



A Prayer at Exam Time

This is a very busy time at St. Joseph's. Exams are now in full swing for Key Stage 4 and 5 students. I know we all wish them well, and I am sure they will be a credit to the College.

The Year 11 Prom was a wonderful occasion, with our students being complimented on their behaviour by the management of the Hilton Hotel. You can see the photographs on our website, www.stjosephs.swindon.sch.uk.

Our website has been updated and re-launched; I hope you find it more user friendly and informative. We would welcome feedback as always.

As of September 2012, the College will operate a new College day. I would like to thank those parents and students who took part in the consultation process. I was very impressed when I met with the Student Parliament. Their feedback, as well as that of parents, was taken into consideration. Details on the new College day can be found below.

On another note, you may have read in the local press that a new one-form entry Catholic primary school may possibly be sited on the Queen's Drive end of the College playing fields. This proposal is still in its infancy and will be discussed at the next Council Meeting. I will of course keep you updated on this Diocesan initiative.

By the time you have read this the Olympic Flame will have passed close to the College. There is also the Olympics to look forward to in the summer. There will be an opportunity for some of our students to attend the Paralympics in September. The Olympian Mark Richardson will be in College presenting medals to Year 7 students for the 'Be the Best You Can Be' programme.

Finally, the Jubilee is nearly here! The College will celebrate this special occasion by burying a time capsule in the grounds. Students will contribute their thoughts and insights into life at St. Joseph's in 2012. More of this in the next newsletter.

Please do take time to read the newsletter, as it really does show the hard work undertaken by both students and staff.

Have a good half term.

Maureen Harries, Principal

Lord, as I face my exams, I turn once more to you asking for your blessing and assistance.

I ask you to give me peace of mind with a strong sense of work.

May I give myself the space and time to revise and be ready to sit my exams.

Help me to keep focused and calm, to think clearly and understand what I am being asked, and so to recall the study and the work that I have put in over the years.

Keep me from getting into a panic, and help me to do justice to all my work and preparations.

Above all Lord, I ask that you will allow my efforts to bring about the life you have planned for me.

May I be open to the vision of what you wish for me and may I accomplish this now and in my future life.

Amen.



Change of College Day, September 2012

The start of the College day will remain the same, as will registration. Lunch will be 40 minutes. Key Stage 3 and 4 will now have lunch at a different time, with an overlap of 10 minutes. There will be a 30 minute enrichment session for all students, which will either be before or after lunch depending on the Key Stage.

College will finish for both Key Stage 3 and 4 at 3pm. Key Stage 5 teaching periods will continue after that time, as at present.

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Dates for your diary

1st June	College closes for Students
11th June	College Re-opens for Students
25th - 29th June	Performing Arts Competition
27th June	Summer Exam Session Ends
5th July	Year 6 Induction Day
12th July	Summer Concert
13th July	Community Cohesion Day
13th July	Year 12 End of Term
18th July	College Sports Day
19th July	Gifted and Talented Celebration Evening
20th July	College Closes for Students

Farewell Year 11

On the 10th of May a Thanksgiving Mass was held for Year 11 to celebrate their time at St Joseph's. The mass, conducted by Fr. Nick Trantor, was extremely emotional as each tutor gave a blessing to their group. Students were also invited to offer their thanks, and did so respectfully and joyfully. Fr. Nick offered prayers for the futures of every member of Year 11, and asked them to show the same kind of consideration and respect to those around them in the places they were going to move to, as they did while they were at St Joseph's.

The mass ended on a high, as students were treated to a street dance performance by three of their class mates. A video presentation was also shown, depicting students at various stages of the five years that they have been at St Joseph's. There was lots of clapping and cheering as the students left the hall and the College, walking out through the front gate and into a future of challenging exams.

St Joseph's Catholic College would like to wish all of Year 11 the very best of luck as they continue their journey of life and faith.



Diocesan Family Day

This year's Diocesan Family Day will be held on 30th June at St Brendan's College, Brislington, Bristol. As well as workshops, there will be keynote speakers and sessions for all ages. Full details of the day can be found on the Clifton Diocese website (www.cliftondiocese.com).

Work Experience Change

One of the Government's major new initiatives is the Raising Participation Age programme (RPA), which is focused on ensuring that all young people remain actively involved in education and training for longer. This has led to the end of the tradition of students being able to leave education entirely at the age of 16. From September 2012 students will be expected to be involved in some form of education, training or apprenticeship until they are 17, and by September 2013 this age will have risen to 18.

