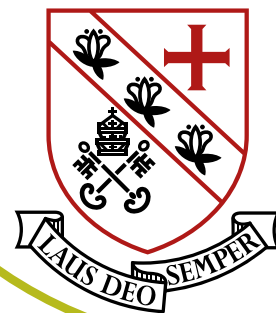


St. Joseph's Newsletter



A future full of hope

'I know well the plans I have made for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord.'

Jeremiah 29:11-13

In 2017 Bishop Declan launched the new diocesan vision 'A Future full of Hope'. He has asked everyone in the diocese to reflect on key questions as part of the Year of Mission (2017-2018). What is it to be the Church for our day and our culture? What is God asking me to be and to do as a member of the Body of Christ, the Church? And what is it for me to be a Catholic today?

For Catholic schools these questions are vitally important. We strive to give a first-class education, but we are also committed to outstanding formation of character, wanting our students to develop into well-educated adults who will live virtuous lives. At St Joseph's we hope that the young people we form, in partnership with parents, will make the most of their God-given gifts and talents and use their education to make the world a better place.

When we reflect on our mission we must remember that the Church has always viewed education as vital to the formation and development of the whole person. In the nineteenth and

twentieth centuries setting up Catholic schools was a priority at a time when state involvement in education was still limited. Many Catholic schools were established to meet the needs of Catholic immigrants from countries such as Ireland, Italy and Poland. In 1958 Swindon had a growing Catholic population and St Joseph's Secondary School was opened for pupils aged 11 to 15 to meet their needs. That mission remains strong and relevant today, especially in St Joseph's which has continued to see students arrive from new immigrant populations from across the world as well as the established communities in the town.

This term the Year 11 and Year 13 have had their 'Prom nights'. These evenings mark the end of their time with us, so we feel a real mixture of emotions: sadness to see them leave, together with enormous pride in how the College has helped to develop these young people. We hope that we have helped to give them some firm foundations and values with which to look out with openness to the world.

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 Baker, Miss Millward, Mr Merabtene, Mr Edwards, Miss Howell, Miss Winn, Mrs Moss, Mrs Baxter, Mr Taylor, Ms Amadori, Dr Marra and Miss McKenzie.

In our final newsletter of the academic year you will get a sense of some of the exciting things happening in the College. The breadth of activities academic, sporting, artistic, spiritual and musical is a great source of inspiration for everyone associated with St Joseph's.

Although the academic term finishes in July there is a great deal going on during the summer in preparation for September. It promises to be another busy year. I do hope that everyone associated with the College has a good summer and am grateful for all the hard work that has gone on this year.

Paul Hughes, Executive Principal



Lockers!

A reminder to all parents and students that student lockers need to be emptied at the end of each term, including before half term holidays.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16
AUG

**A-Level Results -
8am from Main Hall**

23
AUG

**GCSE Results -
11am from Main Hall**

28
NOV

**Certificate Collection from
Main Hall**

Results will remain available for collection after these times from our reception.

Enquiries about results

The deadline for making applications for enquiries about results is Thursday 20th September.

THE KOOTH SERVICE

The Kooth service is a flexible support model to give children and young people – from age 11 until their 26th birthday – access to professional help when they need it; Kooth provides support from qualified counsellors seven days per week, until 10pm.

Young people register anonymously on the site, which gives them access to drop-in or booked online chats with British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP) certified counsellors, psychotherapists and emotional wellbeing practitioners.

They can log in to Kooth through any connected device at <https://kooth.com/>

Kooth offers moderated peer to peer support, as well as giving young people access to downloadable self-help resources, forums and discussion groups. They can also read and contribute to the Kooth online magazine.

As part of this effort, Kooth provider XenZone will engage with secondary schools, further education colleges and alternative secondary provisions to raise awareness of the service. It will also help address any specific mental health issues, such as exam stress, bullying or resilience, while promoting a whole schools approach.

Kooth will work alongside existing local services: the CAMHS provider, schools, GPs, voluntary services, Local Authority Children's Services, such as early help, social care and the school nursing service, as well as the Safeguarding Children Board adult services and voluntary organisations.

Change of Address or Telephone Number

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.](#)

CAFOD YOUNG LEADERS

The CAFOD Young Leaders have concluded their year of service as part of one of the largest Catholic charities in the world.

