



St Joseph's Newsletter

YEAR 11 PROM

On Friday 26th June, over 200 Year 11 students transformed themselves into elegant and sophisticated young people.



They arrived at the Village Hotel in Shaw Ridge in a variety of carriages from an ice cream van, a party bus, vintage cars, sports cars and even the college minibus!



After a very nice two course meal they then proceeded to demonstrate some serious moves on the dance floor, an enjoyable evening was had by all.



A Final Promenade for Yr 13



After the formal splendour of the Year 11 Prom, the following Friday we moved our celebrations to Bottelino's, saying goodbye to all our Year 13 students who have just completed their final examinations.

It was an evening of grown-up glamour and plain good fun, as we ate wonderful food and danced the night away.

We wish Year 13 a fond farewell – as well as wishing them the very best of luck for results day.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We began this academic year under the shadow of a very poor Ofsted judgement from July 2013 which we knew we had to improve upon. In November 2014 all our hard work was vindicated with a good judgement from Ofsted. However, I remarked at the time that really was just the beginning. We have set ourselves high standards and it is a challenge each term to work towards these ideals. As we come to the end of this academic year, I do believe we have made a new beginning for St. Joseph's College that will benefit the whole community.

In this newsletter you will see a sample of some of the fantastic things happening in the College. The breadth of activities academic, sporting, artistic, musical and spiritual is a great source of inspiration for everyone associated with the College.

One of the things I have most enjoyed this year is visiting lessons to see the learning that is taking place. This term I have been observing our Newly Qualified Teachers and am delighted at their commitment to their students. I must commend every one of them for the way they have developed professionally during this year and thank Mrs Wilson our Professional Tutor and all those colleagues involved in guiding them in their professional development. When I visit lessons I ask the students about what they are learning and how a lesson fits into their wider studies; I also ask them what they need to work on to progress further. It is such a pleasure to see these highly skilled, committed teachers at work and the magnificent attitudes to learning of our students

This term the Year 11 and Year 13 had their 'Prom nights'. Our Year 11 students looked stunning as they arrived at the De Vere Hotel. These evenings mark the end of their time with us at the 11-16 and 16-19 phases of education, so we feel a real mixture of emotions: sadness to see some of them leave, together with enormous pride in how the College has helped to develop these young people.

Just as we say goodbye to Year 11, Year 6 students join us for transition day. Mr Stoten and his team make a real effort to ensure these future members of our community feel fully welcomed by taking part in a variety of lessons, meeting key members of staff, their form group and having any questions answered. I look forward to seeing them in September.

Sadly, it is not only some of the students we say goodbye to as we prepare to say farewell to colleagues at the end of the term. I would like to wish the very best for the future to Mr Firth, Mrs Noble, Mr Carney, Miss Parsons, Miss Nicotra, Mr Ogborn, Mr Johns, Mr Anderson, Mr Neale and Mrs Sugg.



Although the College term finishes in July, there is a great deal going on during the summer with our support staff working hard in preparation for September. I do hope that everyone associated with the College has a good summer, and am grateful for all the hard work that has gone into making this a successful year.

Paul Hughes, Principal

Dates for your Diary

22 JULY	College closes to students	2 SEPT	Year 12/13 Teambuilding and Year 7s First Day
13 AUG	GCE AS/A2 Examination Results at 8am	3 SEPT	All Years return to College
20 AUG	GCSE Examination Results at 10am	4 SEPT	Beginning of Year Mass

Change of Address

If you move house, or update your telephone number, please can you ensure you notify the College as soon as possible. Many thanks for your co-operation.

OUR EXPERIENCE IN LONDON FOR THE CAFOD RALLY



We left the Swindon train station at around 9:30am and got a coach into Westminster in London near the Houses of Parliament. We arrived there at about 11:30am. From there we walked down to the section, where CAFOD representatives were meeting up where we stopped for lunch.

Whilst we were there, we were given CAFOD tee-shirts and a lanyard showing our identity. From there we strolled down to a bridge where people were meeting their local MP. After we finally managed to find our region, we then waited for Robert Buckland (the South Swindon MP) to arrive.

