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ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS



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Dear Parents

The Sixth Form area is, as always, a hive of activity with students revising for exams.

Many students work quietly and individually going over past exam questions and making revision cards whilst other students work together in groups discussing and arguing different concepts, drawing mind maps and questioning each other. Whilst there is clearly a certain amount of tension amongst the students, there is a definitely a positive and productive atmosphere

For Year 13, their last day is Thursday 26th May when we will celebrate the end of an era with a Mass followed by lunch and a short presentation. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the Year 13 students for their efforts in making St Joseph's such a great place to work and study: from organising the St Joseph's Got Talent event and the Pantomime, to their footballing prowess and the help they have offered in the classrooms. They have certainly been a brilliant year group and will be sorely missed.

The Year 12 students are currently very busy with their AS exams, and no doubt looking forward to their end of term on 15th July. In preparation for university applications

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 Football Team had a very successful season this year, going unbeaten; beating Bradon Forest, Ridgeway and Dorcan before meeting Ridgeway again in the Final of the Swindon Schools Cup played at Supermarine FC, winning 2-1 with goals from Mark Siaw and a goal at the death from James Cooper.

It was a brilliant effort against a very strong Ridgeway team. The team is as follows: Henry Firth, Bertram Clement, Mark Siaw, Alex Serratore, Kyle Parker, Biagio Mazzotta, Tom Ouldrige, Cavan Smith, Charlie Gowland, Rory Peacey, Dillon Gibbs, James Cooper, James Bowd, Jo Kirby, Conlon Mann, Kye Robinson, Shay Hines, Camilo Vas.

Mr Barkham

next year, many are taking advantage of the opportunity to undertake a weeklong work experience placement.

Following the AS results Year 12 students and parents will be invited in for a meeting with their tutor on 25th August to discuss their results and their plans for the future. Details about these meetings will be sent out in June.

However, as with every year, we look to the future and the new Year 12 students who be joining us in September. It has been a pleasure to interview our prospective students and I would like to thank all those who returned their letters accepting their places. More news about the beginning of term will follow, but please do ensure you keep the following dates free; Tuesday 30th August for Enrolment, Friday 2nd Sept for Induction, Monday 5th for a Team Building day, Wednesday 7th September for A university Study Skills Day.

We are very pleased to be able to offer students a dedicated quiet study area and continue to offer the wide range of enrichment opportunities from First Aid Training to Cooking. I look forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students on 30th August and would invite any students who have not applied, but are interested in joining the Sixth Form, to come along on that day.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students "good luck" in their exams; I am confident that their hard work and determination will reap its rewards.

Mrs Bailey

Finance Office

Payments can be made via the 'Post Box' which is located at the Student Reception. This enables pupils to post their payments anytime during the day. Cheques or the 'exact cash' must be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the students name, tutor group, amount enclosed and what the payment is for. The post box will be emptied several times during the day.

Receipts will be issued via the tutors for them to return to the students.

Cash Opening Times are during morning break and from 1.15pm – 1.45pm at lunch time.

Unfolding Wisdom

God of all knowledge,
whose wisdom unfolds for us
the meaning of the world
in which we live:
be the inspiration
and the end of all our efforts
to know, learn, and teach.

Through the seeds of
inquiry and wonder
which you have implanted,
may we continue to grow
in your wisdom.

Grant this
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer)

Friday 22nd July

The College will close for students at 12.30pm on the last day of term.

Sixth Form Football

The St. Joseph's 6th Form Football team signed off their account for the 2010-11 season in triumphant fashion with a hard fought but well-deserved cup final victory over Swindon Academy. In a hard-contested and cagey meeting the match had to be settled on penalties after a 1-1 draw in which super-sub Willoughby drew the boys in yellow level after going behind to a second-half penalty. In a nerve-jangling shoot-out Witts pulled off two stunning saves whilst Willoughby, Devenney, Endicott and Babu all kept their heads to slot home their penalties. In a match in which our collective team spirit was the difference in the two teams special mention must go to the assured centre-back partnership of Jones and Popowicz and Wilkinson and Ougan who were like Hector and Achilles in midfield. It has been both an honour and a pleasure to manage this team this year and I look forward to similar success next year.

Mr Taylor

Art Trip

Final deadline for the trip to Leeds and Yorkshire is Friday 27th May. Please see Mrs Baxter or Mrs Wiltshire for further information.

