## Insight Summer 2014 Haf

## The official newsletter of St. Joseph's RC High School

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## NEW MUSIC IMAC TECHNOLOGY

## This term St Joseph's Music Department has been fantastically augmented by the arrival of six brand new shiny Apple iMac computers!

New Head of Department Mr Fitzgerald has been keen to move forward in the use and application of technology within music lessons throughout all key stages. The department was already furnished with nine iMacs but these were predominantly used for GCSE and A Level students to create and record their composition coursework. St Joseph's recognises that in this digital age it is vitally important that we utilise technology to engage and enthuse young people in their learning. With the addition of these six new iMacs the Music department now has already started to deliver exciting and engaging new units of work to whole classes of Key Stage 3 students. Using 'Garageband' Year 7 have enjoyed arranging their own pieces of music, Year 8 have been remixing Black Eyed Peas 'I Gotta Feeling' and Year 9 have been composing original film music soundtracks to a clip from Tim Burton's 'Corpse Bride'.

With the implementation of the school's iPad revolution, opportunities for students to become music composers, arrangers and reflective practitioners is very exciting. To grow as a learner, it is vital to have the opportunity to revisit, re-listen and improve work. The evolution of the Music department is an exciting journey and recent developments are only just the start of the digital journey...watch this (cyber) space! *Please see our website for more information on this story.* 



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# "I am not leaving our table until we have solved this puzzle!" Miss E Chamberlain









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As another very successful and busy term term draws to a close I would wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their support throughout the year.

This term we saw our examination classes making first class progress and this bodes well for another outstanding set of results in the summer. Our wonderful

## Acting Headteacher's Message neges y pennaeth dros dro

## Mr T Brown Acting Headteacher

staff have contributed so much to the school both within and outside of the classroom and I am truly grateful for their endeavour and hard work.

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to our headteacher, Miss Sue Jenkins OBE, following her brave battle with cancer. Her legacy is the wonderful community that exists at St.

Joseph's RC High School, in which young people, and the staff who work with them, flourish on a daily basis. This vibrant learning community can be seen to be alive within this edition of our newsletter, with the wide variety of activities and events that have taken place during the course of the last term. As well as gaining knowledge and developing skills in

the classroom, we see our pupils living their faith and growing together in a Catholic educational community which has Christ at the heart.

Finally as the term comes to a close, on behalf of everyone at St Joseph's RC High School we wish you and your families a restful and joyful summer and look forward to working with you in the Autumn.

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

## KEY STAGE3 **CELEBRATION EVENING**



Some of our Year 7 award winners







Some of our Year 9 award winners

Some of our Year 8 award winners

## On Thursday 3rd July, at our first Key Stage 3 Celebration of Excellence Evening, over 100 of our students were recognised for their commitment, determination and enthusiasm for learning.

The evening was a huge success and brought great joy to students, parents, carers, staff and governors.

The packed audience also enjoyed musical performances from Jessica King (Year 7), Zoe White (Year 7), Oliver Barton (Year 8) and Erin Flaherty (Year 9). It was a wonderful evening that provided us with a celebratory conclusion to an academic year that has been full of success. We look forward to this celebration being an annual event on our school calendar.

Many congratulations to all the award winners and others within Key Stage 3 who contributed in such a positive way all year.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS

## **Achievement Awards**

## Technology

Yr7 George White Yr8 Anastasia Wall Yr9 Alexandra Chen English Yr7 Elina Dvni Yr8 Victoria Hill Yr9 Carys Waters **Mathematics** 

Yr7 Kitty McHuah Yr8 Carmen Fong Yr9 Luke Simmonds

Humanities Yr7 Ellis Winstone

MFL

Art

Geography

ICT

History

Yr7 Galileo Cappellini

Yr8 Haidar Mathieson

Yr9 Edward McCarthy

Yr8 Alexander Willis

Yr7 Amelia Colombo

Yr7 Thomas Cowan

Yr8 Shannen Centeno

Yr8 Joseph Smith

Yr9 Joseph Alley

Yr9 Erin Hawkins

Yr9 Matthew Roche

Yr8 Elinor Davies

PE Yr7 Adam Price Yr7 Tegan Waters Yr8 Ben Torjesen Yr8 Marc Peplow Yr9 Rodi Mbongompasi Yr9 Rebecca Long