To mark this all schools from the Clifton Diocese met at Bristol Zoo to reflect on stewardship and care for creation, themes of Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis' new encyclical *Laudato Si*.

Students were introduced to leaders in the field of environmentalism and conservation before perusing Bristol's own collection of rare and endangered species, a stark reminder of the responsibility facing this generation.

The following students presented to the Diocese on their work this year and were awarded certificates of achievement for their efforts in fundraising and campaigning.

Jasmine Dabner	10D
Salewa Funsho	10F
Courtney Lamb	10G
Olivia Reardon	10G
Annika Soares	10A
Kayleigh Souza	10H
Franciela Vas	10B
Andrew Watts	10A

Feast of St Joseph the Worker



The College has recently celebrated the feast of our patron on the 1st of May.

To mark this occasion, students competed to be the recipients of St Joseph the Worker certificates.

The hardest worker or the one who produced the best piece of work in each lesson was selected by their subject teacher. Teachers and students agree that students worked extra hard this May Day and it was difficult selecting the top candidate in a single lesson. All the winners were honoured in a photograph under the St. Joseph the Worker banner in the College's main corridor.

Some students earned a certificate in more than one lesson. It was particularly lovely to see both familiar and new faces, recognising that, with the right attitude, we all have the potential to use the talents we were given by God to do amazing things.

YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY 2018

As the academic year draws to a close, the College is preparing for the arrival of the new members of our community.

270 Year 6 students from 24 primary schools visited St Joseph's on 3rd July for their induction day, where they got to meet staff and students and undertake a range of activities.

Another activity for Year 5 and Year 6 students from our partner primary schools is the Big Sing.

300 students prepared and performed in a joint liturgy that used song and dance to express faith on the 4 July.

50 of our Year 7 students took part in this liturgy and helped to support the younger students.

St. Joe's student excels at the Salamander Project



Lewis Bauer (8G) spent five days training as a firefighter at Swindon Fire Station between 11th and 15th of June. He undertook an intense programme of activities that enabled him to develop his teamwork skills and his knowledge of essential first aid. He also got to use state of the art emergency service equipment, including rescue ladders, hydraulic-cutters and high-pressure fire hoses.



All of this hard work came to fruition when Lewis took part in two demonstrations of emergency rescues. He worked excellently with his team to cut a victim out of a damaged car and to put out a house fire.

He proved that he had a real head for heights in the latter scenario when he climbed up onto a high steel platform to direct water from above onto the fire.

He was praised by the course leaders for his dedication to the programme and hard work over the five days. Lewis said he loved the experience of training as a firefighter, but added he was looking forward to being back at school on Monday.

When asked what he was going to do over the weekend, Lewis replied "sleep." We are very proud of Lewis and all that he achieved.

Year 7 Trip to Ridgeway school

On Tuesday 12th June, I, Mr Tremblin and ten Year 7 students visited Ridgeway School as we were invited to attend an author event.

Andrew Clover is an author, an actor and a father. He has recently written some detective novels. Rory Branagan Detective and Rory Branagan Detective Squad. The students that attended had the opportunity, to purchase a copy and get it signed.

He focused on The Seven Secrets Of Storytelling – a funny-but-educational lecture in which he distills into sixty minutes everything he's learned about characters/ verbs/nouns/adjectives/locations/drama/ plots and how to get ideas.

The students were enthralled and many of them participated during the delivery of this.

Andrew was versatile, and invented all manner of different shows, to suit the needs of his audience.

We all enjoyed this, and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Mrs Kennedy

Report by Bailie Connolly

On Tuesday 12th June I went to Ridgeway School to see an author called Andrew Clover.

He is the author of the 'Rory Branagan' detective stories. My favourite part was being able to interact with the author when he did question and answer time. I also liked that I was chosen to get a copy of his book signed for the school. The author was very enthusiastic and got people involved.

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' MASS

The Leavers' Mass took place on Friday 25th May, starting at 11.30am, after the students had completed their English Literature exam.

Each tutor group entered the Hall, to the tune of Stormzy's 'Blinded by your Grace. The mood was one of reflection, and it was obvious that the students had realised this would be the last time that they would be together as a whole Year group, just as Mr Hughes the Executive Principal told them in his final speech.

Five years of studying at St Joseph's had come inevitably to an end for 220 students.