What this will mean for St Joseph's students is that the current Year 10 will have to be involved in some form of education or training, either in the College or with another provider of education and training, until the end of Year 12. The current Year 9 students will be expected to be involved in education or training until the end of Year 13.

In addition to these changes to the school leaving age, the government has also introduced changes to the funding of the student work experience scheme. The traditional funding for all Year 11 students to go on a week long work experience placement has been withdrawn. In response to this St Joseph's, along with every other school in Swindon, has had to change the way work experience will be delivered to students.

As Year 11 will now no longer be the students' final year in compulsory education or training, it has been decided to move the opportunity for all students to go on a work experience placement to Year 12. In the summer period, after the students have completed their exams, the College will organise and finance work experience placements for all the students who would like to gain practical experience of the work place. By this stage in their academic careers students will be looking for work experience that will be able to compliment their applications to university courses, work training schemes or apprenticeships. The new timing of the work experience scheme will make it more relevant for the students as they prepare to make the next step in their journey into the world of higher education or employment.

There will be an opportunity for a targeted group of students to go on work experience placements in Year 11, but this will be connected with the vocational requirements of the courses that they are undertaking for their GCSEs. If a student wishes to organise their own work experience placement in Year 11 they will have to do so independently from the College, and use school holiday time for the placement.

These changes to the work experience programme are all part of the government's drive to reduce the number of students leaving education without any qualifications or useful training for employment. It is our aim that every St Joseph's student will leave the College equipped to be successful in life.

Change of address or phone number?

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



Prom Triumph

St Joseph's Catholic College kicked off the Prom season, as Year 11 celebrated their end of year in style. After four weeks of almost non-stop rain, the clouds cleared and the sun shone on the students as they gathered together in their finery.

Students arriving at the Hilton by chauffeur driven limousines, Rolls Royces and horse-drawn carriages were greeted by a sea of parents, friends and well wishers, all waiting patiently to catch a glimpse of the stunning dresses and beautifully tailored suits. Once again our students did not disappoint as gasps of "WOW" filled the air.

Once inside the students enjoyed a buffet meal before getting down to some serious moves on the dance floor. The DJ was impressed by the St Joseph's students' enthusiasm, as they filled the dance floor from 8.45pm and kept dancing until the evening was drawn to a close.

Congratulations to Year 11 on making the event so enjoyable. It was a fantastic evening which will no doubt stay with them for years to come.

Beat the Heatwave

The College is committed to students feeling refreshed and ready to learn in their lessons. To meet this aim students are allowed to take bottles of water into lessons with them.

As the hotter summer season approaches we would encourage all students to take advantage of the healthy drinks options available in the College. These are guaranteed to quench your thirst more effectively than the prohibited drinks.



Flexible Pathway Brave The Elements

In the recent sunshine it has been easy to forget the four weeks of wind and rain that made this spring an unusually tough time to undertake outdoor activities. However, the Flexible Pathway students in Year 10 were undaunted by the prospect of two days of rain, setting out on their practice Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition on the 26th and 27th of April.

This expedition was part of their Flexible Pathway course, and would provide evidence for their 'Working with Others' unit. The intrepid 21 students were led by Peter McCourt and Rachel Watson from Ocean Rock Adventure and supported by Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Buckenham from the College.

The 21km walk started in Uffington and took the students along the Ridgeway. This gentle walk across the rolling fields of Wiltshire and Berkshire was supposed to be a pleasant practice experience for the students, many of whom were undertaking their first long distance walk. However the wind and rain made the experience of navigating across the countryside to a campsite, setting up the tent, cooking a meal and getting some sleep, a lot more challenging than anyone expected.

The students would like to say a big thank you to all of the College staff who supported them through the expedition and who braved the same inclement weather.

Oliver! comes to College

This year's College production was the musical 'Oliver', something most of us have grown up, humming along to the famous songs like 'Consider Yourself' and 'Food, Glorious Food'.

In this year's production we encouraged the students to lead the rehearsals and choreograph the dances, taking 'ownership' and making it truly a student show. We were delighted that we also had a number of our students performing in the orchestra too. Many of the students had never taken part in this type of performance before and were faced with many new experiences, exciting challenges and lots of hard work! They all rose to the challenge spectacularly, and the show was a great success.

Everyone is now eager to know what production the College will be doing next year. All we can say at the moment is 'Watch this space...!'

