

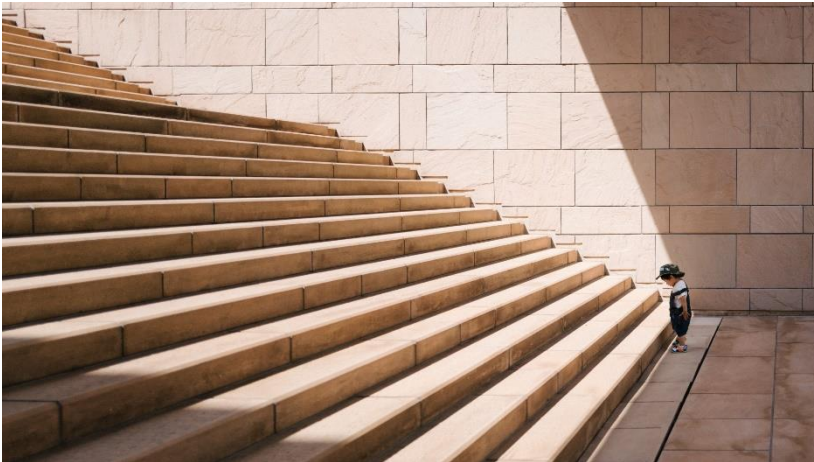


St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig ac Anglicanaidd Sant Joseff



Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 15th September 2023



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This week's theme for our collective worship was **Beginnings**

This Week's Prayer

God our Father, you see your children growing up
in an unsteady and confusing world:

Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the
world,

and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals.

Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth,
but as a chance for a new start.

Give them strength to hold their faith in you,
and to keep alive their joy in your creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Year 7 Photographs

Photographs from Tempest Photography will be distributed
today and early next week.



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Welcome back!

Dear Parents / Carers,

This past fortnight has been a great start to the new academic year! We have almost had four seasons in one fortnight – from the hottest days of the year, through to temperatures in the low teens, and rain showers too. Yet, despite the weather, the positive way in which pupils have returned to school has been fantastic. It is also wonderful to see our Year 7 pupils who are already confident in finding their way around the school.

Our SJWXM athletes enjoyed success this week at Queensway, where they competed against pupils from other schools – see the PE department twitter for an update on some excellent performances.

Next week is a busy week in school with lots of enrichment and extra-curricular activities taking place. On Monday, Year 7 will be involved in their first St. Joseph's residential and will be staying in Cardiff for two nights – lots of exciting events will be taking place and we will update you further in our next bulletin. Once Year 7 return they are taking part in their first away day retreat at Pantasaph (Year 7 Parents have had details of this via edulink). There are lots of other activities taking place for other year groups too, see the list on the next page for further details of activities that your child may be involved in.

There are some important updates and notices on the following pages – it is really appreciated if you can take note of them, especially when it involves keeping children safe on and around the school site.

We have our annual school Open Evening taking place on Monday 25th September. Your child may be asked to come along and help showcase our school. If they bring a letter home requesting permission, please do support us by allowing them to come back to school and help out.

Thank you, for your continued support. Wishing you all the very best this weekend.

Mr Wilkinson



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Calendar Activities

18th September

Year 7 Transition trip to Cardiff
[returns Wed 20th]

Battlefields trip Information Evening 5pm

19th September

Suspended Timetable Day
Year 7 – Cardiff trip
Year 8 – Chester Zoo trip
Year 9 – Expressive Art Day
Year 10 – Skills Certificate Challenge
Year 11 – Literacy Day

20th September

Year 7 Transition trip to Cardiff
Year 9 Geography trip to Talacre

21st September

Year 7 Pantasaph Retreat
[7 Devereux, 7 King, 7 Kolbe]

Year 8 Creative Writing
Year 9 and 10 – Normal Lessons
Year 11 Geography field trip

22nd September

Year 7 Pantasaph Retreat
[7 Cassidy and 7 Romero]
[change to original date]

25th September

Open Evening 5.30pm

26th September [AM]

Year 7 and 8 Music Showcase Concert

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.

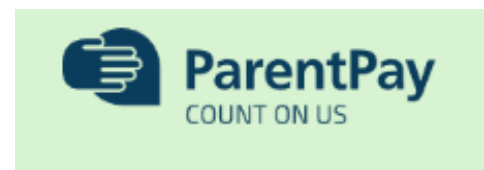
Come join us on **Mondays from 12:30-1pm in RE3** to work on the issues that matter to you.

