

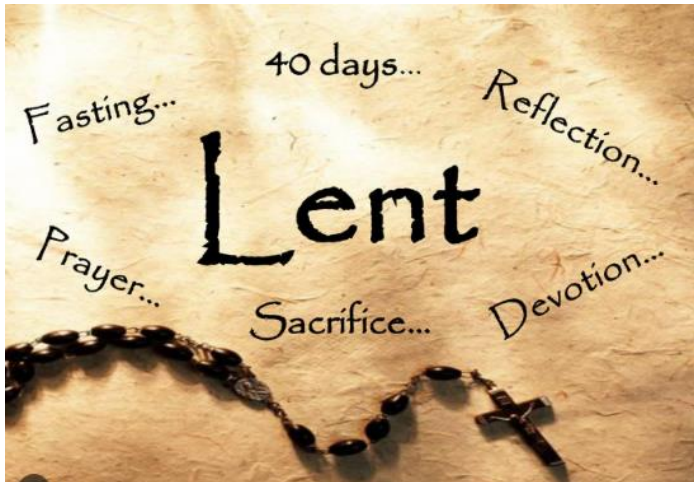


St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School  
Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig ac Anglicanaidd Sant Joseff



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Spring Term ~ 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



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This week's theme for our collective worship was **Lent: Sacrifice**

### This Week's Prayer

*Gracious and loving God,  
you showed us your love in the sacrifice of your Son Jesus,  
pure love freely given and poured out for our salvation;  
your death on the cross challenges us  
to lead the sacrificial life that Jesus calls us to live.*

*Give us discernment to see people as you see them, to be your love in this world,  
to be willing to give sacrificially that others might know the depth of your love.*

*All these things we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

### **Additional Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

An additional Bank Holiday has been announced for Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May in lieu of the Coronation of King Charles III. Therefore school will be closed on this day.



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### Calendar Activities

**29<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 7/8 Netball Tournament

**31<sup>st</sup> March**

Year 11 Drama Examination [Revised date]

School closes at 3.30pm

**1<sup>st</sup> April**

Ski trip departs

**17<sup>th</sup> April**

Staff Development Day  
[School closed to pupils]

**18<sup>th</sup> April**

School opens to pupils

**19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April**

Year 11 Welsh Oral Examination [Unit 1]

**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

Year 11 Welsh Oral Examination [Unit 2]

**27<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 8 Exam Timetable and Revision Lists  
to be distributed

**27 April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Year 11 Art Examination

**1<sup>st</sup> May**

May Day Bank Holiday  
[School closed]

**2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Year 9 Retreat Day  
[Suspended Timetable]

### 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](mailto: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.

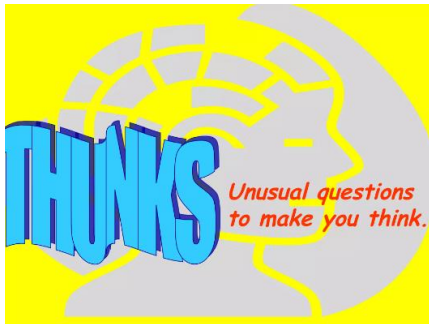
*Rev Lara Stroud*

## Here's what has been happening across the year groups

### Year 7

The theme for our prayers this week is “Lent – Sacrifice”.

This week during our extended registration we have been looking at ways in which we can grow our learning power and ways in which we can improve our own learning with perseverance, determination and developing a curious mind. Here is a question (a Think) to keep your discussions going this weekend:



If you say sorry but don't mean it,  
but the person you say it to thinks  
that you do, does it count?

**SORRY!**

Today we had our Celebration Assembly and many pupils received awards from their teachers. Our Form Tutor and Head of Year awards were given to pupils who have shown kindness and consideration to others and our subject awards were given to pupils who have demonstrated a positive work ethic and a determination to reflect on their performance to improve their work. Da iawn to all our winners today!

*Mrs Roberts-Thompson*

### Year 8

Well done to all pupils who have gained an award this term. Congratulations on your hard work and effort.

Many thanks to all the staff who organised and participated in the London Trip last week. A fantastic time was had by all.

Last week St Joseph's experienced a wonderful liturgy and a number of Year 8 pupils participated in the service. Many thanks to all involved in the planning and preparation for the Eucharist.

