



St. Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School

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Beginning of a new term

The flurry of activity this first half of the term is a very welcome indicator that St. Joseph's is getting back to normal.

Open Evening

On the 26th September the school held its Open Evening. We had loads of visitors to the chapel and enjoyed meeting many prospective pupils and their families. The many exclamations of delight and praise for the space reminded us of how very fortunate we are to have a dedicated place of worship.

Service of Welcome

We officially welcomed the Year 7s to St. Joseph's with the Service of Welcome on 3rd October. One of our most meaningful traditions

is where we anoint the students' hands, to symbolise their becoming part of our school community. In Scripture, kings, prophets, and priests are anointed, set apart for a special purpose. We anoint pupils twice in their time at St. Joseph's: once in Year 7, at the beginning of their journey with us, and again in Year



As they were anointed, each child was given a blessing and an angel card. The theme of the service was Angels; we urged pupils to learn from angels and, like them, protect and guide others, be representatives of God's love to

the world, and make time to praise God in gratitude for God's constant presence in our lives.

Hunger Lunch

On Friday 7th October we held a hunger lunch in the social court. Year 11 prefects helped prepare and serve soup and bread. Pupils and staff paid £1 to take part, and we raised £150 for CAFOD, one of the charities our school supports. We were fortunate to have the CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator of the Wrexham Diocese attend the event and speak to pupils. Thank you to all who organised and participated.

Lunchtime in the Chapel

The new chapel schedule will begin after half term, please see overleaf, and cannot wait to see our pupils there.

Monday

Taizé Prayer

Tuesday

Check-in with the Chaplains

Wednesday

Fiction & Flicks

Thursday

Check-in with the Chaplains

FridayHoly Eucharist or
Noonday Prayer**Whole School Worship**

The pinnacle of our time together was the Catholic Eucharist on the 14th October, with The Rev. Canon Adrian Wilcock celebrating.

Due to Covid, we had not had a whole school Eucharist since the autumn of 2019, which means that for Years 7-9 it was their first experience of the entire school gathered together in worship.

We are grateful for the contributions of so many young people in the liturgy; from the beautiful music led by the choir and band to the readers and altar servers, to those who participated in the welcome and offertory, it made our time in worship together really meaningful. It truly was a joyous occasion, and demonstrated one of the reasons we are so proud of St. Joseph's.

We ended our half term with a harvest appeal. We had many

donations of food and other important goods from every year and form. In these difficult economic times, your generosity means so much to us and especially to the people who use the food bank; thank you.

The Chaplains

Prayer by Diana Ng-Sutherland, CAFOD volunteer:

Lord, all good things come from you. You are so loving and generous, you fill our world with wonders.

Inspire us to open our hearts and share your gifts, so that those who are hungry may flourish.

Through your grace, we pray all may celebrate fullness of life.

Help us to be more compassionate, to be aware of your love in each person, and to live as children of one family.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

GCSE Certificate Collection - Class of 2022

GCSE certificates for Class of 2022 will be available for collection from the main office 9am to 3pm each day from **Monday 21st to Thursday 24th November** and the

following week, **Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December.**

'Have Your Say' on new Made-for-Wales GCSEs

Qualifications Wales is creating a brand-new set of GCSEs that will realise the ambition of the new Curriculum for Wales and meet the needs of learners.

They are consulting on proposals for 26 new GCSEs and other related qualifications. These are organised around what the Curriculum for Wales refers to as the six Areas of Learning and Experience. Qualifications Wales wants people's opinions on the content and ways of assessing the new qualifications that will be available from 2025.

The proposed qualifications include new combined GCSEs in The Sciences (incorporating Biology, Chemistry and Physics), Cymraeg Language and Literature, English Language and Literature, and Mathematics and Numeracy. Qualifications Wales also wants people across the country to share their views on the content and assessment of brand-new GCSEs in Social Studies, Engineering, Film and Digital Media, and Dance.

For more information and to 'Have Your Say' visit:

haveyoursay.qualifications.wales

School Getaways...

