak highly enough of the students' attitude and behaviour throughout the entire trip. "They were a credit to the school and themselves. The visit was not only pleasurable to take part in but also formed a useful part of students' studies in their BTEC subjects".



BTEC Visit to the Welsh Assembly



Year 12 Business Studies and Health & Social Care students recently visited the home of Welsh democracy, the Senedd, in Cardiff Bay. On Thursday 16th January, 44 students took part in the Welsh Government's "Outreach" programme which was linked to their studies in both subjects.

The day began with a tour of The Siamb, the debating chamber used by the Welsh Assembly whilst the Senedd was being constructed. Whilst there, the students took part in a debate on whether smoking should be banned in public places in Wales. The students were able to use the same systems utilised by Assembly Members including requesting to speak through the Presiding Officer and voting on the motion at the end. The day continued with a discussion group session where the students decided which laws

they would like to see introduced in Wales based on the areas of responsibility the Welsh Government currently has. The students' laws ranged from a re-evaluation of the Educational Maintenance Allowance and university tuition fees, to transport links and travel subsidies. The students then moved to the Senedd where they were able to view the new debating chamber from the public gallery whilst learning about the different areas of the chamber and their purposes. The day concluded with a visit from David Rees AM, the assembly minister for Aberavon. Students questioned Mr Rees on a wide range of topics including Post 16 educational provision within Neath Port Talbot, the new Afan Lido, support for businesses in Port Talbot and rising obesity rates amongst young people.

Mr Torrance, BTEC Coordinator, praised the visit, saying "We had a very enjoyable visit and pupils took away a lot of information that will support them in their studies. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school".



Swimming Success

Simon, Year 11, is no stranger to success in the swimming pool. After winning a clutch of bronze, silver and gold medals in national events over the past few years, Simon headed for Cardiff on the 22nd and 23rd March this year to take part in the national Tiger Bay Open Meet. Simon swims for Aberavon Swimming Club, and was entered for numerous events, covering freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and the individual medley.

After a superb performance, Simon came away with 4 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal. "I'm really pleased", Simon told us, displaying his medals proudly. "I just can't wait for the next competition now!" Everyone at St. Joseph's wishes Simon the very best of luck!



Bringing Home the Medals

Pupils across all year groups took to the water in March to participate in a county wide swimming gala. The competition was a huge success with St Joseph's pupils storming the medal table, winning no less than 23 medals, 20 of which were gold! Ms Davies, who coordinated the event, praised pupils for the effort and skill they displayed: "We all thoroughly enjoyed the swimming gala and the pupils were outstanding, both in terms of their behaviour and their participation in each event. There's so much talent amongst these pupils, it's great that they have the opportunity to show what they can do. Well done to everyone involved!"



Football Champions



The Welsh Schools FA South East Wales Football Festival took place in March and St Joseph's pupils were quick to sign up. The tournament, which took place at the Play Football venue in Llangyfelach Road, pitted 20 teams from schools across South East Wales against each other.

After several nail-biting games, St Joseph's went on to win the competition, with pupils showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. Ms Davies, who accompanied the pupils said "The pupils played extremely well and were deserving winners. I was told by a number of spectators that St Joseph's are known for breeding talent in sports and I couldn't agree more. I was incredibly proud of the team and I know we're all very much looking forward to the next competition where we hope to repeat our success".

Science
Technology
Engineering
Mathematics

The Future is Now



In February, a team of twelve Sixth Form pupils from St Joseph's were invited to represent the school in an Engineering project funded by the Welsh Assembly Government. The Engineering Education Scheme, run by STEM Cymru, gave pupils Rhys Harding, Cassie Briz-Waters, Antonio Felton, Colten Jones, Marianne Neri and Sam Perry the opportunity to work alongside a local company to solve a series of complex engineering challenges.

Working in collaboration with Hi-Lex, a local company from Baglan Enterprise Park, the team were tasked with designing an alternative system for testing car gear cables at very high temperatures. Rhys Harding, the team leader, said: "As a team we wanted to review the environmental chamber material and the method of building currently used. We investigated better material options to produce quicker methods that would enable us to speed-up the rig process. We hoped to cut down company costs by reducing the heat loss during the testing of each cable. We also came up with new designs for the insulating box, concentrating on making it easy to assemble, which would subsequently save time and money."

Throughout the process, the team produced various innovative solutions and worked creatively on a number of different designs.

Pupils were invited to present their idea and model at the finals of the South Wales Big Bang competition, held at the Celtic Manor Hotel in Newport. The judges complimented the St. Joseph's team on both their teamwork and the quality of their final presentation. Carwyn Jones, First Minister for Wales, was a special guest at the event and, as can be seen in the above picture, he took a keen interest in the St. Joseph's project.

Speaking of the pupils' achievements, Assistant Headteacher and Head of STEM, Dr John Felton said: "The competition gave these pupils a real insight into working in the engineering field. I was very impressed with both their team work and their commitment to the project and it was a pleasure to see their efforts appreciated by the judges".

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Hitting the Slopes

During the February half-term, 65 staff and pupils embarked on a week-long skiing holiday to Sunday River, Maine, USA. After months of planning, excitement levels were running high as St Joseph's pupils from all year groups took to the slopes.