## Cwmraeg

Drama

Yr7 Zoe Paginton Yr8 Alix Sullivan Yr9 Joseph Alley RE

Yr7 Kitty McHugh Yr8 Shannen Centeno Yr9 Erin Flaherty

Yr9 Ellena Mathew Science

Yr7 Kitty McHugh Yr8 Ethan Sellers Yr9 Joseph Alley Music

Yr7 Jessica King Yr8 Oliver Barton Yr9 Erin Flahertv

## **Endeavour Awards**

## Technology

Yr7 Luca Vellucci-Senior Yr8 Louie Shepherd Yr9 Alessandro Cataldo English Yr7 Aine McDonald

Yr8 Ethan Sellers Yr9 Warren Carr

## Mathematics

Yr7 Shauna Purnell Yr8 Joao Fonseca Yr9 Dominique Lada

## Drama

Yr7 Abigail Samuel Yr8 Janneia Calahi Yr9 Erin Flaherty

## Cymraeg

- Yr7 Mateusz Gadomski Yr8 Anthony Oliveira Yr9 Alicia Glasgow
- RE
- Yr7 Ceinwyn Ashworth
- Yr8 Alexander Willis
- Yr9 Carys Waters

## History

Yr8 Holly Sparrow-Biggs Yr9 Siobhan Richardson

## ICT

- Yr7 Nansi Jones
- Yr8 Rahaf Ahmed
- Yr9 Charlotte Borley

## Geography

Yr8 Jerome Wynter Yr9 Ffion Waite

## Humanities

- Yr7 Toochi Chigbo PE
- Yr7 Ryan Muchewa
- Yr8 Amelia Alder-Wolf
- Yr9 Carys Waters

## MFL

- Yr7 Tayha Jupe
- Yr8 Kieran Hammett
- Yr9 Joseph Cox

## Art

- Yr7 George White
- Yr8 Thomas Holland
- Yr9 Grace Hurley

## Science

- Yr7 Elisha Balouch
- Yr8 Shannen Centeno
- Yr9 Lia Hadley

## Music

- Yr7 Joanna Kunicka
- Yr8 Marc Peplow
- Yr9 Michael Pesticcio



*Excellent visit to* St Joseph's RC High School today - to see teachers involved in top quality training and great to meet pupils as well"

Tweeted by Huw Lewis an hour after his visit.



## Ministerial Visit On Tuesday 10th June the Education Minister

for Wales, Huw Lewis visited St Joseph's.







The purpose of his visit was to meet our wonderful students and celebrate our "top quality" and "consistent" approach to the professional development of our teaching staff. He was able to spend time observing and taking part in a Year 10 Mathematics lesson that Miss Chamberlain was teaching.

He also congratulated us on our approach to collaborative professional development. He recognised that as a school community we seek to provide the best continuing development possible, with the aim being that best practice becomes common practice across our school and the other schools in South East Wales with whom we are working.

We were delighted that the Minister recognised the hard work of our staff and students. Our school community were very proud when he stated that all schools should "aspire" to be like St Joseph's RC High School.

In the afternoon Mr Lewis announced to Welsh Government that schools in Wales will have a legal duty to explain how they will train their teachers at all stages of their career and that all teachers should have access to high quality training; a view with which we agree and are already embracing.

# Enterprise Week

Y9 Enterprise and skills week sponsored by Lloyds Banking Group and E-Recycle provided students with the opportunity to set up in business, develop a prototype product and market their ideas.

The week started off with students attending various media, marketing and ICT workshops to equip them with necessary skills to develop their product ideas. The Managing Directors attended gruelling interview sessions with representatives from Lloyds and put their leadership skills into practice.

The teams also had the opportunity to attend a trade fayre event to market their products and put forward a convincing sales pitch in the hope for some potential investment at Dragons' Den. Some of the winning teams were 'Platinum' for best Trade stand with their 'home in a bag', 'Easy Green' for Best Product with their Grasshopper lawnmower, 'WEBO' for Best Business Plan, 'Reynolds and Co' with their iTrolley for Best use of ICT, 'Broken Record' for Best Eco Friendly with their phone case. Best MD went to Carys Waters and Best Supporting role went to Beatrice Amucha.

## Awards:

Best Business Plan (SJHS) : WEBO Best Product (Lloyds) : EASY GREEN Best Eco Friendly Product (E-Recycle) : BROKEN RECORD Best Use Of ICT (SJHS) : REYNOLDS & CO Best Trade Stand (Lloyds) : PLATINUM Reward Prize (SJHS) : COT Best Managing Director (Lloyds) : CARYS WATERS, ZENITH Best Individual Performance (Lloyds) : BEATRICE AMUCHA

Winners Of Junior Dragons' Den (SJHS) : COT AND PILLARM

Well done to all Year 9 for showing excellent collaboration, commitment and enthusiasm!

















Footwear prints...