Canon John celebrated the Mass with the students and their tutors. There were songs and music from some students, bidding prayers read by representatives of each tutor group, and gifts brought up for the Offertory.

Each Tutor then addressed their tutor group with a farewell speech (or poem), wishing them luck for the future.

The Year 11 Student Manager also said her farewells to the students she had worked with for five years.

The Mass finished with a final hymn, and then 'These Days' by Rudimental. This was followed by a video compiled by one of the Tutors which showed photos of the students from Year 7 to Year 11. This caused great hilarity for the gathered audience, along with some gasps and guffaws from students as they recognised themselves or their friends.

As a final tribute, gifts were distributed to tutors from tutees as a thank you.

And then, time to leave. Farewells were said, tears shed, and another chapter in their lives had finished.

Good luck to all our Year 11 students for the future.

Plas Pencelli Trip

On the 1st July, 30 adventurous Year 9 students are disembarking on an action packed week of adventure in the rugged Welsh mountains.

Mr Chamberlain is taking the annual Plas Pencelli outdoor adventure trip. We are set for a week of rock climbing, caving, canoeing, and mountain climbing.

The brave pupils will take part in a night time blindfold gorge walk, using team work to negotiate the terrain, and have campfires and marshmallows.

On our return we will visit year 8 assembly to show you a slide show of the events and pupils will tell you some stories.

The sign up for 2019 will begin after that! Pray for good weather!

Mr Chamberlain

Oxford University:

The Oxford University's Computer Science department has selected two of our students, from across the country, to attend their advanced computer science course.

**Mariella Gonsalves
Jason Aguena Dia**

These students also attend our SJCC computer science enrichment on Wednesday afternoons. They are brilliant at maths and programming and commit their time to learning.

At Oxford our students will continue to learn computer programming languages such as Python, Java, C+ and state-of-the-art technologies from artificial intelligence to biocomputing from world experts.

Student Represents England in the Dance World Cup

Congratulations to Isabella Zarola (7G) who has been selected to represent England in the Dance World Cup. She will be travelling to Stiges in Barcelona to compete. Isabella is a highly accomplished dancer, who will be performing in three group dances of different styles, modern, tap and ballet.

This is the third time she has been asked to represent her country in international dance competitions.

We wish her all the best for her World Cup. Good luck Isabella!

National Book Tokens website competition

St Joseph's Catholic College needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself!

Just enter the competition online and nominate St Joseph's Catholic College as your chosen school, if we are lucky enough to win; it only takes a minute and here is the link:

<http://po.st/schools18>

Thank you so much!

MUSIC DRAMA DANCE

The Performing Arts had a really busy term with the Music - Drama - Dance Competition, where we saw a wealth of talent from across the college.

On the 22nd May, the college held a Winners' Concert. It was wonderful to see so many supporters in the audience and the students were brilliant on the stage.

Well done to all the students who took part. The winners were:

MUSIC

Year 7

- 1st** Violet Williams
2nd Ryan Maponga

Year 8

- 1st** Mary Kate Miller
2nd Dezaine George

Year 9

- 1st** Alfie Lee
2nd Rachel Parker and Bradley Gomes

Year 10

- 1st** Salewa Funsho
2nd Joy Micah

Year 11

- 1st** Philip Mercado
Ilana McCann

Across year group winners:

Sab Scanlon
Elizabeth Warwick

DRAMA

Monologues

- 1st** Grace McCrakem

Groups

Rogers Mubangizi
Sean Maponga
Brian Rodrigues
Cindy Kleinewegen
Sofia Bell
Ashley Kankam

DANCERS

- 1st** Lauren Peacey
2nd Sophie Fackrell

On Wednesday 20th June the Year 10 BTEC Dance Group did an exam performance for their family and friends. It was the last unit of their exam and it was wonderful to witness how much they have developed their dancing skills over the course of the year. Well done to you all!

Let's Go Champ!

This year one of our Year 10 Students, Lauren Peacey entered the world tap dancing competition along with her dance troupe. The dances involved some group pieces and solos. She only went and came 1st! Well done Lauren World Champion. The PE Department are all very proud of you.

NETBALL TOUR 2018

On the 23rd March a group of 30 girls across Years 7, 8 and 9 set off on netball tour.