After about half an hour of waiting, we decided to walk around where the rally was happening and talk to some other people there. We were then alerted that our MP was going to be meeting us outside the Houses of Parliament so we rushed down to make sure we got there on time.

After meeting again with the group of people from South Swindon, all that we had to then do was wait for him to arrive which he did! During our question time we asked him "What incentives are there to using safer energy options?" As well as, "What can you do to promote awareness about climate change?" and "How are you going to help other countries who are suffering from climate change already?" To all of these he answered very well and said how he would consider all of these points in the future.

From there we then went back on the coach and travelled home to Swindon to end a fun day.



Experience at the Chapel



We recently went to the Chapel during our RE lesson and we were very lucky to hear a young man named Thomas, who was only twenty, talking to us about training to be a priest. Thomas was very approachable and also very funny.

He was different from any other Priests who we had met as he was so young and energetic. He was really interesting and told us what persuaded him to become a Priest. To be honest, we thought it was going to be boring, but he spoke to us as equals and with such excitement that we found the whole hour really interesting.

Thomas was very honest and open and we felt really comfortable asking him lots of questions. He was really confident with his answers, didn't get embarrassed and didn't make us feel silly by saying that all our questions were relevant.

We saw a different side to training to become a Priest and that we should really cherish our time at St Joseph's and how important praying and Chaplaincy really is.

Written by Tyler Rushton, Hamaad Mahmood and Joseph Poole

CAFOD Youth Leadership

Congratulations to our Sixth Form students, Kisanna Satchwell, Megan Nash, Omolola Funsho and Olympia Curry, who have taken part in the CAFOD Youth Leadership Programme this year. They have already done three sessions (one at St Brendan College in Bristol, and the other two at St. Joseph's Catholic College). The final session was held in London on the 10th of July 2015 where students were presented with their certificates.

The students have really been a credit to the College. Well done!

The PE Department has had a very busy term. We have had a large number of dedicated and hardworking students attending athletics, cricket and rounders club and have therefore been able to take part in a number of matches and competitions throughout the term.

Wiltshire Athletics Team Trials 2015



Mrs Brennan and Miss Foley were very proud to accompany a group of St. Joseph's athletes at the Wiltshire Schools Athletics Trials on Saturday 13th June.

For most of the athletes it was their first time representing Swindon and despite the nerves and unfamiliar surroundings they acquitted themselves tremendously well.

Notable performances came from Teresa Iannetelli with a 2nd place finish in the Intermediate girls 200m. This was her fourth race of the day as she had also contested the heat and final of the 100m.



Andrew Simango improved with every throw in the junior boys discus eventually finishing in 3rd place.

Also in the field there were 6th place finishes for both Rafael Torregrosa-Jones in the junior boys triple and Keisha Ishani in the junior girls shot putt.



Back on the track Camille Valere ran a great race in the minor girls 200m narrowly missing out on a place in the final.

We would like to say big thank you to all our students for being a credit to the college and to the parents who came to drop off, collect and support on the day.

Rounders

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the girls who have participated in rounders club over the term. It has been a pleasure to teach you and great to see numbers increase as the season progressed.

This season we entered a Year 7, 8 and 9 rounders team into the Swindon Schools League all players have been extremely dedicated to improving their rounders skills and have represented the College very well.

It has been fantastic to see the Year 7 team improving and scoring more rounders with each game. The Year 8s have

also improved their batting and managed to gather some momentum to beat Dorcan 12-8 in the last game of the season. The Year 9 team have been extremely dedicated to attending practice and have had a fairly consistent season with their best result being a draw with Churchfields. Well done to all involved!

Miss Brett, Mrs Brennan and Miss Foley

FA Female Football Development Festival

Our girls took part in the last FA Female Football Development Festival at Dorcan. We were unbeaten in all of our games and played against teams from Isambard, Dorcan and St John's, Marlborough.



It has been an absolute pleasure to take these girls to the festivals. They have all been enthusiastic and an absolute pleasure to be with.

We are looking forward to next season! Thanks to STFC FITC for their coaching this season.

Swindon Town Barcelona Tour



We would like to congratulate Aimee Prinzi, Shannon King and Shannon Whitely for representing

Swindon Town Girls' Centre for Football Excellence.

