

Insight

Examinations 2013 Arholiadau

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

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EXAM SUCCESS 2013

Welcome to our special examinations edition of Insight. This year has been an amazing one for the school: the Estyn and Section 50 inspections judged us to be the amongst the very best schools in Wales, our GCSE results were the best our young people have ever achieved.

With 88% of students achieving the equivalent of 5 A*-C grades and no child leaving the school without a qualification. At A Level we bucked national trends with a record number of A* and A grades awarded to our students. These are exceptional results which will provide our students with an excellent foundation for their future careers and whet their appetites for lifelong learning. Thank you for all you do in building our partnership between home and school, which forms the foundation of this success.

I am confident we can continue this trend. There is a culture of 'can do' here amongst all of us involved in the school. Our whole school community is one which continues to have huge aspirations. For that reason our focus will continue to be on ensuring the richest learning experience for young people during their time here. This means continuing to develop and share excellent teaching, to look at how digital technology can support, extend and transform learning and to continue to ensure that we lift the lids off our students' potential.



Serving God Through
Learning Together

Yn Gwasanaethu Duw Trwy
Ddysgu Gyda'n Gilydd

Congratulations



A common phrase today in education is the 'team around the child'. It is not as simple as student and teacher, there are so many others playing a key role in caring and nurturing our students, which include some of society's most vulnerable young people. Whilst the academic success of students is vital, our school, I hope and believe, is a place where all children feel safe, secure, loved and cared for. It is their home in the day and everyone in our school community recognises their responsibility in ensuring that for the pupils this is how it feels. Congratulations to all the students who have achieved so much this summer. We are very proud of you. We hope and pray that we continue to provide a fertile earth within which our young people will grow and flourish. **Mr Trevor Brown, Acting Headteacher**

A Level Success

We were delighted with the success of our Year 13 students this year. 80% of grades achieved were in the A*-C bracket, with an equally impressive 47% being A*-B and 99% A*-E. 97% of our students achieved the Level 3 Threshold. This is an exceptional achievement by our students and reflects their hard work and the dedication of their teachers. There were many instances of individual success stories, including our highest achievers, Jack Bird, Alexander O'Keeffe and Georgia Price who now take up their prestigious places at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Bath University and Bristol University respectively.

There were also stories of individuals who through persistence and determination achieved their target grades and earned a place at the university of their choice. All students who decided to attend university have been accommodated, and now take the next step in their academic careers. We wish them every possible success and happiness for the future, and thank them for everything they have given to the school during their time with us.

AS Results

Once again, our Year 12 students have managed to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level with an impressive set of AS results. There were many examples of students achieving above and beyond expectations and they are now well on their way in taking their first steps towards the all important university application. Special mention must however go to Charlotte Burridge, George Mainstone, Patrick Quinn and Bethan Phillips who all achieved 4 or more A grades.

A number of our students have also spent time over the summer at the prestigious Oxford and Sutton Trust summer schools, where they will have honed their intellectual curiosity in preparation for their final year, and some have spent a week learning leadership skills with the Rotary Club of Newport. We would also like to congratulate all of our collaborative students who had great success with us at St Joseph's, and our students who benefited from the opportunities and teaching offered at our partner institutions. Again, we wish them every possible success.

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University Destinations



Daniel Burridge



Ellen McDonnell



Joseph Waters



Jack Bird

Gareth Alder-Woolf reading History at Nottingham
Sophie Barry reading Counselling Psychology at Swansea Metropolitan
Klaudia Bartoszczyk reading Psychology and Criminology at Aberystwyth
Jack Bird reading Music at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
Lowri Boswell reading Economics at Leicester
Camella Buckley reading English with Creative Writing at University of South Wales
Daniel Burridge reading Economics at Nottingham
Ellen Carter reading Welsh at Cardiff
Conor Clement reading History at Swansea
Amelia Cook reading Primary Education at University of the West of England
Ellen Counsell reading English and Drama at University of the West of England
Adam Cullen reading Chemical Engineering at Birmingham
Kendra Danaher reading Geography at Bristol
Caitlin David reading Geography at Swansea
Philomena Dineen reading Art at Reading
Keira-Ann Dowsell reading Criminology and Law at University of South Wales
Christie Dunn reading Civil Engineering at Swansea
George Edwards reading Law at Exeter
Harvey Elvambuena reading Sports Science at Swansea
Jack Evans reading Property Development and Planning at University of the West of England
Georgia Fletcher reading Nursing at University of South Wales
Francesca Garcia reading History at Southampton
Elizabeth Gorny reading Drama at Bristol
Conor Griffin reading Media and Creative Industries at University of East London
Lloyd Griffin reading English at Loughborough
Hannah Griffiths reading Geography at Bristol
Paige Griffiths reading Sociology at Cardiff
Samantha Griffiths reading Primary Education at Northampton
Adrian Grzymala reading Software Engineering at Cardiff Metropolitan
Jack Hale reading Business Management at Cardiff
Jessica Hatton-Evans reading Sport Conditioning and Rehabilitation at Cardiff Metropolitan
Rhys Hawkins reading Aerospace Engineering at Swansea
Rosie Higgins reading English and Film at Southampton
Barry Hill reading Film and Television Studies at Aberystwyth
Annabelle Ho reading Product Design at Cardiff Metropolitan
Zoe Holloway reading Sport Development at Cardiff Metropolitan
Owen Howard reading History at Worcester
Shannon Howe reading English with Creative Writing at University of South Wales
Eleanor Howes reading Primary Studies at University of South Wales
Samuel Jenkins reading Animation with Visual Effects at Buckinghamshire New University
Amy Jim reading Management at London School of Economics
Luke Johnston reading Police Sciences at University of South Wales
Shannon Joyce reading English with Creative Writing at University of South Wales
Aaron Lee reading Law at Oxford Brookes
Naomi Lengyel reading Occupational Therapy at Cardiff
Harry Lewis reading English and Drama at Cardiff Metropolitan
Rhiannon Lewis reading Biology at Swansea
Joanne Loader reading Art and History of Art at Reading
Joshua Masini reading Law at Bristol