Year 11 Soli House

On 13th September some Year 11 pupils went to Soli House. For more than 70 years Soli has always been a place where young people can encounter Christ through residential retreats, and other ministries such as Outreach and music. It is designed to meet the needs of young people from different backgrounds.

The mission of Soli, and the Kenelm Youth Trust, is to provide life changing opportunities for young people, helping each person to reflect upon their life of faith and how they respond to the call of Jesus Christ in their lives.

The Soli team consists of a community of young adults, and permanent staff, who are dedicated not only to helping young people but also to growing together in a community of faith and prayer.

Miss R Massey

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"This year I had the opportunity to visit Soli once again. As this is my second time going, I can say that it was another life changing experience. This religious retreat helped strengthen my relationship with God as well as my relationships with my fellow classmates and teachers. Every moment was enjoyable and memorable."

Charlie, 11 Devereux

"This time when I went to Soli my life perspective changed. I grew closer to God and my peers and loved the time I spent doing this. I really enjoyed our small groups as it helped form better friendships with those who I didn't know previously. I wish I could go to Soli again. I encourage everyone to go when they have the opportunity."

Fin, 11 Romero

Geography Field Trip

Fieldwork is an essential aspect of Geography and it is a requirement for

WJEC Geography that all pupils undertake fieldwork.

On Thursday 22nd September our Year 11 Geography pupils walked into Wrexham as part of their non-examination preparation. Pupils were given the opportunity to experience some 'real geography' as they put into practice some of the data collection and sampling techniques they have been learning about. Pupils completed environmental impact assessments, traffic counts and conducted surveys. A very productive day.

Mrs Devine

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"The geography trip for our NEA was very fun and exciting. It was good to get out of school and learn in a more practical way. We

conducted a survey, asking people about their safety in Wrexham. It was very nerve-wracking however fun to find out the information first hand."

Nicola, 11 Cassidy

"On our geography field trip we walked into town along a transect and completed environmental impact assessments. When we got into town we completed questionnaires, although it was nerve wracking it was really useful putting our theory into practice."

Isobel, 11 Devereux



On Wednesday 28th September Year 11 pupils visited River Clywedog at Erddig to collect data for river width, depth and velocity and observed river processes at work, particularly erosion and deposition and how they created river features.

Mrs Arnall

Year 8 Chester Zoo

On 20th September 136 pupils in Year 8 enjoyed a simply brilliant trip to the Zoo. They attended a workshop delivered by the expert zoo educational team where they learnt about endangered animals, animal adaptations and ecosystems.

After a picnic lunch, it was time to put the booklets away and explore! The penguins put on a

show, the lions showed off their strength and the orangutans were a delight to watch. The pupils were great company, and it was a pleasure seeing them learning in a different environment.

Thank you Mrs Devine for all your hard work organising this trip.

Mrs Greenhalgh

Year 9 Chester Zoo

Throughout this term pupils in Year 9 have been focusing on palm oil and the global issue which surrounds it. As part of this pupils were given the opportunity to visit Chester Zoo to find out more.

During the morning pupils attended a workshop which addressed a number of wildlife issues including palm oil before heading off around the zoo. Pupils also gathered additional information from the Realm of the Ape about the plight of the Orangutan and the impact palm oil has on their habitat.

Once their booklet was complete pupils had the opportunity to explore the zoo and the animals that live there. Pupils were enthusiastic and embraced the change in learning environment, a fantastic day out.

Mrs Devine

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"Chester Zoo was fantastic! We learned a variety of different facts about palm oil that was very fascinating; we learned all this in the Chester Zoo workshop and it was amazing. We travelled around

the zoo looking at interesting and unique animals, we learnt new things about the animals and how they live. Overall, Chester Zoo was a great experience. Thank you."

Rhys, 9 Devereux

"We went to Chester zoo as part of Geography to learn about the use of sustainable palm oil and how it effects the environment. In the workshop we learned how palm oil can be sustainable but also unsustainable and endanger species and their habitats. We found out about an app (Palm Oil Scan) that scans products to see if it includes sustainable palm oil. After the workshop we went about the zoo to see different kinds of animals. My favourite part of the day was the penguins."