Year 7 Science students discuss whether or not all fingerprints and footwear prints in the world are totally unique... Or are they?

"Ours are the same...? We've all got the same shoes?"

# RIME SCENE-DO NOT ENTER CRIME SCENE-DO

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## Forensic Science

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FORENSIC OFFICER

As part of the Year 7 curriculum, students are given the chance to experience the role of science in everyday life. This experience provides them with a chance to take a closer look at how Forensic Officers examine contact trace material associated with crimes. This follows the principle that 'every contact leaves a trace' that will offer potential evidence to link a suspect with the scene of the crime, the victim or the weapon.

Students are invited to carry out activities involving techniques used to 'lift' fingerprints from surfaces and analyse footprints left at the scene of a crime.

This is an excellent opportunity for the students to have some 'hands on' experience of science.



## Summer Reflection

The rush of life at this time of year can very often make us very tired. Whether we are students, teachers, parents or carers, keeping up with busy schedules, and the worries of the day can often wear us down.

Exhaustion, weariness, sleeplessness, constant tiredness... we've all experienced it. Yet it is so encouraging to know that when we have nothing left to give physically and mentally, that God never tires and He gives us the strength and love when we need it. Let this verse encourage us when we are exhausted.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31



## Prayer

Lord, we give you thanks for calling us to serve this Catholic community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may the seeds of the Gospel that you have planted in our hearts and called us to water in our school community continue to grow. Grant us a peaceful and restful summer that we may respond with joy to your on-going call to serve one another in Christ, in whom you make all things new.

We give You thanks, Almighty God, for all the graces you have given upon us. We thank You for letting us learn about Your will, and Your commandments, and for keeping alive the faith in our hearts! Grant that we may love You always, and do Your will with smiling hearts and an open mind,

Amen.



# in Les Menuires with Year 8 and 9







The Year 8 and 9 skiing trip to Les Menuires 2014 was a huge success (unless you count Mr Vaughan's lack of progress throughout the week). The trip started off with a 6:00am start from the school, as various bag sizes were loaded onto the coach, (hats off to Mrs Trethewey who managed to pack everything in a shoebox).

Amazingly, our flight from Bristol departed and arrived on time at Grenoble, and after a short transfer we were at the Hotel Le Skilt.

The view of the snow clad mountains from the balcony was breathtaking and we were all eager to get our skis sorted and hit the slopes.

Being woken up by a teacher knocking at your room door at 7.00 in the morning, is not usually the best way to start a holiday, but it was to get up to go skiing, so we couldn't wait. Apparently, one room of boys were all dressed and ready by this time each morning, but I fail to believe that!

Throughout the week,

different ability groups took to various slopes and improved technique and perfected their skills. The skiing was perfect, with deep snow and bright sunshine. Runs from red to black were mastered by all who took them on over the days that followed.

There were loads of funny and amusing moments, with some of the best involving comedy falls from the most ridiculous positions, and evening activities which included bumboarding, a bob-sleigh run and our own version of the Winter Olympics.

Whilst the skiing trip is an amazing experience, it is certainly a tiring one, and after returning home, I was pretty certain everyone else was exhausted just like me and practically slept for a whole week!

We had a fantastic time, and we all can't wait to go again! Carys Waters 9P

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# Barcelona 14

"Estupendo!!! It was a great experience and I would definitely go again." Louie Shepherd "Sobresaliente! I had a great time and would recommend the trip to everyone." Ethan Sellers

"Amazing memories that I'll treasure forever!" India Farkas

## Year 8 recently embarked on an epic coach journey to Calella.

It was an interesting trip which encompassed activities as varied as a visit to the beautiful and peaceful monastery and cathedral at Montserrat to Beach Olympics and St Joseph's Got Talent at Calella.

We spent a fantastic day in Spain's splendid second city of Barcelona. Students toured Camp Nou, the enormous Barcelona football stadium

and wandered along La Rambla, in amongst the market stalls and street artists. A highlight was a visit to Barcelona Port and the aquarium, giving us the opportunity to see the wonderfully varied architecture of Barcelona, including Gaudi's famous Sagrada Familia Cathedral.

We spent a hair-raising day at the theme park in Port Aventura where many of us went on the tallest rollercoaster in Europe.

A fun and exhilarating day was had by all.

Wandering amongst Spanish families and small shops in Calella during the evenings was lovely, allowing the students to practise their Spanish skills in the shops and cafés.

Travelling back via Milau Viaduct and Paris was an excellent end to a thoroughly enjoyable visit! The students represented St Joseph's admirably and used their Spanish at every opportunity. The staff can't wait to go back next year!

