



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



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### This Week's Prayer

Creator God, Beginning of beginnings, you made us in your own image;  
At the beginning of this new term, teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,  
to love as you love us, and to pray for those in need,  
so that your name may be honoured and glorified.

**Amen**

### Training Dates

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021  
*[in lieu of Platinum Jubilee]*

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Calendar Activities

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Year 10 – Skills Certificate Challenge

Year 11 – Wellbeing Day

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Open Evening 5:30pm-7.30pm

*(subject to Covid arrangements)*

#### 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October

Years 8, 9 and 11 First Assessment Weeks

#### 18<sup>th</sup> October

Year 7 Wellbeing Day

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

School closes at 3.30pm

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

School re-opens

### Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed in the social court for pupils on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

It is essential that all items of uniform and equipment have the pupil's name in. Items often go missing and un-named items rarely make their way back to the correct person; named items do!

Any unclaimed items will be disposed of as we are unable to store them.

### Mobile Phones

Mobile phones can only be brought into school under special circumstances. Parents/Carers need to write a letter addressed to the Headteacher requesting permission and stating the reason for bringing the phone into school. If granted, a mobile phone contract will be issued as various conditions need to be met including handing the phone to reception at the start of the day in an envelope marked clearly with the pupil's name and form, otherwise the contract will be retracted. Thank you.

## Clubs and Activities

Activity	Time	Teacher	Place
Lunchtime in the Chapel	Mon – Adoration/ Noonday Prayer Tues - Justice & Peace Wed - Check in with the Chaplains Thurs - Fiction & Flicks Fri - Taize Prayer 12.30pm-12.45pm	Chaplains	Chapel
Art Club [KS4]	Tues and Wed 3.30pm-4.30pm	Mrs Taylor	Art Room
Extra Maths [Intermediate KS4]	Tues 6pm-6.30pm	Mr Donlon	Google Classroom
Additional Maths	Thurs 3.30pm-4.15pm	Mr Tait	MA4
Extra Maths [Intermediate KS4]	Wed and Thurs 3.30pm-4.15pm	Mrs Jobson	MA2
Band	Wed 3.30-4.30pm	Mr Sammons	Social Court
School Choir	Tues and Thurs 12.55pm	Mr Sammons	Music Room
Physical Education Sports Clubs	<i>Termly rota available soon</i> Badminton Mon-Fri 12.25pm-1.20pm Football Tues 3.30pm-4.30pm Netball Tues 3.30pm-4.30pm [7,8] Netball Thurs 3.30pm-4.30pm [9,10 & 11]	PE Teachers	Sports Hall / Gym / Outside
Design Technology [KS4]	Thurs 3.30-4.30pm	Mr Lambert & Mr Farrell	TE2

We are looking into the possibility of resuming Study Plus sessions which usually run from Monday to Friday 12.30pm-1pm and Monday to Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm. We will keep you updated.

## School Transport

Please can you ensure that pupils have their bus pass and face mask with them in order to board the bus. Pupils may be denied travel if they are unable to present these on all journeys.

If you have not applied for school transport please go to the local authority's website at [https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/Transport\\_Policy.htm](https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/Transport_Policy.htm) and apply via the Council's online Citizen's Portal. Please note that alternative travel arrangements will have to be made until confirmation has been received from the Council that your child can travel on a school bus.

## Homework Timetables

Pupils in all years will receive their homework timetables shortly so that Parents and Carers can see when homework is being set on which days and in which subjects.

## Emergency Contact Information

All pupils have been issued with a copy of the emergency contact information page from the pupil planner. Please could all Parents and Carers ensure they have completed this and returned it to school. This will enable staff to cross-reference details already on the school system and make any amendments if necessary. This information is vital if parents and carers need to be contacted during an emergency for academic or pastoral reasons.

## Travel Arrangements

Please can Parents and Carers ensure that pupils are fully aware of their end of school travel arrangements before coming to school to avoid our Reception Staff having to pass messages to pupils throughout the day. Thank you.

## Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **90.6%** which is below our stretch target of 96.5%. Congratulations to 7 Devereux as the only form to achieve 100% attendance, your headteacher's reward is on its way. We do understand that Covid is having an impact but please continue to get your child to school where possible.

*Mrs Ellis*

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	98.5☺	100☺☺☺	96.5☺	97.0☺	95.9	97.6☺
8	93.9	96.5☺	93.6	93.7	91.0	93.7
9	98.3☺	90.7	88.0	98.4☺	97.9☺	94.7
10	92.9	85.2	87.2	87.2	92.0	88.9
11	92.9	93.3	93.3	89.1	94.4	92.6
Family Average	95.3	93.1	91.7	93.1	94.2	

Don't forget the school's website [stjosephs.wales](http://stjosephs.wales) ~ Download the app NOW!

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## Changes to contact tracing and self-isolation from this September

As we return to school, there are some new arrangements in place when someone tests positive for COVID-19. These changes have been made possible by the vaccination programme and the significant reduction in numbers being hospitalised and suffering severe illness due to COVID-19 over recent months.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 using a PCR test, NHS Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) will contact you, using the details provided when the PCR test was ordered. They will ask questions designed to identify recent close contacts of your child, and for contact details - if you know them - of the individual or their parent/guardian. TTP will then get in touch with these close contacts to provide instructions or advice.

Those who are under 18 or fully vaccinated are no longer required to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts. But they will be contacted to let them know that they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. They will also be offered two PCR tests and provided with information and advice on how to minimise the risks of onward spread. If your child is identified as a close contact, they can still attend school unless they develop symptoms or are advised otherwise by TTP. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive.

If a child tests positive, only a minority of their classmates will be identified as close contacts. But if there is a pattern of cases TTP may ask us to update you on the situation and remind you of key steps, including advising you to keep an eye out for new symptoms your child may develop, and to stay away from vulnerable family and friends in the short-term.

We do expect that there will be cases of COVID-19 across our community over the coming weeks, but this does not mean that COVID-19 is spreading within the school. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms. If you are in any doubt, order a PCR test for your child at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119.

Anyone with symptoms - a new continuous cough, fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste - should remain in self-isolation until the test result is known. You can find the latest information on self-isolation arrangements at [www.gov.wales/self-isolation](https://www.gov.wales/self-isolation).

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families have had to make. Thank you for everything you have done to support your child and our school.