Iesu, 9 Devereux

"When I went to Chester Zoo I enjoyed seeing the animals and just having a good time with friends. Whilst we were there, we learnt about how elephant tusks are valuable and why people hunt animals. We learnt about how the palm oil issue is causing extinction of many species. We also learnt how we can't replace palm oil with anything else otherwise deforestation would happen quicker. The Chester Zoo trip was the most educational and fun trip I have been on."

Francisco, 9 Romero

Year 7 Retreat

On 20th and 21st September our new intake had the opportunity to spend a day at Pantasaph friary. Both days were jam packed with a wide variety of activities ranging

from ice breaker games, singing and reflection.

The main aim of the day was to explore the theme of 'Community' and to understand the importance of working together. There was also an opportunity to watch a clip called No 1 which enabled the pupils to discover the importance of not judging others by their appearance, and how each member of the community should be appreciated and acknowledged as a child of God, precious and important in His eyes.



The weather was amazing for both days so during the lunch break pupils had the opportunity to soak up the sun. Others decided to venture into the

well organised Café for some light refreshment or buy souvenirs from the little gift shop.

To conclude the day the pupils prepared and delivered a short prayer service. This included lively hymns, dramas, mime, song and dance which was linked together by our wonderful chaplains and was a fitting way to finish of a wonderful day. A big thank you to all our Year 7s for their perfect behaviour during the day, they are a credit to themselves, their parents and our school.

Miss Massey

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"Pantasaph was an amazing experience! We all had so much fun. I loved the songs we sang and

the games we played, and when we did a short performance on a community. Our group did a performance on a football game and a player got injured. We did an assembly, dancing, saying welcome in all different languages, the rainbow colours and more. I am so lucky I got to go to Pantasaph."

Megan, 7 Kolbe

"Some of the things I liked about Pantasaph was how we got to socialize with the other forms and play games with them. I also enjoyed looking at everything around me when I was outside."

Ella, 7 Kolbe

Nant BH

On Friday, 21st October 21 Year 11 pupils headed out to the Nant BH outdoor centre for a GCSE maths revision trip.

The trip started with a night walk activity consisting of following map bearings back to the centre. Pupils learnt how to follow six figure reference points and learnt about scales and bearings.

The following day all pupils took part in a high ropes course consisting of climbing and a zip wire. This generated data that was analysed back at the centre where we learnt about cumulative frequency and inter quartile range. In the afternoon, there was a fantastic gorge walk where pupils walked up a river including a waterfall. We measured a natural mini pool and later worked out the volume of water it contained. The group were in fantastic form and there

was group led singing in the evening followed by orienteering.

The next day we were off to the nearby lake where we had a session on Canadian Canoes. The course we went on was pre planned and followed a right angled triangle. There was a short break on the opposite side of the lake where the group could gather their thoughts and reflect on the fantastic weekend.

When we got back to the centre we could work out the angles that we turned through on the course and the distances travelled using Pythagoras and Trigonometry.

Each activity had a maths problem to solve back at the classroom and there were many more topics studied throughout the weekend.

The group had a fantastic time and learnt several skills in both maths and outdoor pursuits.

Mr Donlon

'Blood Brothers'

Year 10 and 11 pupils had a wonderful time watching the award winning production 'Blood Brothers' at Liverpool Empire on 26th October and 27th October respectively.

The excellent performances by the touring theatre company engaged the pupils from start to finish, with each joke being accompanied by a wave of laughter. Undoubtedly, pupils

were enthused for their further studies of literature and drama.

Mrs Sparks and Mrs Clark

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"I thought it was brilliant and can't wait to go and see something else."

"I've never been to the theatre before. It was amazing and so much more fun than reading a book."

"On Thursday, 27th October, Year 11 drama pupils visited the Liverpool Empire Theatre, to watch the production of Blood Brothers by Willy Russell. The show was enthralling, exciting and very moving. The amazing actors inspired us and the skills we saw them use will help us with our upcoming GCSE drama performances. We were also able to take notice of the techniques used with sound and lighting, which will help us with our written work. We are very grateful to be given the opportunity to visit the theatre and have this experience, which will benefit us in many ways."