Mrs Blake Head of Modern Foreign Languages





Shambhala in PortiAventura...aaaaahhhh!



Selfie..



Beach Olympics in Calella

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Beautiful La Rambla, Barcelona



Camp Nou Football Stadium



Monserrat Monastery



Our recent moderator was overwhelmed by the amount of diversity within the students work, and also the range and amount of traditional art and print making.

The moderators were greatly







Natasha Wassall, Lino Print

Katie Montgomery, Ceramics

Colleen Centeno, Multi Media





Above Left: Ashley Davies, Watercolour Above Right: Amy Bateman, Pencil Drawing (detail)

Gilbert Sabiti, Sketchbook







Reya Lanot-Manuel, Sketchbooks



George Goom, Graphite and Chalk

Danielle Madden, Acrylic on loose canvas





Abigail Hinds, Acrylic on framed canvas





Doll's House by Chelsea Smith GCSE Child Development



A wide range of innovative projects produced by GCSE technology students demonstrate their high level of skills and capabilities in Textiles, Resistant Materials and Product Design. All work was of an excellent standard and some work has been being recommended for the prestigious innovation awards competition [+].



Activity Centre by Katie Crosbie GCSE Child Development



Knife Rack by Marni Thorpe GCSE Product Design

> Low Voltage Lamp by William Ryley **GCSE Resistant Materials**

Matthew Williamson inspired outfit by Urszula Maslowska GCSE Textiles



Children's Bedroom Light by Kalisha Goodman **GCSE Resistant Materials** 



**A/ASLevel** 

Multi Storage Unit by Carl Knapp



Wine Storage by Asim Rizwan



Spider Storage Unit by Ethan Bennet

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Products designed and manufactured by AS/A level students succeeded in impressing the Awarding body, resulting in 2 of the projects [ 🔶 ] being recommended for the prestigious innovation awards to be held in October. All products demonstrated a wide range of techniques, processes and use of materials and were a demonstration of the students' hard work and commitment.

William Morris Inspired Design by Lucilla Jones **A Level Textiles** 

60s Inspired Design by Dayna Wrozyna A Level Textiles









## Technology taster day...

Next year's GCSE Technology students enjoyed a taster of technological scientific learning last week, when they were set a project to make a working robot for a drive on the moon.

St Joseph's were visited by Dark Sky Wales, who provided our Year 9 with an exciting challenge to inspire and encourage their interest in technology and its vast applications - to design, build and then programme a robot to travel on a determined route over the moon's surface.

The students were given an enormous box of specially design Lego, a programmable body and a computer - then let loose in teams for the whole day. They could look at a scale model of the moon's surface with obstacles, boulders and even an astronaut to collect on the vehicle's route...

Not a simple task! However, Dark Sky were extremely impressed with our students and said they were "the most engaging and motivated students we have ever seen" and were particularly impressed with the students' perseverance in meeting the challenges presented.

## Well done Year 9.



# Carnegie Medal Final

"The books were really good this year especially "The Bunker Diaries", I've never read a book like it before" Ciaran McConnell

You can watch all the videos the students produced on the school You Tube channel via the school website.



The Reading Groups combined traditional methods with the latest technology during their shadowing of the Carnegie Medal this year. Having read all 8 books on this year's most varied and challenging shortlist, they decided to create a book trailer promoting the one they thought most deserved to win. Using devices such as digital cameras, iPods, iPads and PCs, they worked in groups to produce amazing 'You Tube' style videos. These were then used as part of their presentation to persuade the audience of teachers, staff from Newport Library and a reporter from the South Wales Argus, that their choice should win the coveted prize.

"I've really enjoyed making the video. I've not used imovies before and I was amazed at how easy it was" Kira Jamieson 7P



## **District Cup results**

A massive congratulations to all students who took part in the District Athletics Championships. The results speak for themselves; the PE staff are very proud of all their students...

## **U14**

200m	Kristian Nicolaas (Year 8)	1st
300m	Christian Postle (Year 8)	1st
Shotput	Ben Torjesen (Year 8)	1st
Triple jump	Chris Urquart (Year 8)	1st
Relay	Ben Torjesen, Kieran Chindoo-Roy, Chris Urquart, Kristian Nicolaas	1st

100m	Benedict Mbongompasi (Yr9)	2nd
200m	Rodrigues Mbongompasi (Yr9)	1st
300m	Ethan Rideout (Yr10)	1st
800m	Dale Bonnici (Yr9)	2nd
1500m	Joseph Cox (Yr9)	1st
Relay	Benedict Mbongompasi, Rodriguez Mbongompasi, Kellan Jones, Dan Kasongo	
Long Jump	Christian Mbongompasi (Yr10)	1st
Triple Jump	Michael Caguiwa (Yr10)	1st
High Jump	Tumise Ogunmilua (Yr10)	1st
Shotput	James Barrat (Yr9)	1st
Discuss	Milo Channing (Yr9)	1st

## An additional congratulations and good luck goes to students who have been selected to compete at the Welsh Schools Athletics Championships:

Tumise Ogunmilua, Rodrigues Mbongompasi, Kellan Jones, Joel Fowler and Sam Hughes (captain).