Well done to the pupils who will be participating in the 100% attendance reward trip to McDonalds on Monday. Forty eight pupils in Year 8 have achieved 100% attendance this term and twelve names were drawn out of the hat.

*Miss J Taylor*

## Year 9

There have been a number of pupils in Year 9 who have attended interviews this week for collaborative courses as part of their options process. It's been a pleasure to see our pupils engaging in this process so well and being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Today is our non-uniform day which will contribute to the final sum of money raised by Year 9 during their fund raising window. I look forward to reporting on the total raised when the final counting is completed.

*Mrs James*

## Year 10

Awards Assemblies took place this week and 72 pupils received certificates of recognition for all their hard work, diligence and effort in both academic subjects, pastoral activities and whole school events. **Congratulations** to all of you receiving awards this week.

To those of you who did not receive anything this time, don't lose heart, keep going, you are going in the right direction, your efforts have been seen and noted. You should ALL be proud of the progress you are making.

Nikolas S, 10 Devereux, played for Stoke City FC against Liverpool in the U15 English Floodlit Cup and won 4-2. They now go through to the final where they will play Manchester United in a few weeks' time.

*Mrs Greenhalgh*

## Year 11

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, thirteen Year 11 pupils had the chance to visit the Maritime Museum in Liverpool to listen to taster sessions from Cambridge University. They were also able to meet with students from the university and listen first hand to their experiences. As always, they were a credit to the school and they all got a lot from the experience.

On Tuesday Year 11 had their final awards assembly. It was great to celebrate all that is good and recognise all the hard work and effort that our pupils put into their studies and extra-curricular activities. Well done!

*Mrs Davies*

## Pre-loved School jumpers

We now have a good selection of sizes available in our pre-loved school jumpers which are laundered and packed for anyone wishing to take advantage of these unclaimed items of uniform. These are available free of charge to anyone who would like to replace their child's jumper. If you wish to make a small donation to our school's charitable fund raising that would be warmly accepted but is by no means expected. Please call school on 01978 360310 or e-mail, [mailbox@st-joseph.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@st-joseph.wrexham.sch.uk) with the size that you would like.

With this in mind, if anyone has any good quality school jumpers or PE tops that their child has grown out of and would like to donate to our pre-loved supply, this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

*Mrs James*

## Easter Ski Trip 2023

Everything is in place for a fantastic week but we are awaiting confirmation for the leaving time.

This will be released early next week and will be available via the ski google classroom area.

## Skip Trip 2024

The 2024 ski trip has now been booked and details will be available after Easter.



## Study Plus

This is a reminder that Study Plus provides an opportunity for pupils to catch up on homework or revision.

**When:** Monday to Friday  
Lunch 12.25pm-1pm  
After school 3.30pm-4.30pm

**Where:** Key Stage 3 Geography 2 (Mrs Devine's Room)  
Key Stage 4 Maths 4 (Mr Tait's Room)

## Year 11 Maths Parents Information Live Podcast

This was a great success and thank you for your attendance. If you did not make it, you can watch the recording via your child's maths google classroom area.

**Mr Donlon**

### Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **94.2%** which is just below our stretch target of 96.5%. I am delighted to see that 7 Devereux have achieved 100% attendance this week. Mr Wilkinson will have a reward for you all next week.

Congratulations to Year 8 for being the best year group and the Cassidy family for almost achieving stretch target. 10 Cassidy need to do better. Only 32% of forms are over stretch target with King, Kolbe and Romero families all needing to improve.

Many pupils are enjoying wonderful rewards from their form tutors and Heads of year for their fantastic contributions to whole school attendance. It is vitally important that pupils attend school. Poor attendance detrimentally affects progress in school, so please ensure that your child is not left behind.

**Mrs Ellis**

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero
7	<b>99.2</b> ☺	<b>100</b> ☺☺☺	94.5	88.2	90.0
8	<b>98.6</b>	<b>99.6</b> ☺	91.6	88.9	94.8
9	<b>98.5</b> ☺	<b>97.5</b>	92.8	89.3	85.6
10	88.9	91.2	<b>96.7</b> ☺	89.7	93.5
11	<b>96.7</b> ☺	92.6	88.0	94.0	92.6
<b>Family Average</b>	96.4	96.2	92.7	90.0	91.3