Lottie and Molly, 11 Romero and Cassidy

Suspended timetable Days

There have been three suspended timetable days during this half term. Some of the 'school getaways' previously mentioned took place during these days together with a range of subject activities. Here is a roundup of the activities which took place at school...

Year 7 Geko Maths

This involved a series of puzzle-based problem-solving activities in the morning followed by a team-based relay quiz in the afternoon. The puzzles included a range of tasks from Tangram shape puzzles to the water jug bomb riddle from *Die Hard 3*.

Pupils were given the opportunity to rate each puzzle they attempted in individual booklets using smiley face ratings. The Gecko quiz in the afternoon involved students working in teams to answer a series of 23 problem solving questions. After attempting each question, they would get it checked then if correct would be given the next question.

The teams that finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on each day received a prize. At the end of each task, pupils were asked for their feedback.

Miss C Jones

What a fantastic 2 days! It was so lovely to see how engaged and enthusiastic the pupils were. It got very competitive towards the end but congratulations to the teams who completed the Gecko Maths relay, including the bonus questions!! Well done Year 7.

Miss Jobson

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"I enjoyed everything and would not change anything".

Seren 7 Devereux

"I enjoyed getting a question right first try and from one of the time puzzles - BC and AD"

Dylan 7 Devereux

"I enjoyed working together and would change nothing"

Jasmine 7 King

Year 9 Technology

Imagine you are in charge of designing comfortable living spaces in a very crowded city. The population is high, so there's not a lot of space available. A new client has come in to ask you to design their microflat. The space is very small, but the client wants a comfortable place to live. Everything inside needs to be considered very carefully so no space is wasted!

This is what the whole of year 9 did on Tuesday, 20th September. Throughout the day the pupils looked at how different towns and cities around the world cope with rising population density. They researched how space can be used effectively and what furniture works well in certain spaces. They then designed and built models based on their research to look at how they would tackle the problem.

The pupils produced some brilliant work and really were imaginative with their ideas. They considered lots of possibilities and created models through the medium of card, paper and minecraft.

It was great to see just how involved the pupils can be and

how well they work as teams. Well done Year 9.

Mr Lambert

Year 11 Literacy and Communication

Working in small groups, pupils chose a specific aspect of literacy and communication that they wanted to work on.

Using their own knowledge and understanding as well as secondary research, each group devised and prepared a ten-minute lesson. Teamwork, creativity and digital competency skills were essential in preparing an engaging and effective lesson. The areas covered were really specific and wide-ranging and included 'Common Misspellings Solved!', 'Sentence Openings' and 'Speaking Skills for Interview Success' among many others.

In the afternoon, each group delivered their lesson to the rest of their class. Pupils used independent note-making skills at this point to record key points of the lessons. The day ended with pupils self-evaluating their work and identifying aspects of literacy and communication they want to improve in the future.

Mrs Samuels

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"I learned about a lot of different literacy-related areas in depth in a short space of time which was great. There was lots of memorable information and examples."

Tianna 11 Cassidy

The lessons we created were all really fun because there were lots of different activities, lots of variety such as competitions and quizzes.

Bartosz 11 Cassidy

Year 8 ICT

On Wednesday, 21st September we had our Year 8 ICT Day. The activities included coding with Sphero's and Microbits, Creating stop motion animations using Wick editor and creating a track using GarageBand.

Mr Trueman

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"I never knew you could shake a Sphero and it could go forward the number of times you shake it and go back automatically."

"My favourite part of the day was composing my own music on Garage Band."

"I learnt how to use a new animation program, how to code a Sphero to go around a wall and how to make radio code on a Microbit."

Year 9 'Talk the Talk'

Expert trainers from 'Talk The Talk' came into school on Tuesday, 25th October to work with students in **Year Group 9**.

'Talk The Talk's' programme is designed to develop pupils' oracy skills and their communication confidence to support positive interaction in all life situations and improved social outcomes.