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University Destinations



Georgia Price

Morgan McConnell reading Physical Geography at Swansea
Ellen McDonnell reading Economics and Politics at Exeter
Taylor Miller-Davies reading Sport Studies at Cardiff Metropolitan
Jade Molumby reading Journalism at University of South Wales
Terence Mora reading Business and Management at Cardiff Metropolitan
Caitlan Morris reading English at Swansea
Kirsty Murphy reading English at University of the West of England
Nina Neckiewicz reading Criminology with Applied Psychology at Aberystwyth
Taylor Norton reading Accounting and Finance at Cardiff Metropolitan

Joseph Norvill reading Biomedical Sciences at Manchester
Paolo Nuzzo reading Accounting at University of South Wales
Gwilym O'Donovan reading Physical Geography at Swansea
Alexander O'Keeffe reading Civil Engineering at Bath

Jason Oluwa reading Sport Studies at Southampton Solent
Ishwar Pahimna reading Nursing at Plymouth

Sara Parselle reading History with Archaeology at Bangor
Daniel Pearson reading English Literature at Liverpool
Danielle Percival reading Film and Broadcast Production at London Metropolitan
Harrison Powell reading English at Cardiff

Georgia Price reading English at Bristol
Martyn Pugh reading Police Sciences at University of South Wales
Jacob Pumford-Jones reading Conservation Biology at Plymouth

Eleanor Redfearn reading Educational Studies at Cardiff Metropolitan
Victoria Rooney reading Accounting and Finance at University of the West of England
Stephen Ruthven reading Mathematics at University of South Wales

Molly Ryan reading Sport and Exercise Science at Oxford Brookes
Georgina Saunders reading Classics and English at Swansea

Aaron Saysell reading History at Swansea
Samuel Scarisbrick reading History with Education at University of South Wales
Pollyanna Sheehan reading Social Sciences at Bath

Jordan Snelgrove reading Outdoor Leadership at University of Cumbria
Katy Sparrow-Biggs reading Developmental Psychology at University of South Wales
Lily Stevens reading Interior Design at Southampton Solent

Olivia Sully-Karlis reading Music Technology at London Metropolitan
Alyza Tabor reading Ancient History at Cardiff

Carys Thomas reading Sociology and Criminology at Cardiff
Alex Thompsett reading Mathematics at Portsmouth

Jordan Trott reading English and Journalism at Coventry
Scott Vitalini reading History at University of South Wales

Joseph Waters reading English Literature at Manchester
Charley Welsh reading Criminology at University of the West of England
Darius Wheatle reading Management at Liverpool

Andrew Williams reading International Relations and Politics at Oxford Brookes
Ashleigh Williams reading Psychology at Cardiff

Sam Williams reading Geography with Environmental Studies at Southampton Solent
Paige Woodward reading Media Production at University of South Wales

Christopher Dechong Yang reading Electrical Engineering at Southampton
Artur Zaczkowski reading Business and Management Studies at University of South Wales



Alexander O'Keeffe



Adam Cullen



Hannah Griffiths

Year 11 Success

Just when you think things can't get any better... Record Level 2 results!



Sincere congratulations to our fantastic Year 11 pupils who achieved the best Key Stage 4 results recorded by the school, with 87% achieving the Level 2 threshold. This figure refers to the percentage of pupils achieving 5 A*-C grades. The percentage of pupils achieving a C grade in Science was 96%, 81% in English Literature, 76% in English and 57% in Mathematics. We were also delighted that 97% of pupils

achieved the Level 1 threshold, achieving 5 A*-G grades or more and no pupil left St. Joseph's without a qualification. This is a figure we are particularly proud of as we continue to ensure that all pupils are able to achieve whatever their ability or circumstances.

These fabulous results are testament to the committed partnership between home and school and, of course, to the hard work and considerable talent of our pupils.