They are extremely dedicated and committed to their football and play at a very high level and we as a PE department are extremely proud of them.

Swindon Schools' Year 9 Athletics Championships

23rd June 2015

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who represented the College at the recent Swindon Athletics Championships. Every one tried their best and we, as a PE department, are extremely proud of all your efforts. The following students competed in these events:

David Osinki - Javelin, Eric Ignas - 200m, James Thapa - Shot Putt, Maciej Demimdowicz - Long Jump, Rafael Torregrosa-Jones - Triple Jump, Noah Howell - High Jump, Andrew Simango - Discus, Julia Miranda - 100m, Lizzie Johnson - Long Jump and 800m, Agneta Baranowicz - 1500m, Lauren Larcombe - High Jump, Keisha Ishani - Shot putt, Kate Souza - Discus and Orla Carr - Javelin.



Swindon Schools' Year 7 & 8 Athletics Championships

25th June 2015

Congratulations to all of the students who represented St. Joseph's at the Swindon Championships. We are immensely proud of our athletes with many students achieving personal bests at the County Ground event. The following students took part:

Year 7: Amalie Pritchard, Camille Valere, Ellis Kerrigan-Ritchie, Kara Williams, Kester Dadzie, Leah Harding, Marvan Snedden Vales, Megan Cole-Smith, Rajib Malla and Wilhelm Salaveria.

Year 8: Rajendra Limbu, Aimee Prinzi, Alexandra Applegate, Christina Elliott, Ilena McCann, Jack Payne, Jessica Campbell, Sudais Khan and Sony Barrett.



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Year 10 went on a Business Studies trip to McDonalds



On 24th of June our Business Studies class visited McDonalds to gain information about how they make the fast food, control their supply chain and manage a multinational business.

To begin with, we had a briefing from the managers about the Swindon franchises, their aims and objectives and how they act as an ethical business. Next we watched two videos about McDonalds. The first was made by a famous YouTube blogger who clarified some of the common misconceptions about where McDonalds food comes from by visiting McDonalds farms, meat processing plants and restaurants. The other video discussed one of McDonalds charities called the "Ronald McDonald House Charity" which provides accommodation for families who have children in hospital far from their family homes.

After suiting up for the day, we had a tour of the McDonalds restaurant. We saw the stock storage units for all their packaging, watched the soda stream in action, learned how they use recycled cooking oil as fuel for their delivery trucks, visited their freezer rooms, learned how their drive-thru is managed and watched how a Big Mac was made.

Before the trip ended we were treated to a free meal by Carl the franchisee for all the Swindon restaurants. I truly enjoyed the experience because of the balance of fun and education...and the free food!

Written by Vanessa Iwuoha

Primary Challenge Day

Thank you very much to the Year 12s, 9s and 7s who helped with the Primary Challenge Day in May.

Groups of students from primary schools came to St. Joseph's for the day. They used mathematical skills, drama, English, art and general knowledge to accumulate points in six different activities, including Tangrams and performance poetry.

The Year 12s arranged some of the activities, with Year 9s looking after a group for the day and Year 7s competing against the Year 5s and 6s in a vertically integrated day.

WELL DONE TO ALL!

Junior Maths Challenge Results

Congratulations to all those who achieved certificates in the Junior Maths Challenge. Silvers went to Ines Przychodza, Raj Burman and Natalia Brzozowska and Bronzes to Jacob Wear, Glaysa Geala, Isabelle Wright and Alina Afonso. We also supported Holy Family School to allow them to access the JMC, alongside the support we have been giving their G&T Year 6s this year.

St. Joseph's Boys Cricket 2015

YEAR 9 CUP

An away trip to Royal Wootton Bassett always looked a tough draw for the Year 9 team and so it was to prove. St. Joseph's won the toss and put RWB into bat.

The usually excellent St. Joseph's bowling attack had an off day, that combined with a short boundary on one side allowed RWB to race along to a total of 127 - 4.

To stand a chance of chasing down this big total, we needed to get off to a good start and we did and after 6 overs we were still hitting nearly 7 an over against their opening bowlers. A change in bowlers brought a change in fortunes for St. Joseph's and as soon as Charles and Domingos had departed for 16 and 11 respectively we struggled to hold on and score runs finishing some way short on 85 - 7 in our 15 overs.