Junior Maths Challenge

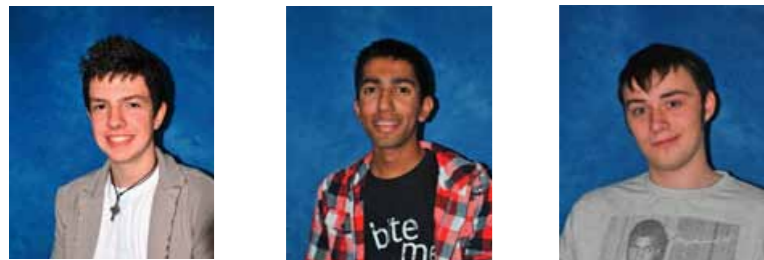
Congratulations to all those who achieved certificates in the Junior Maths Challenge recently.

Steve Caayao was the best in the College, achieving Gold, with Silver going to John Toop-Rose, Andrea Napoli, Luke Wood, Joe Inglis, Chelsea Pereira, Francis Bartoszewski and Teresa Iannetelli. Andrea was also the best in Year 7. Rahul Vital, William George, Sofia Seferi, Jessel Fernandes, Ernest Obihara and Henry Ash were all awarded Bronze certificates. Well done to all!

College Life

Aiming for Oxbridge

Three Year 13 students are currently holding offers to Oxford University. They are Lewis Carney, Hans Dias and Jacob Holliday (left to right below). Oxford is ranked within the top four universities in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2011-12).



Which subjects are you studying and what are your predicted grades? Which grades do you need to achieve to get into Oxford?

Lewis: Further Maths - A, Geography - A, Maths - A*, Physics A*. My Oxford offer is A*AA.

Hans: Biology - A, Chemistry - A, Maths - A, Physics - A. My Oxford offer is AAA.

Jacob: Chemistry - A, English - A, French - A, Maths - A. My Oxford offer is AAA.

Which Oxford course/college did you select and what were your reasons for this choice?

Lewis: I selected Earth Sciences. This was mainly due to my love for physical geography.

Hans: I chose Biochemistry because Biology and Chemistry are my favourite subjects. I also feel that the potential from completing research in this field will have a huge impact on solving biological problems in the future.

Jacob: I applied for PPE (Politics, Economics and Philosophy). I have always been interested in these subjects. I didn't want to limit myself to a single field so this was the perfect course.

Can you describe your experiences during the interview process at Oxford?

Lewis: I had two separate interviews. The first one went very well. An example question was 'What is the weight of the atmosphere?' The second interview was more challenging, as it tested me on chemistry, which is not a subject I'm studying.

Hans: The overall experience was great. During the actual interview the questions were not too difficult. One of the tasks was to develop a test to see if a disease within a rat bone was genetic or not. I had to find a solution using limited resources.

Jacob: The interviewer started with "Why do you want to study this course?". However, we quickly moved on to more conceptual questions such as "Do politicians have the right to privacy?" and "What would happen if Greece left the euro zone?" They seemed more interested in how I presented and backed up my answers, rather than the answer itself.

First Aid with Red Cross

On the 11th of May the Red Cross delivered a session on First Aid to over 220 Year 8 students, including advice on what to do if someone is unconscious. Students had the opportunity to practise this and put each other in the recovery position, as well as being taught about burns and how to treat them. Many students explained how they had burnt themselves at some point, either on an oven, kettle, hair straighteners or by spilling a hot drink, so learning what to do was very useful.

The Red Cross was able to deliver this session thanks to a generous donation from the telecommunications company, AFL. The company donated nearly £1800, funding a First Aid session for four schools in Swindon.

Seeing 'The Globe'



When we got to 'The Globe' we met our tour guide, who asked us a few questions about Shakespeare. She then told us briefly about the history of 'The Globe' and about how it was originally built over 500 years ago, before it was burnt down because of the thatched roof. We then went into the magnificent theatre and saw a theatre group rehearsing "Twelfth Night" in Hindi; it looked fantastic!

Afterwards, we went across the street to do a drama workshop with an actor who regularly performs at 'The Globe'. He told us how to warm up our minds, bodies and voices before a rehearsal or performance. Then we got into pairs. We had to use our partners as 'dolls', as we shaped them into the description of a word or phrase from the tragedy 'Macbeth' (for example, "withered but wild"); we all had really good fun in this activity!

Overall, it was a really exciting day and I learned a lot about Shakespeare and performing in a theatre.
Niamh Trinci, 8L

I really enjoyed being involved in the trip to 'The Globe' theatre! We saw many famous landmarks in London from the coach, participated in many activities and even saw a version of 'Twelfth Night' in Hindi performed in 'The Globe'! In my opinion 'The Globe' theatre trip was one of the best trips I have ever been on.

