

# St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig ac Anglicanaidd Sant Joseff



# Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### This Week's Prayer

This week we received the very sad news from John Smith, a former Governor of our school, that the South African Choir who visited our school recently, has been involved in a serious road traffic accident. Our school has been asked to pray for.

A prayer for our South African Friends:

Compassionate Lord, source of life, love and hope we place in your tender care all our South African friends involved in the recent road traffic accident.

We ask you to grant eternal rest to those who have died. We also ask for healing for those who are seriously injured in Intensive Care, and all who are traumatised by this tragic accident.

Enfold them, and all their loved ones, in your infinite mercy. Give them courage in the midst of their pain and darkness. In their grief, reassure them with your comforting presence, enabling them to experience renewed hope and trust in you, our Risen Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Welcome!

We've had a great start to the new academic year - thank you for all the support you have given this week, and for all that you will do over the next 11 months to ensure that your child reaches their full potential! The recipe for success involves us all working together to make sure that children: arrive on time, work hard, complete homework and enjoy a stress-free time both in and out of school.

This term we will draw our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations to a close by holding our Service of Celebration for the whole school community on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. We are hoping to follow this with a Celebration Tea Party during the afternoon. On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September there will be a commemorative 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary whole school photograph (weather permitting).

\*\*Mr Wilkinson\*\*

## **Study Plus**

Study Plus is available in Technology Room 4 for pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9; and MA4 for pupils in Years 10 & 11. The sessions run each lunch time from 12.30–1.00pm and also **after school from 3.30-4.30pm Monday to Thursday** (there is **no** Study Plus+ after school on a Friday). **Please note there is no charge.** In Study+, pupils have the opportunity to make the most of the facilities the classroom has to offer, such as computers and printers to help with homework, and are supervised at all times. Pupils are encouraged to use the pre-ordering system for their lunch-time meal, to be taken after the lunch-time session of Study Plus+.

#### **Attendance Matters**

This week's whole school attendance is **97.4**%. What a great way to start the new academic year, above our stretch target of 96.5%. I am pleased that six Form Groups have achieved 100%, three of which in Year 7, so your headteacher's reward is on its way to you - commiserations to the three Form Groups who have narrowly missed out! It is disappointing to see the attendance figures for Years 10 and 11 during these all important Key Stage 4 school years – improvements need to be made.

Mrs Ellis

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8	99.0	99.0	98.1	100.0©©©	97.6	98.7
9	98.6	100.0©©©	98.6	95.8	91.3	96.9
10	91.7	98.4	95.9	95.6	100.0©©©	96.3
11	95.6	91.7	97.1	96.1	98.5©	95.8
Family Average	97.0	97.5	97.9©	97.3	97.5	