YEAR 8 CUP

Quarter Finals

The Year 8 team had a bye in the first round and came up against Kingsdown in the quarter finals at Kingsdown.

St. Joseph's won the toss and chose to bat, an excellent opening partnership from Amulya and Neil which led to Neil eventually having to retire as he had reached the 25 retirement limit saw us through to a good total of 80.

The Kingsdown response never really got off the ground with Hamaad taking 2 wickets in his first over and finishing with figures of 3-2-3-2. Shreeyash gave able support as Hamaad's opening partner finishing with figures of 3-0-10-0 with such a tight opening spell Kingsdown only managed 40 runs in reply to leave St. Joseph's comfortable winners and securing a place in the semi-final against Ridgeway.

Semi-final

Having won all of their matches so far, the Year 8 team travelled to Ridgeway to face strong opposition. The match was tense and came down to the final ball - Ridgeway needed to find the boundary to ensure a draw; but we kept them from scoring to win by 6 runs after 12 overs each.

It was a real team effort - with noteworthy bowling performances from Neil Braganca Souza and Hamaad Mahmood; with Shreeyish Naik, stroking the ball all over the park, from the bat!

Well done and good luck for the final!

Neil Braganca Souza

Stalin De Heredia

Frendon Souza

Ian Fernandes

Arnold Johnson

Hamaad Mahmood

Shreeyash Naik

Amulya Gurung

Jordan Marques

Nijeal Travasso

Follow my Leader

On June 5th we were jointly responsible for the Swindon wide Year 5 and Year 6 Kwik Cricket Festival at Swindon Cricket Club.

This was well attended event and our Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders responsible for organising and umpiring a formal round-robin tournament. This was some task for our students because it was a long and intense morning, with at least 10 matches taking place at once.

After lunch they delivered some informal coaching clinics, to improve the youngsters' skills, before the knockout stages of the competition later that afternoon.

Well done to all students involved - their knowledge of the rules, leadership skills and rapport with the younger students was exemplary. The feedback from the primary school students, staff and parents was extremely positive.

Year 9:

Charles da Silva.
Cazel Fernandes.
Domingos De Avaujo

Year 10:

Godfrey Fernandes.
Dickson Vales.
Dyson Rubelo.
Allan Monteiro.
Kenny Dias.
Jessel Fernandes.
Bolton Fernandes.
Cyrus De Souza.
Delson Vaz



Duke of Edinburgh

The weekend of June 20th - 21st saw 60 Bronze students hiking across the Mendips for their qualifying expedition. They walked approximately 20km over the two days and camped overnight, having cooked their own meals in the evening and breakfast in the morning. All the Year 9 students were very successful and have passed their expedition section.



Twelve Silver award participants were also out on this weekend, for their practice expedition. They walked approximately 40km over three days and camped for two nights. They have one more training weekend in the Brecon Beacons in July and will go on their qualifying expedition on Dartmoor in September.

On 25th June 59 students were awarded their Duke of Edinburgh award. 34 students received their Bronze award, 18 their Silver award and 7 their Gold award. Awards were presented by Mr Giles and Mrs Bailey and talks



were given by two of our Year 12 students Bernadette Barrett and Lily Loughlin about their experience of the Bronze and Silver award as well as Robert Morton, a past Gold award holder, who came back to speak about what the Duke of Edinburgh's award has meant to him.



Students need to complete four sections to receive the Bronze and Silver award: skills, physical, volunteering and the expedition section.

For the gold award an extra section of a residential needs to be completed. Students spend at least 6 months working on these sections to enable them to attain the award.



CONGRATULATIONS to all students for their achievements with the award.



Naomi South completed her Gold award earlier this term. This is an amazing achievement to have completed the award while still in Year 13. Most students do not complete the Gold award until after they have left Year 13. Naomi completed her sections by working in a local charity shop, trampolining, playing the piano, attending a Scout Jamboree in Serbia and doing her qualifying expedition in the Lake District. She is now awaiting her date to officially receive her award at St. James' Palace.