The 'Talk About Communication' workshop was an exciting and engaging master class developing speaking and listening skills within a creative learning environment. The workshop provided numerous speaking opportunities and pupils were coached and supported throughout the day to deliver a structured two minute presentation, on a topic for which they have a genuine passion, to their peers.

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"I was scared when I was told we'd have to speak in front of everyone but I felt I'd really achieved something by the end of the day."

"I thought I was good at talking but I learnt so much. I'm really good now."

Skills Certificate Challenge

Year 10 began their Enterprise Challenge by starting the day with a presentation from Hope House. They work with the school to develop the Enterprise Challenge,



whilst we support them with our fundraising.

Throughout the day groups of pupils became small businesses as they developed their ideas for the **Christmas Fair on Thursday 24th November**. The businesses of around 5 pupils held meetings, allocated roles,

decided on a company name and business idea.

As always pupils amazed us as they embraced the challenge whilst creating the most imaginative ideas.

Mrs A Devine

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"The Welsh Bacc day was a really helpful and fun day. My group achieved a lot throughout the day, we were organised and made progress, creating brainstorm and finalising our idea. After we held a meeting about resources and our target audience, we decided who would be responsible for each task. My favourite part was going around and asking people's opinions about our idea."

Gwen, 10 Devereux

"I really enjoyed the collapsed timetable day for Welsh Bacc because it allowed my group to think of a business idea and develop that idea. We were given the opportunity to talk about our ideas and plans. We held meetings and took minutes, allocated roles and finalised our idea using SWOTS. We made lots of progress."

Amelia, 10 Devereux

Wellbeing Days have taken place for Years, 7, 10 and 11 during this half term. These provide an opportunity for guest speakers to come into school to present to our pupils on a range of topics such as emotional wellbeing, being a young carer bullying and much more.

Miss Massey

Year 10 Study Skills

It was a hugely successful and enjoyable day. Diolch yn fawr to all of you who took part with enthusiasm and effort. Both visitors Mr Jasper Ward and Mr Pol Wong spoke very highly of our pupils and thoroughly enjoyed visiting St Joseph's.

We enjoyed a 2-hour Study Skills session from "Maximize Your Potential".

It was very interesting and informative. We talked about the importance of the next couple of years and how you can succeed if your attitude is positive.

We also learned how to revise, and the importance of having a study timetable and being able to make time for yourself to make the most of your study sessions.

We learned lots of diverse revision techniques and were each given a booklet containing those techniques so we can use them in future.

We were told that 30-minute revision sessions are the most effective, and between those sessions it's important to do something physical, like go for a quick walk outside to wake yourself up rather than just go on a console.

Overall, it was a very useful session which was part of a varied and enjoyable day.

Mrs Greenhalgh

Here's what the pupils had to say ...

"On Study Skills Day, we enjoyed a session of meditation with Mrs Roe. The lesson completely relaxed our whole form class and it gave us time to think and reflect. Mrs Roe guided our meditation, and shared some teachings from the bible. Overall our meditation session was something we all needed."

"I enjoyed the Kung Fu session, it was very fun to not only see the mindfulness and spiritual side to it but the physical and concentration you need to be able to perform Kung Fu effectively. I think lots of people enjoyed it too."

"I enjoyed having art, it was a very peaceful lesson. I enjoyed being able to experience art again since I had not picked it as a GCSE subject. Hugh thank you to Mrs Taylor and Mr Farrell and a big thank you to Mrs Greenhalgh."

Carys, 10 King

"I really enjoyed doing the Kung Fu because I found it fun and I felt very calm and de-stressed after the session. I liked learning Kung Fu and learning how it impacts people. Personally I had never done Kung Fu before because I didn't think I would enjoy it, however this session really changed my mind. I would love to do it again and I recommend it to other."

"The meditation session was very relaxing, good to let go of stress and have some time to yourself in school. One of the most enjoyable parts of the day."

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and other electronic devices such as iPods, iPads and cameras are not allowed in school.

In exceptional circumstances, if pupils need to bring a mobile phone into school then parents/carers must write to me asking permission beforehand and stating the reason for the request.

