



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



## Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Autumn Term ~ 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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

### This Week's Prayer

*Almighty God,  
You created the world and everything in it.  
You made each one of us in your image  
and call us to work together as one body.  
Give us the courage, the strength,  
and the wisdom to work together in our communities  
through any challenges we might face,  
so that we may reflect your image to everyone we meet.  
Amen*

### Year 7 Photographs – A message from Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact us on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Thank you.



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### Calendar Activities

**2<sup>nd</sup> October - 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Years 7, 8 and 9 National Numeracy tests  
In Maths lessons

**4<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 7 Harry Potter trip

Year 11 Wellbeing Day

**6<sup>th</sup> October**

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Year 7 Suspended Timetable  
[Heritage Talk]

**9<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 7 Service of Welcome 6pm

**12<sup>th</sup> October**

Years 9 and 10 Urdd Netball GCSE PE

**13<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 11 Fundraising Day  
Non-uniform for £1 donation

**16<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable and  
Revision Lists distributed

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 9 Options Self-Evaluation Form  
distributed

**19<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 9 STEM Event [see next page]

**20<sup>th</sup> October**

Whole School Anglican Eucharist [am]

Year 11 Maths Revision Trip

### 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*

Year 9 STEM Event – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Business Inspiring the Next Generation**

**#BING23**

**Celebrating  
North Wales  
Engineering,  
Manufacturing  
and Energy**

**Thursday 19th  
& Friday 20th  
October 2023**

To be held at AMRC Cymru  
Wales, Chester Rd, Flintshire,  
CH4 0DH

Learn more about learning  
opportunities within STEM industries.

Build career aspirations and boost  
STEM skills through interactive exhibits.

Exhibitors to include Airbus, Toyota,  
Tata Steel, Uniper Energy, Bangor  
University, Wrexham University,  
Swansea University, Sheffield  
University and many more  
from 50-mile radius.

To book attendance for your school email  
[patricia.carlin@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.carlin@flintshire.gov.uk)

**Contribution of up to £100  
towards transport costs available.**



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

### Year 7

The theme for our prayers this week is "Community". This week we were led in prayer by 7 Kolbe and Mr Roberts – Diolch yn fawr to all who read so beautifully.

As part of our Community work I mentioned last week that we would be collecting for the local charity "Wrexham Foodbank" and starting next week, we will be collecting donations.

Additionally on the **20<sup>th</sup> October** we will be supporting the charity Show Racism the Red card by taking part in "Wear Red Day". We will be asking pupils to donate a £1 to show their support but additionally as parents, you can donate by texting "RED" to 70470 to donate £1, text "RED5" to give £5, text "RED10" to give £10 or "RED20" to donate £20.



*Mrs Roberts-Thompson*

### Year 8

Thank you to 8 Kolbe for their beautiful assembly on Wednesday which was about community. It was led by some of the pupils from the form, who helped us to reflect on what it means to live in community and how we should live up to our responsibilities.

On Tuesday Year 8 were treated to a musical extravaganza by the music service. The session that the music service led was aimed at encouraging pupils to take up the opportunity of music lessons, either by learning an instrument or taking singing lessons.

*Mrs M Davies*

### Year 9

A huge thank you to Mr Cook and 9 Kolbe for their beautiful assembly on the theme of community.

A reminder of the importance for good attendance. Over the next few weeks we will resume our attendance competitions across the year group.

Last week Year 9 enjoyed a number of enrichment opportunities including an Expressive Arts Day, Beach study at Talacre and an English 'Talk the Talk' event. Pupils engaged in the activities in a positive and enthusiastic manner and their behaviour was excellent. Well done Year 9! Many thanks to all staff involved.

*Miss J Taylor*



### Year 10

This week our year group had a very thought-provoking assembly by 10 Kolbe on the theme of Community. Pupils were encouraged to think of our school as a community of people who work together to achieve our common goal of each one reaching their full potential. In addition, ways of working as a community in terms of looking after our school environment and looking out for each other were also explored.

In addition, pupils have been asked to consider whether they would like the opportunity to serve as a Year Representative on our School Council. Applications need to be with Mrs Woodward by today and candidates will be voted for during next Tuesday's briefing session.

*Mrs James*

### Year 11

This week the pupils have taken GCSE Maths mock examinations. Their behaviour and organisation was exemplary. We now eagerly await your results. Hopefully, your hard work and preparation will pay off. Thank you to the Maths department for providing invaluable revision sessions after school on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Year 11 Geographers have completed two very busy fieldtrips for their non-examination assessment; one to the River Clywedog looking at cycles and flows (see photograph below) and the second one looking at a survey of the new 20mph speed limit restrictions in Wales. This was very emotive as I am sure you will appreciate. Well done everyone for getting through two very busy weeks.

Looking ahead, next **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October is your Well Being day.**

*Mrs Greenhalgh*



## Make Some Noise

On Tuesday morning, members of the Wrexham Music Cooperative came into school to give two concerts for pupils in Years 7 and 8.

The purpose of these concerts was to inspire them to want to learn a musical instrument. The concerts were greeted enthusiastically by pupils, who were an appreciative and courteous audience.



If any pupils desire to take up a musical instrument, letters can be obtained from the music department and most instruments (excluding piano, drums and guitars) can be provided free of charge by the music cooperative.