Dates for your diary

25th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening Population Q
26th May	Year 13 Leavers Mass
30th May	Half Term Begins
6th June	Students Return to College
24th June	Community Cohesion Day
30th June	Year 13 Prom

Youth Poetry Slam

On Saturday 7th May, eight students in Year 8 represented the College at the 7th Annual SFL Youth Poetry Slam. These students were chosen by judges at a workshop prior to the event and competed successfully in a series of heats before making it to the Final. Competing as two separate teams, we saw one team; Omolola Funsho, Kimberley Lopes, Arciuchiewicz, Emily Rutherford - achieve joint second place with an astounding 245 marks out of a potential 300. Our second team - Caitlin O'Leary, Phoebe Leach, Molly Packer, Chantelle Stevens - only narrowly missed sharing this same position with an impressive 241 marks. All of the girls delivered extremely powerful performances on the day, helping to make this year's competition the closest one yet and a highly entertaining morning.

Mr McKenna

Championship Match at the Ricoh Stadium Coventry

Five Year 10 students from St. Joseph's represented Swindon Schools on the 5th May in the annual match against Coventry schools at the Ricoh Stadium, Coventry, the home of championship club Coventry City. The Swindon group was very well looked after by the organisers and it was a very enjoyable afternoon for everyone involved. The chance to play on a first class pitch in a modern stadium was greatly appreciated by the boys and it is something they will remember for a long time. The return match takes place at the County Ground on May 18th. The boys involved were Cameron Gordon, Callum Shewry, Branzon De Souza, Ross Paone and Daniel Bright.

Mr Dixon

Girls Sports Extra Curricular Timetable

Day	Time	Activity
Monday	Lunchtime	Year 7 + 8 rounders
Tuesday	3 - 4pm	All years rounders
Wednesday	3 - 4 pm	All years athletics
Thursday	Lunchtime	Year 9 + 10 rounders

Lourdes 2011

Lourdes has been really great this year, better than most years.

I have loads of memories and can't name them all and how much I enjoyed them. But my most favourite highlight of the week was the Trust Mass. It always was and always will be. To see the children's beautiful smiles and them having a good time, really makes the Mass so much more warming.

It has been an amazing week and I thank everyone including Liz and Julia, without them this wouldn't have happened, so I thank them a lot. I have just loved this trip.

Lucy Sugden 9C

It was nice just to be together, quietly praying and preparing the candle, and putting the names of the people we wanted to pray for on it. Meeting HCPT 185 at the Trust Mass and meeting the children. The South West Regional Mass - I didn't think it would be like that.

Angela Kember 9W

When I first arrived I was so tired after the long journey and I didn't really know what to expect, but it has been a great experience. The people here are very friendly. I enjoyed everything we did, but the highlight for me was playing with Liam from HCPT 185 group at the Trust Mass.

Regina Bell 11S

Primary Liason

Primary Roadshow

The St. Joseph's Primary Roadshow will be visiting the following schools:

St. Catherine's - June 8th, Holy Rood Juniors - June 9th, St. Mary's - June 15th.

The Primary Roadshow allows current St. Joseph's students to share their experiences of moving schools and endeavours to answer any Year 6 and 7 transition related questions.

Arts Carousel

Our Art, Technology and Food Technology

Departments are running a series of morning Taster Sessions for our partner primary schools. This will allow our incoming Year 6 students to experience a

variety of practical activities probably for the first time.

Extend Project

The Extend Project will be running again this summer, July 25th - 29th, for all incoming Year 6 students. The project will feature a range of interesting activities to get the summer holidays off to a great start. The course programme and application form should be with our partner primary schools now.

Mr Iles

Exchange Visit to Sesto Fiorentino

During the first week of the Easter holidays, 12 Italian students took part in the return leg of the exchange trip to Florence which furnished them with experiences they are unlikely ever to forget. After a very warm welcome by the P Calamandrei school, the highlights of the week included special guided tours of the Palazzo Vecchio, a visit to Siena, San Gimignano and Pisa, olive oil tasting in the Tuscan countryside and an Italy vs. England football match. Our students fully embraced the spirit of the week, in which they were hosted by Italian families, by speaking impressive amounts of Italian, soaking up the culture which was abundant and coming back having created links that are likely to last for years to come. The feedback has been very positive and many students have expressed a wish to return to Tuscany. Many thanks to staff and parents for supporting the exchange and we look forward to a similarly successful and pleasurable trip next year.

Mrs Mistretta & Mr Taylor

English Karate Championship

Congratulations to Cristina Tucci in 9B who represented the Higashi Karate Squad of Ealing London, at the English Karate Federation Championships. The championships were held in Sheffield on 17th April 2011. Cristina fought in the 14-15 Year old Girls +45kg category and came home with a silver medal! Well done Cristina!

Miss Foley