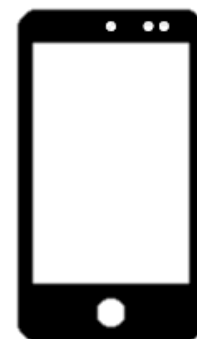
If the request is granted, a contract will be signed to ensure that strict guidelines are adhered to e.g. the mobile phone must be kept in a transparent pencil case with the pupil's name clearly marked on it and the phone must be handed to reception immediately upon arrival and collected at the end of the day.

For those pupils with agreements in place, there are an increasing number of phones that are brought for safe-keeping in

unsuitable cases and inadequately labelled. Therefore if phones are not presented in a transparent pencil case, clearly marked with pupil's details, the agreement will be withdrawn. Clear plastic pencil cases are available to purchase from pupil reception for 50p.

Your continued support is much appreciated.

Mr C Wilkinson



Polite Parking

We are experiencing problems with traffic congestion on Erddig Road and Sontley Road. 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 – all of which are avoidable by being considerate to others. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Mr C Wilkinson, Headteacher

If you want me back, label me!

Can parents please ensure that coats, school uniform, PE kit and tracksuits have names on the label please. This will greatly reduce the amount of lost uniform and PE kit and will also help us to return items to their rightful owner. Please also label drinks bottles, pencils cases, basically anything you can put down, label it! Please remember items go missing and rarely make their way back but named items do. Thank you.

Year 7 Photographs

Year 7 photographs arrived this week and have been distributed to pupils. If you have not received your order then please contact Tempest Photography. You will need a reference number: if you

do not have this then please contact the school before contacting Tempest.

Meet our Pupil Leaders

Here is a little bit about St Joseph's Head Girls and Head Boys in their own words...

Lottie Conway



Ever since joining St Josephs in Year 7, I have been presented with opportunities which have helped me to reach my potential and have made me the person I am today, as Head Girl, I hope to ensure that this continues for other pupils. I have always wanted to give back to the school in any way possible and through my role I am delighted to say I am able to do this.

Within school, my role is to support my fellow pupils and to ensure that everybody's voice is heard. In previous years, I have been a member of the school Council, TCC club and the Welsh club, as well as representing the school in certain events in and out of school. All of these experiences and opportunities have given me confidence and resilience and

have allowed me to achieve more than what I ever thought possible and have overall made my school experience very enjoyable.

I'm extremely proud and grateful to now be one of the Head Girl's here and to be working with Molly, Fin, Ethan and the senior prefect team to give back to St Josephs.

Molly Stanley



St Joseph's has supported me to become the person I am today and as Head Girl, I hope to create the same friendly and safe environment I had whilst growing up in St Joseph's.

Within school, I carry out such things as 'Tweet of the Week' and helping with our chaplains and RE department to help pupils get more involved with our school's religious ethos after Covid 19. Myself and the other head prefects help organise our current prefects and speak in events such as open evenings.

An important part of my role is to be a representative of the school. This means greeting visitors to the school, giving tours and even representing the school outside of school time - such as at Mass.

Living our school motto through my actions.

I also try to be a voice for younger pupils, listening to their ideas/suggestions and passing them on to our amazing school council group and encouraging them to be more confident and to join clubs such as choir or netball.

I am extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity and to be able to work with such amazing people and I am excited to see what this year brings!

Ethan Evans



My role within the school is to work with teachers and the other senior prefects in designing plans for fair and even prefect duties around the school. This often involves discussing with other pupils when they're available, who they would like to work with, and what task they would like to do. I also have to take part in prefect duties, much like other pupils, and I often take part in activities such as the school liturgy.

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the workload is manageable and help is provided wherever needed. There is always a great work ethic in the school.

In terms of further education, St Joseph's does a ton to help. They have already organised to have leaders of 6th Forms and Colleges to come in and speak to us about this. From what I have learned during my time in St Joseph's, I am considering going on to study some topics at further levels, and I assume many more of our pupils will do too.

Fin Jones



My role within our school is very significant, I help pupils with issues they might have and ensure if I cannot help them to highest degree that they are passed on to a member of staff who can, supervising prefects on their duties around the school at lunch and to put lots of effort into all aspects of school events.

