



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



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Summer Term ~ 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023



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This week's theme for our collective worship was **The Month of May - Mary**

### This Week's Prayer

*Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her  
in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*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

**\*\*\*8th May\*\*\***

Bank Holiday [Coronation of King Charles III]

**W/c 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 8 Examinations

**10<sup>th</sup> May**  
[Suspended Timetable Day]  
Year 7 – Geography Trip  
Year 8 – History Trip  
Year 9 – Maths Day  
Year 10 – GCSE Exam Revision Day  
Year 11 – Service of Celebration Rehearsal

**7pm** Year 11 Service of Celebration

**15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 7 Examinations

**19<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 8 Fundraising Day  
[Non-uniform for £1 donation]

**22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Year 9 Skills Challenge Certificate  
[Suspended Timetable]

**23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
U13/U15 Wrexham Athletics  
Years 10 and 11 College courses finish

**26<sup>th</sup> May**  
School closes for half term break

**5<sup>th</sup> June**  
School opens to pupils

### 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 “Mary – the Month of May”. Today some members of 7 Romero showed great courage, resilience and strength of character in their assembly today without their Form tutor – they were an absolute joy to watch!

Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer. Here is our prayer to Mary; “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen”

In school, pupils are taught about the power of resilience and of never giving up. Below is a link to a webinar for any parents who wish to learn more about building resilience.

<https://actionforhappiness.org/building-resilience> Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7-8pm



This May is “Meaningful May” – why not challenge yourself to complete an action everyday during this Month of May?

### Yr 7 River Trip to Erddig, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Please can I ask that all pupils are fully prepared for this trip. We will be walking to Erddig and carrying out some investigations in the River Clywedog. Suitable footwear (wellingtons or old trainers) is essential as your child will be entering the river, in depths up to approximately 30cm. Warm clothes, spare socks, waterproof coat, hat and sun cream, water and a snack and a towel may also be useful. Pupils are allowed to bring in a camera but not a mobile phone for the purposes of the investigation. All the information has been posted on Edulink one under trips, Yr 7 River and Athletics trip.

*Mrs Roberts-Thompson*

## Year 8

Many thanks to Mrs Crawford and 8 Romero for a beautiful assembly on the theme of Mary mother of Jesus.

A reminder about the importance of good attendance with a further reward trip for 100% attendance planned before half term.

Next week the Year 8 examinations are scheduled to take place so all pupils should be revising thoroughly in order that they perform to the best of their ability. Pupils have received revision lists and the timetable is available on EduLink.

*Miss J Taylor*

## Year 9

This Tuesday Year 9 were able to enjoy the company of a young group of outreach workers from Soli House. Throughout the day they explored the themes of “I Am”, “I Belong” and “I Believe” followed by a session on team building.

Our visitors from Soli all expressed the wonderful behaviour and engagement of our pupils and we hope this day has whetted their appetite for the residential opportunity which will be available to Year 10 in 2024.

*Mrs James*

## Year 10

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Revision Day for your GCSE exams** - Your form tutor will have the programme for the day. You will be in your Science and English sets and then your History classes. *College pupils will attend college as normal in the afternoon.*

**GCSE EXAMS** – Please make sure you are in school, on the yard by **8.45am, in form lines, in register order.** Make sure you have ALL the equipment you need in a clear plastic pencil case or bag, 2 x Black biro pens, pencil, pencil sharpener, coloured pencils, ruler, eraser, highlighter, and calculator.

17<sup>th</sup> May, English Literature, 9am start.

18<sup>th</sup> May, History, 9am start.

13<sup>th</sup> June, Biology, 9am Start.

16<sup>th</sup> June, Chemistry, 9am start.

19<sup>th</sup> June, Physics, early lunch at 12, line up on the yard at 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start.

**SCC Community Challenge Days – 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June** - You will be delivering lesson on a specific topic to small groups of Year 6 pupils. You should have completed a lesson plan and organised all the resources you need for the two days. You will need to do some of this work at home, as time in school is limited. However, it is such a great experience and lots of fun.

*Mrs Greenhalgh*

## Year 11

As GCSE examinations start on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, all pupils should be in school by 8.45am and lined up on the school yard. Make sure you come prepared and have ALL the equipment you need. Keep on revising and good luck!

Thank you to all those who have replied about the Year 11 Service of Celebration on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not yet replied there is information on the leaver's Google Classroom page. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all.

*Mrs Davies*

## New Bishop of Llandaff

We wish to pass on our congratulations to Bishop Mary on her new appointment as Bishop of Llandaff.

Bishop Mary was elected in January and a Service of Welcome took place on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April.

From 2011 to 2018 Bishop Mary served as our Anglican Chaplain and made an invaluable contribution to our school community.

We wish Bishop Mary all the best in her new role.



Congratulations to past pupil Shea Ferron who appeared on Britain's Got Talent as part of Johns' Boys Male Choir on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Well done Shea, we are so proud of you!



You don't need us to tell you that something rather big happened in Wrexham last Monday! An estimated 40,000 people packed the streets to celebrate **Wrexham AFC's** remarkable season, in the company of co-owners Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds. It felt like half the school was there too, and we were well represented on the three open-top buses that crawled their way through the city.