Rev Lara Stroud

Edulink App and ParentPay Login Details

The Parent App, *Edulink One*, was introduced last May and is a useful tool for parents and carers. For example, you are able to view and edit contact details and parental consents for school visits and photographs. It allows us to send emails and keep you up-to-date with important school messages. If the login activation email sent to you has expired, please contact the school so that another can be sent.

ParentPay provides our school with an online payment system where parents / carers can make secure payments for school meals, trips etc. Again, if the login activation email sent to you has expired, please contact the school.



Here's what has been happening across the year groups

Year 7

The theme for our prayers this week is “New Beginnings” and this week Mr Wilkinson led us in a beautiful assembly. Every week our pupils take part in Morning Prayer and in the next few weeks, we will be asking our Year 7 pupils to lead each form in prayer.

We've had another positive week to start our new academic year and we are ready for our first ever Transition Visit to Cardiff! I hope the we are blessed with great weather!

Mrs Roberts-Thompson

Year 8

Year 8 have made a really positive start to the year. It was wonderful to see everyone looking so smart and ready to learn, let's make sure we have a wonderful year!

Remember there are lots of ways to get involved in extra curricula activities, there is much on offer; everything from activities in the chapel at lunchtime, choir and sports clubs. Let's hope Year 8 make the most of the wonderful opportunities that are offered at St Joseph's.

Mrs M Davies

Year 9

Welcome back to Year 9 and well done for a positive start to the year.

A huge thank you to Mr Wilkinson for his lovely assembly on the theme of new beginnings.

Next week is a busy week for Year 9. On 19th September we have an Expressive Arts Day and on the 20th September Year 9 look forward to a geography field work trip to Talacre where they will carry out a beach study.

Miss J Taylor

Year 10

Year 10 have had an excellent return to school. Please can you be aware of some important dates this term which pupils need to be in school for.

September 19th is a day where they will be completing important work towards their Welsh Baccalaureate which is a full GCSE.

October 16th-20th - all pupils will be involved in their English Literature assessments and need to be in school.

October 25th is a day when pupils will be engaging in various study skills and we have a visiting speaker from Maximising Your Potential with us for the day.

November 17th is the second day of Welsh Bacc work followed by

November 23rd where their Welsh Bacc Skills Challenge Certificate will be concluded at the 'Here Comes Christmas' school fayre.

Mrs James

Year 11

Welcome back to you all for your final year of school. Time will fly, it will be very busy and stressful at times but hopefully also enjoyable. My hope is that all of Year 11 work hard, take every opportunity given to them and leave St Joseph's with fond memories to last a life time.

Last July, Mrs Roe and Mr Wilkinson had the pleasure of interviewing some Year 11 pupils for the post of Head girl and Head boy. The standard was extremely high and we were amazed by their presentations and ideas to improve the religious life of the school, service and pupil engagement. It is my pleasure to congratulate the following pupils who were successful in the following roles.

Head Girls – Nicole C and Samantha S
Head Boys – Krish L and Dylan B
Deputy Head Girls - Amelia P and Kirsten B
Deputy Head Boys - William E, Marco F, Joseph H
Assistant Head Prefects - Carys B, Abigail S, Jeslyne S

I am looking forward to working with this fantastic team of prefects on events and activities throughout the year.

Some of our Year 11 pupils are currently at Soli House Retreat, read more about their time away in the bumper bulletin at the end of half term.

Mrs Greenhalgh



Music Tuition

We are in the process of recommencing our peripatetic instrumental lessons. If your child already has an instrument and is continuing their tuition you should have received details. Mr Sammons has also distributed letters to parents/carers of Year 7 advertising instrumental tuition. If you have registered an interest, you will be sent a link to pay via ParentPay. There are subsidiaries available to assist those pupils on Free School Meals.



Members of Wrexham Music Cooperative will be in school giving concerts to pupils in Years 7 & 8 on 26th of September in the morning.