I hope I can inspire other pupils around school to join in my example and strive to create a positive learning environment for all, where everyone is heard and appreciated.

Since joining the school all the way back in 2018, I have had many opportunities to fulfil my potential and make me a better person. From my time here I have learnt a better understanding of qualities which I think will help me in my role and future likewise.

New members of staff

We extend a warm welcome to two new members of staff at St Joseph's. Here is a little bit about them in their own words...

Mrs C Crawford



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Miss J Taylor



I qualified as a teacher in 1993, completing my PGCE at St. Martin's College, Lancaster. My degree is in History and Applied Social Science achieved from Lancaster University.

I have taught at The Hollins County High School, Accrington, William Beamont High School, Warrington and for 28 years at St Richard Gwyn High School, Flint. During my career I have undertaken many leadership roles

including Head of Year and Head of Humanities Faculty.

I am an active member of St Mary's RC Church of the Immaculate Conception, Flint where I am a Eucharistic minister. I enjoy travel, theatre and reading historical books.

It is a great honour and privilege to take up this challenging new role at St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High School as a Head of Year and teacher in the Enfys Resource.

Sporting Success

Netball

County success

Congratulations and well done to the 8 pupils that represented Wrexham in the North East Wales Triangular Tournament last week. Daisy M (Year 8), Cerys J (Year 9), Hannah T (Year 9) and Hatty R (Year 9) played for the under 14 teams and Zoja B (Year 10), Lydia G (Year 10), Phoebe S (Year 10) and Olivia B (Year 11) played for the under 16 teams. Congratulations also to Olivia who captained her team. All these pupils will now be trialling to represent North East Wales in the National Schools Competition next year.

Fixtures

On Thursday last week the Year 7 team played their first game against Rhosnesni. Lily C captained the team, here is her report of the match.

"Last Thursday 20th October the Year 7s played Rhosnesni at their school.

We had two 10-minute sides. It started and they scored the first goal, which made us all feel a bit down. During the 2-minute break we discussed tactics and techniques to try and improve our game. They scored 3 more goals. Even though some of us felt down we all still kept on playing and



moving on trying to score more goals. For the last 3 minutes some of us switched positions and we got an outstanding goal, scored by Hannah C-J.

The final score was 4-1 to Rhosnesni. Well done to both teams. The Player of the Match was voted by all the team and that was Hannah C-J because of excellent defending in GD and from switching to GA and scored us the fantastic goal but a very well done to everyone else.

I would like to thank Miss Breward for taking us and umpiring the game. Also thank you to Rhosnesni's teacher. Finally a huge thanks to the brilliant team for participating and the excellent effort in the match."

Year 10 also played. Here is Megan C's captain's report.

"We played against Rhosnesni at Rhosnesni High School on Thursday and the final score was 13-13.

A highlight from the match would be when Ella scored some good shots and even managed to score a few long ones. A few of the girls who played have never played before and they played really well.

The match was really close but we managed to get a draw. Our team voted Faye for player's player because she made a lot of good



interceptions and was good at feeding the ball down the court.

Coach's player was the whole team as Miss Breward was really proud of everyone as she knew that some of the girls were nervous about playing and she was impressed with how we worked as a team to finish the game in a draw after being down by 4 goals at half time. Thank you to Miss Breward for taking us and umpiring the game."

A tough couple of matches for Year 7 and 8 followed this Tuesday away at The Maelor High School.

The Year 8s suffered a blow early on in the game with Verity E having to go off injured, unfortunately we have found out since her wrist is fractured. We wish Verity all the best with her recovery and hope she will be playing again soon.



The team scored a few great goals and showed some promising play, the score of 21-5 does not reflect how hard the girls played. Well done girls, onwards to the next game after ½ term now!

The Year 7s faced very strong opposition with some excellent shooters from the Maelor School.



We experimented with positions during the 40-minute games as

the girls are still finding their feet with what positions they would be best playing in. As with the Year 8 team, it wasn't Year 7's day and they lost the match.

Lots of positives from the game and a few things to work on in training after ½ term too. Well done girls!