Ex-pupil, and current member of staff Kim Dutton is also captain of the victorious women's side, which earned promotion to the top tier of Welsh women's football, and attracted the largest crowd ever for a women's game in Wales to The Racecourse to see them complete their 100% league record, the first time any Wrexham side has done so.

The men's side also won their league, amassing the most points in the history of football in the UK in the process, and another ex-pupil, Dan Jones, is part of their reserve side.

With the men's and women's Under-19 teams also winning their leagues, this really was a remarkable season for the club. Many congratulations to all, on and off the pitch, who have worked hard to achieve such success, and especially to those with a connection to the school. We're proud of Kim and Dan, and hope their wonderful example will inspire our current pupils to see what can be achieved with commitment and talent.

*Mr Griffiths*

## Concessionary Transport

Mae polisi cludiant ysgolion Cyngor Wrecsam yn gwneud darpariaeth i werthu 'seddi gostyngol'. Mae'r polisi yn nodi:

### **Cludiant Gostyngol**

*O dro i dro, mae'n bosib' y bydd y nifer o ddisgyblion sydd i'w cario gan yr Awdurdod yn is na'r nifer o seddi ar y cerbyd sy'n cael ei ddefnyddio ar lwybr penodol. Mewn achosion o'r fath, bydd yr Awdurdod yn cadw'r hawl i gynnig seddi gwag i blant sy'n mynd i'w hysgol agosaf ac sy'n byw lai na'r pellter statudol sydd wedi'i nodi yn (1. Proses Asesu) cyn belled bod seddi o'r fath ar gael. Rhaid deall nad yw darparu seddi am bris gostyngol yn cynrychioli rhwymedigaeth barhaus ar yr Awdurdod i ddarparu cludiant a'i fod yn dibynnu'n llwyr a oes seddi gwag ar gael. Felly, efallai y bydd seddi pris gostyngol yn cael eu tynnu'n ôl ar fyr rybudd, pe bai eu hangen ar gyfer disgyblion sydd â hawl sy'n gofyn am ddarpariaeth. Bydd seddi prisiau gostyngol yn costio £100 y tymor a bydd y tâl hwn yn cael ei adolygu bob blwyddyn.'*

Os hoffech chi gofrestru diddordeb i gael sedd pris gostyngol, e-bostiwch [schooltransport@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@wrexham.gov.uk) gan nodi enw, cyfeiriad, dyddiad geni ac ysgol y disgybl **erbyn dydd Gwener 9 Mehefin 2023 fan bellaf**. Fe roddir eich cais ar restr aros tra byddwn ni'n ystyried pob cais ac atgyfeiriad a dderbyniwyd. Mae angen i ni brosesu ceisiadau gan fyfyrwyr cymwys yn gyntaf, er mwyn penderfynu lle bydd seddi pris gostyngol ar gael; serch hynny byddwn yn ymateb i'ch cais erbyn 1 Medi fan bellaf.

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Wrexham Council's school transport policy makes provision for the sale of 'concessionary seats'. The policy states that:

### **Concessionary Transport**

*From time to time it is possible that the number of pupils to be carried by the authority will be below the seating capacity of the vehicle being used on a specific route. In such cases the Authority will reserve the right to make spare capacity available to children attending their nearest school who live below the statutory distance as specified in (1. Assessment Process) for so long as such availability exists. It must be understood that the provision of concessionary seats does not represent a continued obligation on behalf of the Authority to provide transport and, is entirely dependent upon the availability of spare seats. Therefore, concessionary seats may be withdrawn at short notice, should they become required by entitled students subsequently requesting provision. Concessionary seats will cost parents £100 per term and this charge will be reviewed annually.'*

If you wish to register an interest for a concessionary seat please email [schooltransport@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@wrexham.gov.uk) with the pupil name, address, date of birth and school **by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the latest**. Your request will be placed on a waiting list whilst we consider all applications, referrals and requests received. We need to process applications from qualifying students first, in order to determine where they may be capacity available for concessionary seats; however we will respond to your request no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September.



### Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **94.6%** which is just below our stretch target of 96.5% and a slight improvement on last week.

Congratulations to the Romero family who almost had four forms over stretch target, although 10 Romero and Year 10 need to have better overall attendance. With important GCSEs starting next week it is imperative that all senior pupils are in school, working and revising with their teachers. School is the best place for revision!

Well done to 8 Romero for being the best form in school, 8 Devereux and 8 Cassidy you have new competition!

Many thanks to those parents and carers who continue to ensure that your children attend school every day possible.

*Mrs Ellis*

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero
7	91.3	95.6	92.2	95.1	<b>97.1</b> ☺
8	93.1	<b>96.9</b>	94.1	91.4	<b>98.1</b> ☺☺
9	95.7	94.9	91.4	90.9	<b>97.6</b> ☺
10	85.2	89.9	90.5	95.7	86.7
11	88.6	75.2	86.7	89.1	96.3
<b>Family Average</b>	90.8	90.5	91.0	92.4	95.2