



St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
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Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

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This week's theme for our collective worship was **Christian Aid Week**

This Week's Prayer

Great God, who makes the sun to rise and opens the heavens;
hear the cry of the people, people who sow in hope for rain,
but reap only despair.

Hear the cry of the people: people seeking shelter from the storm,
their homes and hopes submerged.

Hear the cry of the people, when creation is hitting back
with rage and resistance:

give us hope, grant us salvation, give us a new relationship with creation
with reverence to tend this gift from you and
say once again of the earth and all you created "it is good."

Amen



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Calendar Activities

W/c 15th – 26th May
Year 7 Examinations

22nd and 23rd May
Year 9 Skills Challenge Certificate
[Suspended Timetable]

23rd May
U13/U15 Wrexham Athletics
Years 10 and 11 College courses finish

26th May
School closes for half term break

5th June
School opens to pupils

W/c 5th June
National Reading Tests during English lessons

6th and 8th June
Year 9 Skills Challenge Certificate
[Suspended Timetable]

12th and 13th June
Year 9 Skills Challenge Certificate
[Suspended Timetable]

26th June
Year 6 Parents/Carers Information Evening

27th and 29th June
Year 10 Skills Challenge Certificate
[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

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 “Christian Aid Week”. Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer. Here is a prayer written by **William, Ruben and Kobe** from 7 Cassidy:-

*“God our Mother and Father,
we praise you for the blessings you shower upon us.
Bless the lives of our brothers and sisters and their precious children.
In life’s saddest moments, may we feel your love most, O Jesus.
Continue to dwell in our hearts, Lord.
May your love keep us strong.
Amen”*

We are half way through the exam timetable and next week we have all the written exam papers. Remember the importance of eating well and getting enough sleep in order for you to be able to work well.

Do you know that having a good night’s sleep can help control emotions and improve performance?

Visit: <https://teensleephub.org.uk/teens-young-people/> for lots of sleep advice.



Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

Thank you to our guest speakers for the lovely assembly based on Christian Aid.

Well done to Year 8 on their behaviour and conduct during their examinations.

On Friday 19th May the Year 8 fundraising day took place. A huge thank you to all pupils who have been involved in all fundraising activities.

Many congratulations to the Year 8 pupils who will participate in the reward trip on Monday lunchtime as a result of their 100% attendance.

Miss J Taylor

Year 9

Next week Year 9 will begin their Welsh Baccalaureate GCSE with an introduction to the Skills Challenge Certificate which forms a significant part of this qualification. Their usual timetable will be suspended on the following dates to give dedicated time for this. The dates are:

Monday / Tuesday - 22nd and 23rd May

Tuesday / Thursday - 6th and 8th June

Monday / Tuesday - 12th and 13th June

Please can parents ensure that any absence is avoided, if at all possible, on these important dates to enable our pupils to achieve their very best in this important qualification.

Mrs James

Year 10

This week has been a quiet week for Year 10 but a very important one. It saw the whole year group sit their GCSE English Literature and History exams. Thank you to everyone for being on time, well prepared and respectful. It was great to hear your exam analysis afterwards and see the expressions of relief and pride on your faces. Finger crossed for some good results in August.

A reminder of your GCSE Science exam dates: -

13th June, Biology, 9am Start.

16th June, Chemistry, 9am start.

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

SOLI House - All the information regarding this trip can be found on Edulink. Please have a look if you are interested in going. Everyone had a brilliant time and got a lot from it.

Congratulations to the 22 Year 10 pupils that completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend. The weather was kind and your teachers were very proud of your efforts and attitude all weekend, as am I. Thank you to all the teachers involved who helped organise and supervise the weekend.

Mrs Greenhalgh

Year 11

Year 11 are now well under way with their exams. They have been brilliant so far and it's great to see how maturely they have approached each exam. Please continue to support your child through this demanding time.

Mrs Davies

Sporting Success

We have had a lot of sporting success out of school recently which parents have kindly let us know about on Twitter. Last weekend was particularly successful for us with different pupils excelling in equestrian, athletics and netball.

Congratulations to William E, 10 King who became North Wales Discuss Champion on Sunday.



Sam C, 9 Devereux also had great success representing Wales at the National Pony Club Mounted Games at the Royal Windsor Horse Show that was held Thursday – Sunday. Team Wales came 3rd after a very close final.

Cerys J, 9 Cassidy represented Rhosnesi Netball Club in the U14s National Club Championships in Haverfordwest and as a team they came runners up in the plate competition.



Recently Hannah W, 8 King has been making huge progress with her rugby playing for Valkyries Rugby Team and was selected to be a mascot for the Wales Women's team in one of their Six Nations fixtures.

Finally congratulations to Toby W, 9 King for being selected to represent 2009 Welsh Academies National Squad. A great achievement!



If any parents have any pupils sporting success that that they would like to share with us, please tweet us or message us on Twitter @SJ_WXM_PE and we will happily share the news!

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is 94.4% which is below our stretch target of 96.5%. I would love it if next week we could squeeze an extra % point.

Congratulations to Year 7 for being the best year group. Year 8 you have let Year 7 bet you! Extra congratulations go to 7 King – Mr Wilkinson will have some treats for you to say “Well done”.

Unfortunately Year 9 and 10 need to be achieving higher attendance. With important GCSE exams and WBQ days no-one in these year groups can afford to miss school.

Mrs Ellis

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	97.2	95.8	100☺☺☺	95.8	95.8	96.9
8	98.9☺	90.9	90.0	96.7☺	98.9☺	95.1
9	86.3	95.3	94.4	87.5	90.0	90.7
10	85.7	96.4	88.2	91.4	87.7	89.9
Family Average	92.0	94.6	93.2	92.8	93.1	

Urdd Club for Years 7, 8 and 9 in WE2 at 12:40

CLWB URDD

**Cyfle i wneud gweithgareddau
tra'n dysgu a siarad mwy o Gymraeg!!**

Pob Dydd Iau

Amser cinio 12:40 - 13:20

Dewch â cinio gyda chi

Ystafell We2

I ddisgyblion Blwyddyn 7, 8 & 9



**Gwybodaeth | Info:
lowrijoneswilliams@urdd.org**



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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 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.

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 with the pupil name, address, date of birth and school **by Friday 9th 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 1st September.