They were heading for Conover Hall in Shropshire to represent St Joseph's in a Netball Tournament. All of the girls played extremely well and the coaches – Miss Foley, Miss Jones, Miss Brett and Mrs Bailey – are incredibly proud of them.

Each team was awarded Most Valuable Played and Most Improved for Year 7 that was: Tia O'Keefe and Agata Kajdy, for Year 8 that was: Jessica Kinner and Dezaine George. Year 9 Miss Jones: Most Valuable Mia Grace and Most Improved Chantelle Mwangi, Year 9 Mrs Bailey: Most improved Arianne Ogden, Most Valuable: Ashley Boby.

Well done to everyone involved and keep an eye for next year's netball tour.

International Judo Star!

Congratulations to Caelan Hammerton (Year 10) who has fought extremely well this year in club, national and international competitions. Some notable performances this year have been:



24th February 2018

Samurai interclub competition. Fighting at under 66Kg (U18) Gold medal

28th April 2018

d'Ath Belgium International Tournament. Fighting at under 66Kg (U18) Silver medal

10th June 2018

Western Area Closed Judo Tournament (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire & Wilts) Fighting at under 66Kg (U18) Bronze medal

Caelan is now training for the South Wales Schools Tournament, Brain Tumour National Judo Competition and the Western Area Open Tournament and we wish him well in the next step of his Judo career!

RUGBY READY!

Well done to the 38 students who represented St Joseph's at the girl's pitch up and play tournament which was held at Supermarine RFC on 30th April.

St Joseph's was not only well represented but also a credit to the college through demonstrating some excellent determination and grit. St. Joseph's dominated this tournament!

If you would like to play more rugby at Supermarine then training is on a Monday night at 6.30pm. All abilities are welcome with no fees to pay for beginners and guests.

If you require further information about the club, please see the RFU website at www.englandrugby.com or speak to a member of the PE department.

English Schools' Athletics

Round 1 (Schools Round)

On Thursday 24th May we took a small but talented group of athletes to the Swindon Schools Athletics trials to fight for the right to represent Swindon in the County Trials.

After a hard day of competition on both track and field with some excellent performances from our merry little band, we returned with 4 notable successes. Huge congratulations to Jo and Cami in Year 10, Jess in Year 8 and Luc in Year 7 for qualifying to represent

Swindon at the County champs in Salisbury.

We had a fantastic day with our gazebo (just in case it rained) and picnics. The students all performed to a very high standard and were a credit to themselves and St. Joseph's!

St. Joseph's team: Indee-May Worrell, Maddison Worrel, Jessica Kinneir, Camille Valere, Melroy Periera, Luc Droulez, Jonah Sparkes, Marcel Lewis, Otis Lewis, Oliver Stygall, Max Stephens, Joseph Knibb.

Round 2 (County Round)

Congratulations to all of our athletics who represented Swindon at the English Schools' Athletics on Saturday 9th June.

They are Luc Droulez (Year 7, HJ), Jessica Kinneir (Year 8, HJ/100m), Otis Lewis (Year 9, 800m), Joseph Knibb (Year 10, 400m/800m) and Teresa Iannetelli (Year 13 100m/200m). They achieved the following results:

Luc – High Jump – 6th in Wiltshire

Jessica – High Jump – 2nd in Wiltshire

Jessica – 100m – 5th in Wiltshire

Otis – 800m – 7th in Wiltshire

Joseph – 400m – 4th in Wiltshire

Joseph – 800m – 5th in Wiltshire

Teresa – 100m – 1st in Wiltshire

Teresa – 200m – 1st in Wiltshire



Well done to all!

Teresa has since been selected and performed at the Regional Athletics round of the English School' Competition. Teresa is eagerly awaiting to hear about a possible selection to the National Finals – good luck!



PE Extra-Curricular Academic Year 2018/19

BUY ONE, GET TWO FREE!

This year's extra-curricular PE activities have been very well received and well attended by students. However, next year's programme will be even better!

Activities will now take place up to three times per week! (term 1 only twice a week).

Examples of activities on offer: *rugby; netball; basketball; football; dance; hockey; volleyball; table tennis; athletics; cricket; rounders; dodgeball; gymnastics and cheerleading!*

Term 1 will focus on netball for girls and rugby for boys... SEE YOU THERE!