



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



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022



As you will be aware, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September Buckingham Palace sadly announced the death of Her Majesty The Queen. The UK Government later announced that Monday 19 September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a bank holiday across the United Kingdom and that schools would not be asked to remain open on this day. Therefore, our school will be closed on Monday 19 September to mark Her Majesty's passing and commemorate Her reign. We will open as normal from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The staff and pupils have been recalling and marking this historic moment as part of our weekly collective worship. Our theme for this last week was 'Faith & Belief' and we have been able to incorporate the tremendous reliance and importance that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on a personal faith and public vocation. Our chapel is open every day and members of our school community have had the opportunity to sign a book of condolences.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

### **This Week's Prayer**

God our Father, you see your children growing up  
in an unsteady and confusing world:

Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world,  
and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals.

Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth,  
but as a chance for a new start.

Give them strength to hold their faith in you,  
and to keep alive their joy in your creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



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### Calendar Activities

#### Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

Bank Holiday – Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II

#### Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

Suspended Timetable Day Year 7-11

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

Suspended Timetable Day Years 7-9

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Year 11 Geography urban field trip

#### Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September

Open Evening 5.30pm-7.30pm

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Year 11 Geography river field trip

### Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening is due to take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

As always, pupils are invited to assist during the evening, either as tour guides or within departments.

If your child is helping on the evening, please log into Edulink → Trips / Clubs and provide your consent by clicking 'Join' under the Open Evening event.

As ever, many thanks for your support!

### 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.

### School Transport

Please can you ensure that pupils have their bus pass 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.



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### School Council – Senedd Yr Ysgol

School Council representatives have been appointed and the first council meeting has taken place today (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September). Look out for an update on their activities and any developments in future issues.

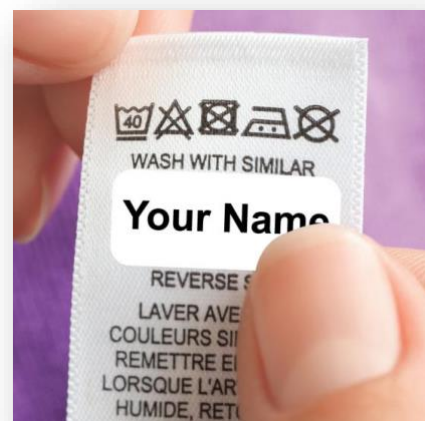
### Travel Arrangements

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 disrupt lessons to pass messages to pupils throughout the day.

It is also necessary to update the emergency travel plans in the pupil planner. In the event of an unplanned or emergency closure prior to the end of the school day. This will allow you to indicate what you would like to happen e.g. for them to walk home, or walk to a named relative or friends house etc... You will need to make your contingency preference clear and sign and date it. Early school closure is always a last resort and based on external advice e.g. busses not running due to significant snowfall. In the unlikely event that we have to close, we will contact you via Edulink.

### Don't lose it! Put your name in/on it!

After two weeks of school, we are already building a collection of lost property. We will always return items to the owner if we can identify them. Unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of items that we find are not named. Please ensure that items of uniform, coats, lunch boxes, calculators, pencil cases (anything a child can put down) has their name on it. As a minimum put their initials and form group (e.g. ABC 9Kg) and we can track them down. For those of you who are new to St. Joseph's, we have termly opportunities for you to view lost property – look out for dates in future bulletins.





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### Pre-loved Uniform

Further to the message above, we appreciate how expensive school uniform can be. The Governors of St. Joseph's are committed to keeping the cost of uniform to an absolute minimum. The cost of purchasing our uniform is significantly lower than virtually all other secondary schools. Our un-named and unclaimed lost property is always laundered and redistributed to others.

Do you have items of uniform at home that is too small? Is it still in good condition? Could it find a new home with someone else? If so, please drop them into school on a Friday – white shirts, black trousers, school jumpers, PE tops, out grown black shoes / trainers / football boots. Help reduce unnecessary waste and help someone else as you do it!

### Lights, camera, action!



Last Thursday some staff, Year 11 and Year 9 pupils were involved in filming for a Welsh Government educational video. The pupils' didn't just feature in the filming but were also able to see what goes on behind the scenes. Cardiff based Cowshed productions commented on how fantastic the pupils were and even discussed the possibility of work experience for some. We look forward to seeing the finished product in due course.

### Rome Trip

Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September was the deadline for deposit payment for the Year 7-11 pupils' attending the Rome trip. If you are experiencing any issues using ParentPay, please contact the school urgently for assistance. This overseas residential promises to be a fantastic experience for pupils' to see Rome – its history, its culture, and its vibrancy!