Year 11 pupil, Molly Owen, thoroughly enjoyed her time on the slopes: "The skiing itself was the part of the holiday I enjoyed the most and it was there that all my best memories were made. The exhilarating speed, the hilarious falls and the phenomenal views all combined to make a fantastic experience!

With the skiing resort having 135 trails, every day was a new challenge and by the end of the week, everyone accomplished something they would never have thought possible on the first day".

Molly was also a fan of the evening entertainment: "Throughout the week we took part in a range of fun activities such as a 'Mr and Mrs' competition, smores making and a fancy dress competition where we saw a variety of characters such as the Pink Ladies, Mario and Luigi and even a bunch of purple and green grapes! My favourite activity of all

was tubing, where two people at a time raced down the slopes in a rubber ring!

Reflecting on the trip, Mr Tayler, who organised the visit said: "Sunday River yet again proved to be the ideal destination for our ski trip and a wonderful time was had by all. Our pupils were a credit to the school and their behaviour and positive attitudes throughout the trip were commented on by everyone who encountered them. Look out Austria in Feb 2015!"



The Passion in South Africa



Here at St Joseph's we are always proud of our pupils' achievements, both in and out of school. Fresh from his success as the Cowardly Lion in 'Wizard of Oz', Year 11 pupil, Nathan Rees spent the Easter holidays in Cape Town, South Africa, performing in the Passion Play as part of the West Glamorgan Youth Theatre. Nathan Rees won a place in the renowned theatre group whilst still in Year 8 and has since enjoyed a number of exciting opportunities to hone his craft. The trip was a joint project between West Glamorgan Youth Theatre and a drama group for youths set up after a previous visit by the Welsh theatre students.

Upon arriving in Cape Town, Nathan was struck by the contrasting lifestyles of the people: "As we drove through the streets of Cape Town, the extent of the city's economic division was evident. One street could be lined with shanty houses, with huge mansions dominating the next. It was very humbling".

During the visit, Nathan and the other members of the theatre group worked with 28 young South African actors, with the key roles in the play shared between them. Describing the Good Friday performance for members of the Cape Town community who live in poverty, Nathan said: "There were about 800 people crammed into a 600 man amphitheatre and the atmosphere was electric. I felt proud to be involved in the most important part of the play: the crucifixion of Christ. Along with four others, I lifted the cross that crucified Jesus. Upon his death, a single, female, South African child's voice began singing. The performance then concluded with the entire cast singing a traditional African hymn. It was a special and beautiful moment and one that will stay with me for the rest of my life".



St Joseph's 50th Anniversary

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of St Joseph's Comprehensive School. In order to celebrate this milestone, we will be producing a special 50th anniversary edition of the school journal. The 2103 journal was incredibly popular and we hope to make this anniversary edition even more of a success. Containing stories, photographs and anecdotes tracing the history of the school and its staff and pupils, the journal will celebrate key moments in the school's history, both past and present.

If there are any parents or past pupils who would like to contribute photographs or memories for use in the publication, we would love to hear from you. There will be a number of advertising opportunities available and we welcome your support. For more information, please contact Mrs Evans at the school.

The journal will be launched at the end of June as part of our anniversary celebrations and will be on sale at the school and on our website from that date.



Notices to Parents

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS Guidance to Candidates

- Pupils are expected to attend examinations in correct school uniform.
- Pupils are expected to be punctual to all exams.
- Pencil cases are not allowed unless they are clear.
- Pupils should ensure they have the appropriate equipment for each exam - black pen (plus spare), pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener are essential and a calculator for relevant exams.
- Mobile phones, i-pods or mp3/4 players are not allowed in the exam room.
- If you have any time remaining use all of it wisely to check your work. A correction made as a result of proof-reading may result in a better final grade.

Dates for the Diary

21st May - Preferred Placements Transition Day

(Sept 2014 Yr.7 intake) 8.45am - 3.20pm

2nd to 13th June - Year 7 and 8 Exams and Assessments

16th June to 27th June - Year 10 Exams

17th June - Year 12 Return from Study Leave

1st July - Transition Curriculum Day

(All September 2014 Yr.7 intake) 8.45am - 3.20pm

1st July - Meeting for Year 6 Parents (4pm - 5pm)

2nd July - Transition Activity Day

(All September 2014 Yr.7 intake) 8.45am - 3.20pm

2nd July - Induction Day for New Students to the Sixth Form

11th to 26th July - Santiago Pilgrimage

14th to 17th July - Activity Days

18th July - End of Summer Term

21st July - INSET Day

Parish Mass Times

Our Lady of the Assumption - Briton Ferry
Sunday 9.00 am

St John Kemble - Glynneath
Sunday 12.00pm

St Benedict - Clydach
Saturday First Mass of Sunday 6.00pm.
Sunday 10.00am

Sacred Heart - Ystradgynlais
Saturday First Mass of Sunday 4.00pm
Sunday 11.30am

Our Lady of Margam - Margam
Saturday First Mass of Sunday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am

St Joseph's - Cymer
Sunday 8.45am

St Joseph's - Port Talbot
Saturday First Mass of Sunday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am & 6.30pm

St Philip Evans - Cwmavon
Sunday 8.45am

St Therese of Lisieux - Sandfields
Saturday First Mass of Sunday 5.00pm
Sunday 11.00am

St Joseph's - Neath
Saturday First Mass of Sunday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am