



St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
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This week's theme for our collective worship was **Peace**

This Week's Prayer

*Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace,
and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel
for the nations of the earth,
that in tranquillity your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the
knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Amen

GCSE Polish Examination

GCSE Polish letters were sent out before Christmas to Year 10 pupils. All return slips need to be back with Mrs Large by Wednesday 18 January, even if pupils do not wish to sit the exam. There will be no other opportunity for them to do it after this year.

Calendar Activities

W/c 16th January

Year 9 practical examinations (see exam timetable from before Christmas)

16th January

Year 10 Parents / Carers Evening
3.45pm-6.30pm

17th January

Suspended Timetable Day

Year 7 – English Day
Year 8 – Maths Day
Year 9 – MFL Day
Year 10 – SCC Enterprise
Year 11 – Mock Interview Day / SCC Project

Year 9 Open Evening at Grove Park 5pm

18th January

Year 8 Open Evening at Bersham Road 5pm

19th January

Suspended Timetable Day

Year 7 – Crucial Crew
Year 8 – Science Catalyst Trip
Year 9 – Wellbeing Day
Year 10 – SCC Enterprise
Year 11 – Mock Results Day / SCC Project

23rd January

Year 11 Parents / Carers Evening
3.45pm-6.30pm

24th January

School Photographs Years 8 – 11

25th – 26th January

Year 11 English assessments

27th January

Year 9 College Course Taster Session [AM]

Pupil Absence

If your child is too poorly to attend school, it is important that school is made aware of the absence before 9am.

Please telephone 01978 360310 or email
attendancep6@hwbcymru.net

as we appreciate the phone lines can be busy in the mornings.

Together Creating Community

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Then join the TCC club!

TCC (Together Creating Community) is an organisation that uses community organising to empower people to effect change in their local area.

In the past, groups have gotten a homeless shelter put in Wrexham and made Wales the first Fairtrade country, and pupils from St. Joseph's have gotten a defibrillator put in the school and have campaigned for a living wage and to reduce the use of plastics.

Come join us on **Mondays from 12:30-1pm in RE3** to work on the issues that matter to you.

Rev Lara Stroud



Mrs Sharon Jones

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It is with great sadness that I share that Mrs Sharon Jones, one of our Teaching Assistants, passed away on Christmas Eve. Sharon was a warm, caring, generous woman - a truly kind lady. Sharon worked at St Joseph's for nearly 10 years. She was committed to the children that she supported, and worked to ensure they had the best possible experience of school. Her support for pupils and staff through the administration of first aid often went above and beyond – she was our "school matron". Her willingness and commitment to support our school community was both admirable and selfless. Sharon was a lovely lady, a fantastic colleague and she will be greatly missed!

Here's what has been happening across the year groups

The theme for our prayers this week is "Peace" and every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer. Here are two beautiful prayers written by William 7 Devereux and Nikola, Louis and Elen 7 King:

*"Peace go with you. God's quiet within the noises. God's hope within uncertainty.
God's presence within your soul. Peace go with you.
Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let them be afraid. Amen"*

Nikola, Louis and Elen 7 King

*"Heavenly Father, Almighty God.
Now, please come to our Aid in this school. Grant us peace, teach us peace;
guide our steps in the way of peace.
Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to keep peace. We want you to heal and
remove everything that is causing us stress, grief and sorrow in our lives.
Almighty God, We give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we have received.
Thank you Almighty God for every new day. Amen"*

William 7 Devereux

Last term William from 7 Devereux was able to meet the King and Queen Consort when they visited Wrexham on Friday 15th December. Here is what William had to say about this historical event.

"On Friday 15th December I met the King and Queen Escort. I was in a special church service at St Giles Church. You could only get invited to this special service. The Reverend Canon Jason Bray invited me. I have a very special job in the Church. I carry the processional cross. I am a cross barer and also an Altar Server. I am also an organist.

The service lasted about half an hour. I sat on an altar next to lots of Reverends and Canons. It was really amazing. The King then delivered a speech and more important people delivered a speech as well. There was a male voice choir there. We were singing hymns played by the fantastic organist Chris Pilsbury. The King then had to greet very important and special guests. The Queen Consort "Camila" came our way. I was stood near the processional cross. The Reverend Canon Jason Brag introduced me and my sister to the Queen Consort as the organ scholars. The Queen Consort said we were very nice. We got to shake her hand and held a conversation with her. She said that she wishes us a very Happy Christmas and then she left. The King then came and talked to us. He also wished us a Happy Christmas. The King and Queen Consort had to sing the visitors book. After the King talked to us, he also left. There was a massive round of applause and everyone was waving to him.