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### Suspended Timetable Days

Next week, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, we suspend our normal timetable in order for pupils' to undertake a wider variety of enrichment activities. You will be able to read more about what happens on those days in the Bumper Bulletin at the end of this half-term.

### Service Children & Families

Welsh Government regularly ask us to update our register of 'service children' in order to ensure that they receive any information and support that may be relevant to them. A 'service child' is defined as:

**Definition 1** (Welsh Government definition)

A 'Service child' has parent(s) – or person(s) with exercising parental responsibility – who is/are Service personnel serving:

- in HM Regular Armed Forces
- in full commitment as part of the full-time Reserve service
- is a veteran who has been in Service within the last two years
- One of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.

**Definition 2**

A person whose parent, or carer, serves in the regular armed forces, or as a reservist, or has done at any point during the first 25 years of that person's life. \*and does not meet the criteria of definition 1.

If your child meets either of the definitions above, please log into Edulink and navigate to the menu button 'Forms' and complete the online Children of Service Personnel form. Please respond as soon as possible and no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Further information is available from 'SSCE Cymru' who exist to provide the best possible educational support to Service children in Wales. SSCE Cymru works collaboratively with organisations across the UK to build an evidence base that impacts policy and systems. They also provides a suite of resources to support education professionals and Service families across Wales, including toolkits and tool, good practice examples, newsletters, funding guidance and a directory of support. For further information, visit [www.SSCECymru.co.uk](http://www.SSCECymru.co.uk)

## Clubs & Activities 2022-2023

Activity	Time	Teacher	Place
Lunchtime in the Chapel	Mon – Adoration/ Noonday Prayer Tues - Prayer Wed – Fiction & Flicks Thurs - Prayer Fri - Taize Prayer 12.30pm-12.45pm	Chaplains	Chapel
Art Club	Mon Year 7 Tues Year 8 Wed Year 9 Fri Year 10 and 11 [12.30-1.20pm]  Tues and Wed 3.30pm-4.30pm [Years 10 and 11]	Mrs Taylor	Art Room
Band	Wed 3.30-4.30pm	Mr Sammons	Social Court
Choir	Tues and Thurs 12.55pm	Mr Sammons	Music Room
Coding Club	Mon 12.25pm-12.55pm	Mr Trueman and Mr Long	IT1
Drama [KS4]	Mon – Fri 12.25-1.20pm Tues – Fri – 3.30-4.30pm	Mrs Russell	Drama
Design Technology [KS3]	Wed 12.25-1.10pm	Tech Teachers	Tech Dept
Design Technology [KS4 GCSE Project Work]	Thurs 3.30-4.30pm	As above	TE2
Duke of Edinburgh Award [Year 10]	Tues 3.30-4.00pm	Mr Lambert	Social Court



## Clubs & Activities 2022-2023 continued

Activity	Time	Teacher	Place
Extra Maths [KS4]	Tues 6pm Intermediate 6.30pm Higher	Mr Donlon	Google Classroom
Extra Maths [Intermediate KS4]	Thurs 3.30-4pm	Mr Donlon	MA1
Extra Maths [Intermediate KS4]	Thurs 3.30-4.15pm	Mrs Jobson	MA2
<i>Physical Education Sports Clubs</i>	Full Timetable will be displayed in PE and on Google Classroom	<i>PE Teachers</i>	<i>Sports Hall / Gym / Outside</i>
Science [Year 7]	Fri 12.25-1pm <i>[starting 16/09]</i>	Science Teachers	SC5/6
Study Plus	Mon to Fri Lunch time 12:25pm – 1:20pm 3:30-4:30pm <i>[start date to be confirmed]</i>	Teachers	GG2

## St Joseph's P.E Department Extra Curricular Timetable

### *Activities to start WC 12/9/2022-*

	<i>Lunchtime 12:25 – 1pm</i>	<i>After School 3:30 – 4:30 (unless it's a fixture)</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> <li>• Netball (all years) – Sports Hall</li> </ul>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball (all years) – Sports Hall</li> <li>• GCSE Creative – Gym/Dance (See Miss Breward)</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball (all years) Social netball, come and play with your friends / Netball fixtures*</li> <li>• Football Fixtures* / Training (Girls and Boys)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Futsal – Sports Hall</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badminton All Years – Sports Hall</li> <li>• Gymnastics All Years - Gym</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badminton – Sports Hall</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball training/Netball Fixtures* (all years)</li> <li>• Football Fixtures* Check with PE Staff</li> <li>• Jujitsu - Gym</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE PE Drop in – Sports Hall / Gymnasium / PE Classroom</li> <li>• KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls Football Training – Outside/Sports Hall.</li> </ul> <p><b>*Details of all fixtures will be sent out via Edulink.</b></p>



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