



Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 15th October 2021

This Week's Prayer

Merciful Lord, sometimes we look upon people and judge them without first getting to know them, not giving them a chance to show us their true character. And yet, we feel hurt when people judge us. Help us to recognise the face of God in everyone we meet, and when we make mistakes, to acknowledge them, so that we might receive the grace and forgiveness you so generously give.

Amen

Training Dates

Friday 26th November 2021
Tuesday 21st December 2021
Wednesday 22nd December 2021
[in lieu of Platinum Jubilee]
Thursday 6th January 2022
Monday 25th April 2022
Wednesday 20th July 2022

Art Club

KS3 Art Club will start on Monday 1st 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)

Calendar Activities

18th October

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

Friday 22nd October

School closes at 3.30pm

Monday 1st November

School re-opens

1st – 12th November

Years 7 and 10 First Assessment Weeks

10th November

Distribution of Year 9 Reports

11th November

Year 7 Maths Day
Year 8 Wellbeing Day
Year 9 English Day
Years 10 and 11 Skills Certificate Challenge Day

12th November

Distribution of Year 11 Reports

18th November

Distribution of Year 8 Reports

19th November

Year 11 Art Residential

26 November

Distribution of Year 7 Reports



Student Assistance Programme at St Joseph's

Every school in Wrexham is being encouraged to run support groups with specially trained staff, and these groupings are known as "Group".

Group is intended to increase our youngsters' self-esteem and to help them learn how to make decisions and improve their communication skills. Building these personal skills should help our young people cope with the stresses of life both in and out of school.

In this school, Group has a high profile, where teachers see it as a valuable and particularly effective tool in dealing with some of our more challenging pupils; those who exhibit behaviours resultant from emotional or sometimes physical disorder. It is all about supporting them to overcome these barriers.

Group is for listening. Young people feel absolutely secure in the Group environment knowing that no one is going to offer advice or give orders as to how to handle a situation. The self esteem this gives to vulnerable young people is invaluable and manifests itself in visible, demonstrable improvement in demeanour, concentration in class and behaviour. Parents also value Group highly.

Most referrals for children to join Group come from the pupil body, since there is an awareness of what group is. Some come from teachers who see group as beneficial to children; others come from parents who specifically request that their children be allowed to join the Group.

Group runs over an eight-week period with each session lasting for an hour. Every pupil is responsible for copying up any work that they have missed while attending Group.

If you do not wish your child to attend any of the SAP groups run while they are at St Joseph's please send in a letter addressed Mrs N Ellis, Assistant Headteacher.

If you have any questions concerning SAP please phone Jane Richards, (SAP coordinator), 01978 360310.

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 attendancep6@hwbcymru.net

Give Racism the Red Card

Friday, 22nd 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.

Key Stage 4 Information

There is a presentation available for Year 10 pupils and parents on Google Classroom, code esifizy. Please take the time to view this as it contains important information about the core subjects – Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Welsh and Skills Certificate Challenge – and examination dates. Thank you.

Mrs Arnall

Keep a reading book to hand...

This is a reminder from the English Department that all Key Stage 3 pupils should have a reading book in their bags every day.

Fixtures

Good luck to our Under 15 girls who play at home against Buckley Elfed on Wednesday in the second round of the Welsh Cup.

Mandatory Face Masks for Year 11

Please remember that face masks are mandatory for Year 11 pupils during lessons and lesson changeovers.

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is 90.6%. Commiserations to 9 Devereux on narrowly missing out on 100% attendance.

Mrs Ellis

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	92.9	96.6 ☺	87.5	92.2	94.4	92.7
8	97.2 ☺	96.2	94.4	96.8 ☺	97.9 ☺☺	96.5 ☺
9	97.1	99.3 ☺☺	97.4 ☺	86.7	94.8	95.1
10	95.8	84.6	95.9	91.7	95.1	92.6
11	81.5	81.6	83.1	72.2	84.6	80.6
Family Average	92.9	91.7	91.7	87.9	93.4	

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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



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**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:

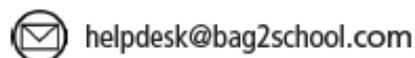
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(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 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.

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.