Kate Molloy, 8L

College Life

Performing Arts Show

This year's Performing Arts Show championed the very best of KS4 dance, drama and music at the College.

Students who are currently studying the BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts in Dance performed a range of styles, including street, ballet, tango, contemporary and disco.

As part of the BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts (Acting), Year 11s performed short devised plays centered on a number of hard-hitting newspaper headlines. These covered issues such as anorexia, self-harming, teenage crime and under-age drinking. All students performed exceptionally well and each performance was recorded as evidence towards their final grade. The performances were a true reflection of their hard work and two year commitment to the course. Mr. English and Mrs. Mobey were exceptionally proud of the students - well done!

Italian Exchange

Part 1: Sesto Fiorentino

This year's Italian exchange to Sesto Fiorentino in Tuscany proved to be bigger and better than anticipated! Fourteen students from Years 10 to 13 set off to Italy for an experience of a lifetime. For some it was their first journey to Italy. For others, having enjoyed the exchange so much last year, it was their second time to the Tuscan town of Sesto Fiorentino, known by the locals as 'Sesto'.

During the seven-day visit students were able to experience the Italian school system first hand; revel in the architectural wonders of Pisa, Florence and Siena; savour the culinary delights of Valentina's restaurant; as well as spend a leisurely day at the beach in Viareggio. All admitted that the Italian exchange had been a fantastic and memorable week, so much so that the students decided to let their gratitude be known to all the passengers on the return flight from Pisa!



Part 2: The Return Leg

On Wednesday the 18th April of we welcomed the return leg of the Italian exchange to St. Joseph's. During their week long stay the Italian students spent time in the Art Department making clay gargoyles; tried their hand at making and decorating cupcakes; visited Oxford and Cirencester; and had a go at bowling at Shaw Ridge. Tears were shed as students said their goodbyes, vowing to keep in touch and see each other soon. Many thanks to all the support given by parents and staff, making this year's exchange such a success.

Carnegie Book Awards

The Carnegie Shadowing Group has been meeting on Monday lunchtimes at 12.30pm in the ILC to discuss the eight books shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. The official winner will be announced on the 14th of June 2012, and we are hoping to have established our own winner by then.



The CILIP Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for children and young people. Students across the country are 'shadowing' the judging process, reading, discussing and reviewing the books on the shortlist and establishing their own favourites.

Young people taking part are known as 'shadowers' and there are up to 90,000 getting involved across the country.

If you are interested in finding out more about the shortlist (or think that you might want to read one of the shortlisted books) please see Miss Williams, Mrs Smith, or ask in the ILC for more details. All books on the shortlist are available on loan from the ILC. You can also check out the shortlist at:

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowingsite/>

Poetry Slam Success

On the 12th of May six talented young students in Year 8 represented the College at the 8th Annual Swindon Festival of Literature Youth Poetry Slam.

These students were chosen by judges at an earlier poetry workshop, from an extremely talented cohort. On the day the students worked as two groups, battling in heats against others from all over Swindon for a place in the final. Our girls' group, consisting of Murphy DaCosta, Shannon Myers and Melissa Domingo, narrowly missed out on a place in the final, being one of the strongest runners-up in the competition.

Our boys' group safely secured themselves a place in the final, gaining the second highest score of any group in the heats. This group, consisting of Connor McGilligan, Henry Ash and Mauricio Silva, delivered an astounding performance, and were ultimately awarded third place in the competition.

The calibre of the performances in this event has never been higher, and audience members were enthralled by the powerful, often moving performances delivered during this highly entertaining morning.

New Courses

Because of the ongoing debate on how best to deliver ICT/Computing in schools (see below), we have taken the opportunity to change the courses we offer to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Year 10 will be studying either the EdExcel ICT GCSE or the AQA Computer Science GCSE. Both of these are two year courses, finishing at the end of Year 11. Year 12 will be starting on a new Applied ICT A' Level from OCR.

More details on these courses can be found on the College website, or by scanning one of the QR codes below.

ICT in Year 7 is also changing and will be delivered as part of the 'World Around Us' project with Geography, History and Drama. Students will still learn the necessary skills and capabilities, but in a more project-based construct.



EdExcel ICT
GCSE



AQA
Computer
Science GCSE



OCR Applied
A' Level ICT

Changes to ICT Delivery

The Department for Education has launched a consultation on the future direction of ICT teaching in schools. There is a feeling amongst some that the ICT curriculum focuses too much on "office" skills and should have more emphasis on software development.