I felt delighted to attend the very special service, It was a once in a lifetime experience. I was so lucky and appreciate it."

Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

Happy New Year!

Another busy term ahead for Year 8.

Thank you to Mr Wilkinson for delivering a thought-provoking assembly on the theme of peace. A reminder about the importance of good attendance.

Next week on Tuesday and Thursday we have two suspended timetable days where Year 8 will have the opportunity to participate in a Maths focus day and also take part in the science Catalyst visit. Many thanks to all staff involved in the preparation these days.

Miss J Taylor

Year 9

A big welcome back to Year 9 after a well-deserved rest following the December exams.

One or two practical exams will be conducted next week in lessons and the whole year group will be off timetable for their annual Health Day on Thursday 19th January.

Monday 16th January sees the beginning of Year 9's window of charitable fund raising. This year the pupils will be raising money for the International Red Cross and, local charity, Teams4U - fund raising will continue until Friday 10th March. Pupils are asked to come up with ideas for raising money which may include making and selling cakes, sweets, drinks, etc. or other imaginative events - watching their teachers getting egg on their faces was a popular event last year! Please encourage your children to participate in some way in our fund-raising efforts in order that we can send healthy donations to each of these very worthy causes.

Mrs James

Year 10

On Monday 16th January 2023 we have our Year 10 Parents Evening. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, and to discuss their progress following the Autumn Term of GCSE study. As we did last year, these will be via schoolcloud and you should have already received an email and had the opportunity to make appointments.

Mrs Greenhalgh

Year 11

Year 11 have made a positive start to the new term. This week all of Year 11 have been involved with their practical exams in science and have responded well to the challenge.

On Tuesday 17th January, Year 11 will have the opportunity to have a mock interview. This will give them the experience of being interviewed by people who work within our local business community.

On Thursday 19th January, Year 11 will receive their mock exam results, which will give them a taste of what to expect when they receive their final exam results in August.

On Monday 23rd January, we will be holding our Year 11 Parents Evening. You should have received an email which allows you to make appointments (via Schoolcloud).

Young Writers' Club

This club is open to any Year 9 and 10 pupils who are interested in creative writing.

If you enjoy writing stories, poems or anything creative, come along!

When? Wednesdays Week 2

Where? Library 12.30pm

Please see Mrs Hatfield for more details.

PE Timetable Years 7-9 [Key Stage 3]

	W/B	Devereux	Kolbe	King	Romero	Cassidy
	9/1					
Block 1	16/1	Badminton	Table Tennis	HRE	Badminton	HRE
	23/1	Badminton	Table Tennis	HRE	Badminton	HRE
	30/1	Table Tennis	HRE	Badminton	HRE	Table Tennis
	6/2	Table Tennis	HRE	Badminton	HRE	Table Tennis
Block 2						
	13/2	Rugby			Rugby	
	27/2	Rugby			Rugby	
	6/3	Rugby			Rugby	
Block 3	13/3	HRE	Badminton	Table Tennis	Table Tennis	Badminton
	20/3	HRE	Badminton	Table Tennis	Table Tennis	Badminton
	27/3	Interform Competition			Interform Competition	
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- HRE = Health Related Exercise
- Interform competitions will be for the 3 competitive sports covered this term

St Joseph's P.E Department Extra Curricular Timetable

Activities to start WC 16/1/2023

	Lunchtime 12:25 – 1pm	After School 3:30 – 4:30./
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite • Netball (all years) – Sports Hall 	
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"> • Badminton (all years) – Sports Hall • Gymnastics (all years) - Gymnasium
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badminton – Sports Hall • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball (Year 9/10 and 11) – Sports Hall • Table Tennis (all years) – Gymnasium
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futsal – Sports Hall • KS4 Fitness – Fitness Suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball (Year 7/8 and 9) – Sports Hall • Jujitsu - Gymnasium
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE PE Drop in – Sports Hall / PE Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Football Training – Sports Hall.

World Book Day 2023 - Thursday 2nd March

There will be a range of special activities celebrating World Book Day during lessons and lunch time as well as the annual 'Best Costume Competition' so start planning your costumes!

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **93.5%** which is just below our stretch target of 96.5%.

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	100😊😊😊	84.7	98.5	93.1	97.9	94.8
8	98.1	100😊😊😊	96.6	97.2😊	99.5	98.3
9	91.4	97.6	99.5😊😊	90.0	98.0	95.3
10	91.3	94.9	90.9	94.9	93.1	93.0
11	95.7	93.8	94.6	95.6	99.5😊😊	95.8
Family Average	95.3	94.2	96.0	94.2	97.6	