Label Everything! (and Lost Property)

We are already finding items of uniform around the school site. In most cases items have no name on them. I know that you will have spent significant amounts of money on school uniform/kit. We can help return items if they contain the pupil's name. I would recommend labelling everything – it's amazing what gets left behind! Any items of lost property are collected and made available each half term for parents/carers to look through. Pupils can do this daily by asking at reception.

Traffic and Parking

We are experiencing problems with traffic congestion on Sontley Road after school with cars parking on both sides of the road and opposite the school entrance. This adversely affects the flow of traffic on Sontley Road and blocks the area for buses leaving school premises. Where possible please park away from the school vicinity, perhaps a few minutes' walk from school to help your child enjoy a brief walk for part of their journey nearest to school.

Please also be reminded that no driver should park their car on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school – please be considerate to others.



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES 2023 - 2024

Activity	Time	Teacher	Place
Lunchtime in the Chapel	Mon – Taize Prayer Tues – Check in with the Chaplains Wed – Fiction & Flicks Thurs – Check in with the Chaplains Fri - Noonday Prayer/Holy Eucharist 12.30pm-12.45pm	Chaplains	Chapel
Art Club	Mon Year 7 Tues Year 8 Wed Year 9 Fri Year 10 and 11 [12.30-1.20pm] Tues to Fri 3.30-4.30pm [Years 10 and 11]	Mrs Taylor	Art Room
Band	Wed 3.30-4.30pm <i>[to be confirmed]</i>	Mr Sammons	Social Court
Choir	Mon and Thurs 12.55pm	Mr Sammons	Music Room
Coding Club	Mon 12.25pm-12.55pm	Mr Trueman	IT1
Drama Club [Year 8]	Thurs 1.00-1.20pm	Mrs Russell	Drama
Drama [KS4]	Mon – Fri 12.25-1.20pm Tues – Fri – 3.30-4.30pm	Mrs Russell / Mrs Clark	Drama
Design Technology [KS3]	Wed 12.25-1.10pm	Tech Teachers	Tech Dept
Design Technology [KS4 GCSE Project Work]	Thurs 3.30-4.30pm	As above	TE2

Activity	Time	Teacher	Place
Digital Technology [KS4 GCSE Project Work]	Wed 3.30-4.30pm	Mr Trueman	IT1
Geography GCSE Catch up	Mon-Wed 12.25-12.50pm	Mrs Arnall	GG1
Maths Club [KS3]	Thurs 12.25-1pm	rs Jobson/ Miss C Jones	MA2
Maths [Yr 11 Foundation Extra]	Tues 3.30-4.10pm	Mrs C Jones	MA5
Maths [Yr 11 Intermediate]	Tues and Thurs 3.30-4.10pm	Mrs Jobson	MA2
Maths [Yr 11 Intermediate]	Mon 12.25-1pm	Mrs D Ellis	MA5
Maths [Yr 11 Higher]	Tues 3.30-4.10	Mr Donlon	MA1
Maths [Yr 11 Additional]	Thurs 3.30-4.10pm	Mr Tait	MA4
<i>Physical Education Sports Clubs</i>	Full Timetable will be displayed in PE and on Google Classroom	<i>PE Teachers</i>	<i>Sports Hall / Gym / Outside</i>
Science [KS3]	Tues 12.25-1pm	Science Teachers	SC5/6
Study Plus	Mon to Fri Lunch time 12:25pm – 1:20pm 3:30-4:30pm	Teachers	KS3 – IT1 KS4 – MA4
Urdd	Mon 12.35-1.20pm [starts 25 Sept]	Mr Roberts	WE2
Bronze DoE	3.30-4pm	Mr Lambert	Social Court
Together Creating Communities	Mon 12.30-1pm	Chaplains	RE3

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **94.1%**.

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	100	97.7	96.4	94.8	98.5	97.5
8	99.6	93.1	91.4	81.8	99.3	93.0
9	89.6	97.2	94.6	72.1	97.5	90.2
10	92.8	81.9	93.3	97.3	93.9	91.8
11	89.7	83.7	92.4	95.5	88.5	90.0
Family Average	94.3	90.7	93.6	88.3	95.5	

St Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School Library

BIBLE STUDY CLUB

WITH

Rev. Lara

Every Monday
3.30 PM - 4.30pm

In the Library



Ask Mrs K James or Rev. Lara for details

Join the Library Google Classroom: [k5bj3ef](#)