## **Newport West District Minors results**

The following pupils will now compete in the County Minors on Wednesday 2nd July.

1500m	Tegan Waters	2nd
Discus	Jessica King	1st
200m	Dan Tilley	1st
Hurdles	Osvaldo Miguel	2nd
800m	Luca Vellucci-Senior	1st
Discus	Dan Tilley	1st
Javelin	Callum Penn	2nd
Relay	Dan Tilley, Morgan Collins, Joel Morgan, Luca Vellucci-Senior	1st

200m	Armani Williams	1st
800m	Bethan Parker	1st
1500m	Anna Brown	2nd
100m	Ben Torjesen	1st
200m	Kristian Nicolaas	1st
300m	Christian Postle	2nd
800m	Louis Shepherd	1st
Relay Girls	Armani Williams, Cailtlin Lake, Katherine Saunders, Charity Ndlovu.	2nd
Relay Boys	Kieran Chindoo-Roy, Chris Urquart, Kristian Nicolaas, Ben Torjesen	1st
Long Jump	Caitlin Lake	2nd
High Jump	Amelia Alder-Woolf	2nd
High Jump	Dan Carnegie	2nd

The U14 girls got through to compete in the South East Wales Interschools Athletics Championships on 19th June 2014.

**Congratulations to Emma Hennessey and Armani** Williams. They have been selected to compete in the South East Wales Schools in the National Athletics Championships on 5th July 2014.



## Year 7 Climb Everest, compete in dodgeball competition and go Loom Band crazy, all for charity

This term Year 7 pupils have 'stepped-up' to the challenge of raising money for their charity Tenvous! Pupils individually had to complete 210 step ups in order to accumulate the total height of Mount Everest. Eight form tutors along with Miss Morgan each completed the required steps alongside their form.

Year 7 pupils also took part in a girls' and a boys' dodgeball competition, with each form competing against each other to gain the crown of dodgeball competitions! Individual pupils took on the ownership of making loom bands and selling them to raise money to support our year charity. All money raised has been kindly donated to our charity Tenvous!

year. Keep up the good work!

Da iawn blwyddyn 7 ar eich dinasyddiaeth eleni. Daliwch ati gyda'r gwaith da!



## PE Raffle Results First prize

of a Gwent Dragons Signed Rugby Shirt went to Joseph Graham 7E, second prize of a signed Gwent Dragons Rugby Ball went to Rhys Bendon who plays for Mrs Yates' Under 8 Rugby Team. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, we raised £45 for our charity.



## Well done Year 7 on your citizenship this



Loom Bands made by 7S (from left) Martha Powell, Lucy Thomas, Jessica King, Natalia Shwartz, Tegan Giwons.



## Dates for your diary 2014

## AUTUMN TERM TYMOR Y HYDREF

September	
1	Training Day
2	Autumn Term begins - Years 7 and 12 only
3	Autumn Term begins - Years 8, 9, 10,11 and 13
5	Training Day
9	School Photographer Year 7, 9, 11 and 13
25	Key Stage 4 Celebration of Excellence
30	Engineering Trip to Caerleon Campus Year 12
October	
9	Year 11 Parents' Evening
15-24	School Mission Begins
16-19	Welsh Trip to Nant Gwrtheyn Year 13
18-20	Art Trip to Paris (Year 13)
20	Injections: HPV Year 8, School Leavers Booster Year 10
21-23	Open Morning
23	Geography Trip to Deeside Year 10
27-31	HALF TERM

November	
13-14	Technology Trip to Southerndown Year 8
26	Year 8 Parents' Evening
20	Year 12 Parents' Evening
28	Training Day
December	
1-12	Year 11 Mock Examinations
2	Year 13 Parents' Evening
9-11	Engineering Workshops in Caerleon Year 12
17	Advent Service and Concert
19	End of Autumn Term

Please be aware that if there are any unforeseen circumstances, these dates might change.

Catch the St Joseph's RC High School news as it happens on: www.sjhs.org.uk twitter.com/sjhsnewport www.facebook.com/stjosephsnewport

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