**Mr Sammons**

### *Here's what the pupils had to say:*

*"I really liked all the songs and I especially loved when they played Harry Potter, and when we all got to stomp our feet to 'We Will Rock You'. I loved the last song and it really inspired me to play an instrument. Thank you to 'Make some noise'."*

**Lena K, 7 Kolbe**

*"I really enjoyed the Make Some Noise concert. My favourite instrument they played was the Violin, but my favourite instrument in general is the piano. I also loved the big inflatable Sully from monsters Inc! My favourite songs were Hedwig's theme (Harry Potter), Shut up and dance with me and Bohemian Rhapsody."*

**Seren S, 7 Kolbe**

*"The concert was brilliant. I loved that all of the instruments were included in all of the pieces of music. My favourite piece from the concert was the Harry Potter theme tune because every part of it was detailed and perfect. I loved that they involved us in the concert too. My favourite instrument that was played was the electric guitar and I would love to learn to play it."*

**Brianna D, 8 Devereux**

*"The concert was very fun and amazing. I liked how they introduced each instrument and band member to us. My favourite songs that they played were Harry Potter and Star Wars. I already play the piano but I spent the rest of the afternoon at home learning Star Wars on the piano."*

**Aisling C, 8 Devereux**



### **Student Assistance Programme at St Joseph's**

Every school in Wrexham is being encouraged to run support groups with specially trained staff, and these groupings are known as “Group”.

Group is intended to increase our youngsters' self-esteem and to help them learn how to make decisions and improve their communication skills. Building these personal skills should help our young people cope with the stresses of life both in and out of school.

In this school, Group has a high profile, where teachers see it as a valuable and particularly effective tool in dealing with some of our more challenging pupils; those who exhibit behaviours resultant from emotional or sometimes physical disorder. It is all about supporting them to overcome these barriers.

Group is for listening. Young people feel secure in the Group environment knowing that no one is going to offer advice or give orders as to how to handle a situation. The self-esteem this gives to vulnerable young people is invaluable and manifests itself in visible, demonstrable improvement in demeanour, concentration in class and behaviour. Parents also value Group highly.

Most referrals for children to join Group come from the pupil body, since there is an awareness of what group is. Some come from teachers who see group as beneficial to children; others come from parents who specifically request that their child join the Group.

Group runs over an eight-week period with each session lasting for an hour. Every pupil is responsible for copying up any work that they have missed while attending Group.

If you **do not** wish your child to attend any of the SAP groups run while they are at St Joseph's, please send in a letter addressed Mrs N Ellis SLT.

If you have any questions concerning SAP please phone Jane Richards, (SAP coordinator), 01978 360310.

Choose Your  
Future



Gyrfa Cymru  
Careers Wales

## Choose Your Future 2023

**Event:** Choose you Future - Flintshire and Wrexham  
**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
**Location:** Ramada Plaza Hotel, Ellice Way, Wrexham LL13 7YH  
**Time:** 3:30pm and 6:30pm. for pupils and parents/guardians

Careers Wales would like to invite parents and carers from Flintshire and Wrexham to accompany their child to the Choose your Future event held at The Ramada Plaza Hotel in Wrexham.

### **What can pupils, parents and carers expect?**

The Choose Your Future event will showcase a selection of local employers where pupils will get the opportunity to hear from and speak to industry experts from across the region.

### **This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to:**

- Research and get information from people in industry
- Find out what employers look for when recruiting their workforce
- Get an insight into the world of work to help them make decisions about their future

### **Pupils can also find out about:**

- Jobs
- Careers
- Apprenticeships
- Training routes

Careers advisers will also be available at the event to provide advice and guidance on jobs, courses and qualifications. Careers Wales kindly ask that schools share information about the Choose Your Future event with their parents and carers. Please find below some resources that can hopefully be shared by e-mail, newsletter, text message and/or social media. If you require any further resources, please get in touch with [marketing@careerswales.gov.wales](mailto:marketing@careerswales.gov.wales)

Full details for all Careers Wales events can be found here: [Events \(gov.wales\)](https://www.gov.wales)

0800 028 4844

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## PE Update

Year 8 boys first fixture of the year against Rhyl High School in the Welsh Cup. Despite excellent effort and some great play, they faced a very good Rhyl High side and Rhyl High progress to the next round.



Wrexham U14 and U16 Individual Athletics. All pupils competed excellently and represented the school extremely well. Some highlights are Will E and Henry E winning the discus, Vivien K winning the Shot, some excellent sprinting performances by Zoja B, Josh R, Praise and Sion O, Riley R winning the triple jump and Oliver K winning the long jump. If the event had been a team event, our U14 boys and U16 girls and boys would have won and the U14's girls would have come second so we are very proud of all our athletes. Da iawn pawb!





## St Joseph's P.E Department Extra Curricular Timetable *Activities to start WC 25/09/2023*

	<i>Lunchtime 12:25 – 1pm</i>	<i>After School 3:30 – 4:30 (unless it's a fixture).</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 Basketball (Sports Hall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 Girls Football (Sports Hall)</li> </ul>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badminton (Sports Hall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badminton (Sports Hall)</li> </ul>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 9 Futsal – Sports Hall</li> <li>• Jujitsu (Gym)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table Tennis (Gym)</li> <li>• Year 7 and 8 Netball (Sports Hall)*</li> </ul>
<i>Thursday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 and 11 Basketball (Sports Hall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 9, 10, 11 Netball (Sports Hall)*</li> <li>• Football (Field)*</li> </ul> <p><b>* Unless there is a fixture. Details of all fixtures will be sent out via Edulink and communicated on the fixtures board in PE.</b></p>
<i>Friday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE PE Drop in – Sports Hall / PE Classroom</li> </ul>	