Certainly, with a subject as fast-changing as ICT/Computing, revisions should be frequent to allow for the inclusion of new technologies.

This consultation process (in which we were actively involved, both locally through links with other secondary schools in Swindon, and nationally through membership of organisations such as NAACE) was an opportunity for everybody to have a say in what should be included in new courses.

If you, as parents or students, have views on what you think should be part of any new ICT/Computing direction (maybe the company you work at has experience of what skills are required by today's employers), please take a moment to look at the proposal and responses by visiting the DfE's website or by scanning the QR code opposite.



In case you are new to them, the QR codes can be read by downloading a free QR Reader App for your Android or Apple device. Once scanned, the codes will take you straight to the relevant website.

@SJCCICT on Twitter

The ICT department recently launched its Twitter account - @SJCCICT. We are tweeting current ICT topics of interest (our ICT themes of the week), changes to courses, feeder school visit comments, coursework deadlines, etc. We'd also love to re-tweet input from parents and students, with suggestions or interesting links. Follow us on Twitter by searching for SJCCICT.



Year 13 ICT

It is interesting to get comments from ICT students as they leave the College after seven years of studying ICT. Here are just a couple of reflections from the current Year 13 students:

"I've been studying ICT for four years and every year has been a wonderful experience. ICT has helped me in my other two A level courses and in lessons we learn new skills, which we can apply in other subjects. I'm glad I stayed on to Sixth Form because I have got to know the ICT teachers over the years and they really make lessons fun and interesting."

"I am in my last year of ICT and I find the course very enjoyable. At the same time it will help benefit me in various fields of work. ICT is fun and it is a good course to take as it will benefit you in the future, whatever career you follow."

Chessington Trip

Each year our youngest students have the opportunity to visit Chessington World of Adventures, helping them to understand how ICT is used in a theme park. They have a lesson from the staff at Chessington which focuses on the use of ICT to control rides, manage ticketing and define identities for the different themes within the park.

It's a great day out and this year, during the trip, students answered questions sent by tweets, to consolidate the learning that took place on the day.



Bletchley Park Visit

For the last two years a small group of Year 8 students have visited Bletchley Park to see how early computers helped to break the German Enigma codes during the Second World War.

Last year, students were excited to meet retired British spy catcher Tony Sale, who rebuilt Colossus, the world's first programmable electronic computer.

Sadly, Tony Sale died shortly after our visit and so this year we will be unable to benefit from his first hand knowledge.

Business Studies 2012

It seems as if the autumn trips to Cadbury World and the Bank of England were only yesterday and yet we are already preparing our farewells to Years 11 and 13. And what a year it has been! We have had huge successes in the form of the Young Enterprise regional finals and also had one pupil travel to London for an interview to appear in the next series of BBC1's Young Apprentice. Student investor results were encouraging during a turbulent year on the stock market, and the extra-curricular podcast club has used some excellent independent research to create podcasts, which examine what is happening in the business world.

We have also had great success in the first year of delivering the BTEC Public Services in Year 12, with several visitors to the College including the Police, Fire Fighters and Emergency Care Assistants. The pupils have also enjoyed lots of team working activities, such as putting up a tent blindfolded, and have had the opportunity to develop their own leadership qualities when they taught a new skill to their peers.

We hope that all Year 11 and 13 leavers enjoy success in their chosen field, especially those pursuing business-related opportunities. Thank you for a fantastic year!

Young Enterprise - County Finals

"This year the Young Enterprise team, 'Captured in Time', designed leavers' hoodies for Year 11 to purchase at the end of the year. We also sold potted cacti, potted in our hand-painted pots, to customers outside our peer group. We wanted products that would fit well with our mission statement, 'A year to last a lifetime'.

In May we won a place at the Wiltshire County Finals. This was held at Wellington Academy, Salisbury. We had to make a presentation and write a speech explaining what we had achieved over the year, as we were competing for many awards. The judges seemed to be impressed with how we put customers first, giving us the award for 'best customer focus'.

We have all improved in many areas, such as teamwork, using our initiative and taking risks. We have enjoyed this experience and believe that it will help us a lot in the future. We look forward to doing it all again next year and hopefully we will reach the regional finals."

Jessica Neate



BTEC Public Services Farewell

"The Public Services course at St Joseph's has been really good fun! We have had loads of visits from people in the services, including a fire fighter, a paramedic and two police officers. I have enjoyed the course and it is really beneficial to me, as when I leave College I hope to go on to university and then into photography in the RAF.