After half term there are two Netball inter-form competitions planned for Thursday after school.

Year 7 and 8 on 10th November and Year 9 and 10 will be on 17th November. Each form will be asked to provide a team of 7 or 8 players to play in 5-a-side netball games. Teams can be mixed and 2 boys can play at any one time. The competitions will run from 3:30pm-4:30pm and if children are being picked up, can they please be picked up from the back of the school.

Miss Breward

PE Extra Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to introduce Matthew Jones our new Active Wrexham officer as a member of the PE department.

Matthew will be meeting different pupils in the next few weeks in briefings and PE lessons as well as running some extra curricular activities like the inter-form tournaments on a Thursday.

With the dark nights closing in and the weather becoming unpredictable, our PE clubs need

to now move indoors for the winter. Please note the changes to clubs on the extracurricular timetable. We will be explaining the changes to the pupils in lessons after half term as well as using Google Classroom to communicate what is happening. All activities and clubs will also be on Edulink. Please follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with news and achievements - @SJ_WXM_PE.

We are delighted with the attendance at extra curricular clubs this half term, on some days we have had over 100 pupils staying to enjoy after school sport which is amazing! We look forward to launching our Golden Ticket rewards scheme next half term which we will give more details about soon.



Off to the slopes...

Finally, we would like to wish Mr Arnall all the best for the winter season as he will be starting a new job in the French Alps in the ski industry soon after $\frac{1}{2}$ term. Mr Arnall has run Badminton Club and has become a valued member of the PE department team over the past two years. Pob lwc and stay in touch!

St Joseph's P.E Department Extra Curricular Timetable

Activities to start WC 7/11/2022

	Lunchtime 12:25 – 1pm	After School 3:30 – 4:30 (unless it's a fixture).
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite • Netball (all years) – Sports Hall 	<p>*Details of all fixtures will be sent out via Edulink and communicated on the fixtures board in PE.</p>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball (all years) – Sports Hall • GCSE Creative – Dance (See Miss Breward) • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futsal (Boys) Play nights (Sports Hall) Year 7 – 8/11 Year 8 – 15/11 Year 9 – 22/11 • Gymnastics - all Years (Gym)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badminton – Sports Hall • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball – all years (Sports Hall)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futsal – Sports Hall • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interform Tournaments – Sports Hall Year 7 and 8 – Netball 10/11 Year 9 and 10 – Netball 17/11 • Jujitsu - Gym
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE PE Drop in – Sports Hall / PE Classroom • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Football Training – Sports Hall.

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We will try to ensure that, where possible, phone calls will be replied to on weekdays within 48 hours as staff are unable to reply when they are teaching, in meetings or on duty.

Please be role models of polite and tolerant behaviour when visiting our school. Aggressive and abusive behavior will not be tolerated. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Wilkinson

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Please follow us on twitter - we currently have 1,057 followers, let's increase this over half term!



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Dates for the Diary

Monday, 7th November

School opens to pupils
Year 11 History non-examination assessment

Wednesday, 9th November
Year 11 History non-examination assessment

Monday, 14th November
Year 9 Information Evening

Tuesday, 15th November
Year 7 ICT Day
Year 8 Wellbeing Day
Year 9 Study Skills Day
Years 10 and 11 SCC Day

Wednesday, 16th November
Year 10/11 Ann Smart Netball

Thursday, 17th November
Wrexham Schools' Cross Country

Friday, 18th November
Year 11 Art Residential departs
2.30pm

Wednesday, 23rd November
Years 7 -11 Flu Vaccinations

Thursday, 24th November
'Here Comes Christmas Fair'
6pm-8pm

Friday, 25th November
Staff Development Day
(School closed to pupils)

Tuesday, 29th November
Year 7 Humanities trip to Erddig

Friday, 2nd December
Year 10 MFL trip to Bruges
departs (midday)

Monday, 5th December
Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening
3.45pm-6.30pm

Friday, 9th December
Year 10 Fundraising Day
(£1 donation for non-uniform)

Thursday, 22nd December
School closes to pupils 3.30pm

Friday, 23rd December
Staff Development Day



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