



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### This Week's Prayer

Almighty God, you have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbours. We ask this that your Name may be glorified through the beauty of this world and the service of our lives.

**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

**4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Years 8, 9 and 11 First Assessment Weeks

**15<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 11 Fundraising Day  
[Non-uniform day]

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 7 Wellbeing Day  
Distribution of Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable  
and Revision Lists

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

School closes at 3.30pm

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

School re-opens

**1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Years 7 and 10 First Assessment Weeks

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

Distribution of Year 9 Reports

**11<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 8 Wellbeing Day

**12<sup>th</sup> November**

Distribution of Year 11 Reports

### Art Club

**KS3** Art Club will start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
(12.30-1.15pm).

**KS4** Art after school and lunch sessions:

Weeks One and Two:

Years 10 and 11 (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Week One:

Tuesdays: Lunch 10AR2 (12.30-1.15pm)

Wednesdays: Lunch Year 11AR2 (12.30-1.15pm)

Fridays: Lunch 11AR3 (12.30-1.15pm)

Week Two:

Tuesdays: Lunch 10AR2 (12.30-1.15pm)

Wednesdays: Lunch 10AR3 (12.30-1.15pm)

Fridays: Lunch 10AR3 (12.30-1.15pm)

### **Give Racism the Red Card**

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October is Wear Red Day to support the charity Give Racism the Red Card. Pupils can wear a red t-shirt/jumper/football/rugby top with a pair of jeans (**NOT** leggings, tracksuit) for a donation of £1.

### **Pupil Absence**

If your child is too poorly to attend school, it is important that school is made aware of the absence before 9am. We appreciate the phone lines can be busy in the morning, therefore you can either telephone us on 01978 360310 or email [attendance6@hwbcymru.net](mailto:attendance6@hwbcymru.net)

### **Care around the immediate school vicinity**

Please note that drivers should abide by the highway code at all times. No driver should park their car on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school! Please consider everyone's safety by parking away from the immediate school site. There have been a number of near misses in the past week or so – all of which are avoidable by being considerate to others.

### **Covid-19**

Many thanks for parents for their on-going communication and support. We currently have more pupils testing positive than at any other time during the pandemic. We are not yet at the point of reinstating face coverings, but please ensure pupils have these with them just in case.

### **School Busses**

If your child travels by school bus, please remind them of the importance of staying seated, keeping their seat belt on, and wearing their face covering. Failure to do so could result in withdrawal of their pass.

### **Lost Property**

Many thanks to those Parents/Carers who came to view the huge amount of lost property that has amassed over the first few weeks. The remaining items will now be donated to others, or give to Bags2School.

### **Vacancies**

We currently have a vacancy for a Caretaker and a Cleaner. If you or someone you know is interested in either position please visit the Wrexham Country Borough Council website, or contact the school directly.

## Bulbs and Seeds

If you would like to donate any bulbs or seeds to the school, these would be gratefully received. They can be dropped off by yourself/your child at Reception. Ultimately, we would like to add a ring of colour and scent to the perimeter of the school. We would love to enhance the school grounds further, and help the environment and pollinators at the same time.

## Year 10 and 11 GCSE Exams 2022

We have been notified that the current Year 11 (and Year 10 where appropriate) will (all being well) sit their GCSE examinations in 2022. I am told that examinations will only be cancelled if the Education Minister decides that examinations are unsafe to take place. However, we have been asked to notify parents/carers that as a contingency plan, mock exams and assessments (throughout this year) could be used as evidence. More information is due on this in November.

## Fixtures

We wish our Year 11 Football team well when they play away against Ysgol Clywedog next Tuesday.

## Lateral Flow Tests

Lateral Flow Tests have been distributed to those Year 7 pupils who we have received parental consent forms from.

## Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is 90.6%. A special congratulations goes to 9 Devereux for reaching 100% this week – your Headteacher reward is on its way to you! 8 Cassidy narrowly missed out on their reward this week, let's see if they can get 100% next week!

*Mrs Ellis*

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	95.8%	98.8%☺	97.4%	97.7%☺	97.8%	97.5%☺
8	99.1%☺☺	95%	98.9%☺	92.8%	94.6%	96.1%
9	94.6%	100%☺☺☺	94.8%	94.6%	97.2%	96.2%
10	98.2%☺	89.5%	92.2%	88.8%	90.5%	91.8%
11	94.7%	90.9%	93.7%	86.4%	98.9%☺☺	92.9%
Family Average	96.5%	94.8%	95.7%	92.1%	95.8%	

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

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## Vaccination of 12 to 15 year olds



### Information for you and your parent/guardian

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to all 12-15 year olds in Wales, to help protect your health and well-being.

The decision to have your COVID-19 vaccine is a choice for each individual to make.

If you have questions about the vaccine take time to look up trusted and accurate information - the NHS is always a good starting place - and chat about what you think, with your parent(s) or guardian.

You probably also have family or friends who have had their vaccine and who could chat with you about how they felt, or help answer any questions you may have.

You have to give a clear agreement (called 'consent') before any vaccination can be given - so you are in charge of what happens.

There is a lot of information out there about the COVID-19 vaccine, so please be careful to use only accurate and trusted information to help you answer any questions you may have.

Here are some trusted places for you to find out more about why you are being offered the vaccine, any side effects you might experience. They will also offer you more information about the vaccine or if you can't agree with your parent(s) or guardian on what to do:

Public Health  
Wales



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BBC



SCAN ME

Public Health  
England



SCAN ME

British Society for  
Immunology



SCAN ME

You may still benefit from having the vaccine even if you have previously had COVID-19. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 infection in the last 28 days, you need to wait a bit longer to have your vaccine. Your first dose needs to be at least 28 days away from when you tested positive.

Whether you have the vaccine or not, please keep wearing a face mask in indoor public spaces, staying home and getting tested if you have coronavirus symptoms, and keep washing your hands regularly.

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# BAG 2 SCHOOL

## FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



### St Joseph's Catholic High School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS, OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS  
(THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

***We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:***

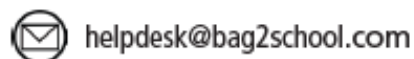
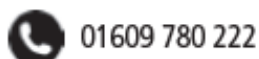
**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

**(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)**

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***  
***Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit***

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

**Tuesday 16th November 21 by 9am**



## 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.