During this course, we have done different teamwork activities as a class; we have put up tents blind folded, carried out a competitive online treasure hunt, completed back-to-back drawings and took part in learning new skills delivered by other members of the class. We all had a chance to be a team leader and teach the class a new skill. Some of the skills that were taught were numbers in different languages, football skills and origami. This was really good as it built up self confidence and we all learnt a new skill. I think that this course is really great, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone in Year 11."

Cerys Brown, Year 12 BTEC Public Services



"Looking back on my time as a student of A level Business Studies, I think that the main thing I loved about the subject was the logical and sequential order of learning that the course provides. You start off in Year 12 by studying the planning and financing of small business start-ups, before going on to look at how businesses successfully grow and develop. Finally, you look at how large businesses operate and compete in the global business world.

The final unit, 'The Business Environment and Managing Change', gave me the chance, partially, to decide on the course content. This is because I was allowed to conduct my own research into the business environment and chose examples that interested me personally.

My experience of A level Business Studies has been an interesting one, where I have gained valuable life skills, such as how to calculate and manipulate data as well as how to improve profit and cash flow. In addition, A level Business has helped me to become more aware of not only the business environment, but also the economic decisions made by the Government that directly concern us all."

Luke Harris, Year 13

House News

Buckfast

Celia Berry and Benjamin Aldridge won the awards for special contribution to Buckfast House. Celia has been an excellent house rep, taking a pro-active role in arranging the Christmas celebration. Ben has also shown great leadership and was responsible for co-ordinating three tutor groups (7S, 9S and 11S) in preparing the 'Throw a sponge at a teacher' event during Charity Week. We wish Celia and Ben, and indeed all of Year 11 Buckfast, good luck for their exams and all the best for the future.

Overall, fantasy football winners Matty Kendal (Year 8) and Mr Johns have earned 100 House points between them for Buckfast this term. Congratulations to them and to all who took part.

With Sports Day around the corner, it is perhaps worth reminding Buckfast of their remarkable victory last year. We are calling on our excellent sportsmen and women to ensure this year is just as successful.

Finally, Mr Stoten and Miss Pileggi are arranging a visit to the Jubilee Gardens project in July. We will be looking for students who play a significant role in contributing to the House and community to invite on this visit.

Glastonbury

Well done to Nicole Anyango and Valenka Da Silva for winning the award for contributions to Glastonbury House. Both pupils excelled themselves in their House duties, especially during Charity Week earlier this year, raising a great deal of money for Prospect Hospice. Best of luck in your exams and all your future studies!

Congratulations to Yannis and Stassy Hantakaross, both in Glastonbury House, for their victories in the Fantasy Football competition – their efforts have secured the House a fantastic 100 points!

It is an exciting time for the House, as we look forward to summer activities such as Sports Day and an array of trips coming up. Keep up the hard work and remember every point earned brings us closer to lifting the House Cup.



Walsingham

This term at St Joseph's we are celebrating all the efforts of our Year 11 students before they leave for their examinations. For Walsingham, Neston Fernandes and Klair Leander-Robinson won the awards for special contribution to the House. Although this is a new change to College life, both students volunteered to be house reps and attended meetings regularly. Both students helped to organise and judge students for the Talent Show at Christmas and were instrumental in the planning and logistics of the event. We wish them the very best of luck in their future studies and in whatever they choose to do in the future.

In other news, Walsingham have been very proactive when earning house points this term, some weeks edging into first place! We would like to encourage students to try their best and work hard to ensure we are the summer winners.



Evesham

Congratulations to Lynette Mutuota and Clare Smith for winning the award for special contributions to Evesham. Both girls performed and helped organise the Celebration Assembly before Christmas. We wish Lynette and Clare, along with the rest of Year 11 Evesham, good luck for their exams and all the best for the future.

Well done to all our budding poets in Evesham who took part in this year's Poetry Slam competition. A big congratulations to the following Year 8 students who made it to the final at Swindon Arts Centre - Mauricio Silva, Henry Ash, Conor McGilligan, Murphy Da Costa, Shannon Myers and Melissa Domingo.

Congratulations to all our sportsmen and women in Evesham who have represented the College this term. Well done to Fraser Gordon in 9B for representing Wiltshire at Cricket.

Finally, the race is on for the Summer Cup! With the Christmas and Easter Cup under our belts, we have the determination to do it. Last Sports Day we missed out on winning by a mere 1 POINT... so come on Evesham, we can do it this year!