Some of our pupils' performance was particularly impressive, achieving top grades in many of their subjects. A special mention must go to those pupils who achieved 7 or more A/A grades or equivalent:*

Student Name	No of A*/A grades
Fersha Gauran	12
Hannah Brunnock	12
Jason Jim	12
Anna Maria Saunders	11
James Ruthven	11
Saleha Shah	11
Francis Bolivar	10

Giordan Price	10
Joseph Keane	10
Jemima Moorcroft	9
Leah Paginton	9
Carmen Garcia	8
Elan O'Donovan	8
Eleanor Mone	8
Maria Saba	8
Niamh Harrison	8

Nikita Tejaa	8
Raul Caguiva	8
Sophia Brustad	8
Callum Fitzpatrick	7
Damian Smolinski	7
Eimear Brown	7
Fiona Fessey	7
Jacob Tilley	7
Martha Pole	7

A number of our Year 11 pupils have shown great commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance throughout their studies and we are delighted with their achievements this year. We extend our congratulations to Fiona Fessey, Abigail Jarvis, Joseph Keane, Conner Owen and Olivia White.



Record Breaking!

With over 84% of our EAL students achieving a Level 2 threshold it is great to see how successful these students are in school and to see how they thrive in their academic studies.

When analysing what is a record breaking set of results for the school it was fantastic to see the wonderful results achieved by the EAL students in Year 11 this year.

It is also testament to the Inclusion staff, the teaching staff and to the pupils themselves to see that 97% of these pupils achieved at least a C in Science, 91% in English and 69% in Mathematics.

The GEMS department in school work very closely with these students to ensure that their needs are met and their progression is evident for everyone to see. We are very pleased to see that 28 of the 32 EAL pupils that studied with us for their GCSEs have chosen to continue their studies in the sixth form. We look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in the sixth form.



Year 10 Successes IT ALL COUNTS

Year 10 pupils also sat external examinations this year with some excellent achievements. Highlights include 72% of the year group achieving a C grade or higher in the short course GCSE in Personal and Social Education which is equivalent to half a GCSE. In English Literature, whereby the entire year group are entered, 76% achieved a C grade or higher; in Sociology, 78% of those entered achieved a C grade or higher; in History, this figure was 63%.

Hopefully, this success will help Year 10 pupils to build in confidence ready for their examinations in Year 11. We know they will make us very proud.

Impressive End of Key Stage 3 achievements: Year 9, it's only just begun...

At St Joseph's RC High School, we are always keen to celebrate the successes of our younger pupils, particularly those who have reached the end of a key stage. We know that the success enjoyed by pupils at Key Stages 4 and 5 is only possible because of the stimulating and challenging learning experiences available to pupils at Key Stage 3 which aims to foster and nurture in pupils a lifelong love of learning.

With this in mind, it is with great pleasure that we celebrate the achievements of our Year 9 pupils, 91% of whom achieved a Level 5 or higher in English and Science and 90% achieved a Level 5 or higher in Mathematics. This figure indicates that a large proportion of our pupils achieve the level expected. 85% of Year 9 pupils also achieved a Level 5 in at least five subjects, including English and mathematics which is a very encouraging figure, looking forward to Key Stage 4.

Particularly impressive are the pupils who achieved Level 7s or higher in at least 7 subjects by the end of Key Stage 3, an incredible achievement:

Student Name	No of Level 7/7+
Edward O'Keefe	11
Rose Evans	11
Rebecca Harper	11
Rebecca Jervis	11
Josie Ash	11
Kerry Ruthven	10
Cerys Walsh	10
Bethan Doughty	9

Christel Bodonia	9
Matthew Evans	8
Daniel Kasongo	8
Jamie Medina	8
Elisa Iles	8
Niamh Reynolds	7
Callum Doughty	7
Connor Morris	7
Ifra Inayat	7

Freya Jones	7
Chiara Luongo	7
Eve Fussell	7
Caitlin Finnerty	6
Jake McDonald	6
Georgia Schwartz	6
Jerrin Baby	6
Rory Nicholls	6
Luciana Oliver	6

These successes are due to hard work and really effective partnerships between pupils, teachers and parents/carers and place our pupils in a very strong position for success at the end of Key Stage 4 in less than two years' time.



Edward O'Keefe



Rose Evans



Rebecca Harper



Rebecca Jarvis



Josie Ash

Home Language Success At All Levels

The talents of our pupils know no limits with more pupils achieving additional qualifications in their home languages.

Achieving a GCSE in Polish were Year 9 pupils, Szymon Budnarski, Jakub Dziechciarz, Weronika Grzelczak, Wictoria Fabijan-Van-Tienderen, Damian Jenda and Year 11 pupils, Krystian Michalcewicz. Congratulations to all. Particular success was enjoyed by our Year 9s with Daria Jakalska, Oktawia Fabrijan-Van-Tienderen, Michalina Neckiewicz, Julia Neckiewicz and Natalia Szeliga all achieving an A* grade.

Other successes were Kazuya Ishiba who achieved an A* in GCSE Japanese and Kristina Delahaye who achieved an A*

in Russian GCSE. Peter Wall achieved a GCSE in Greek while Beatrice Amucha, Joseph Amucha and Giulia Angelucci all achieved a GCSE in Italian. These are all fantastic achievements by pupils who have put additional time into their studies to achieve these qualifications. Well done!

These qualifications are not limited to GCSE, however. Claudia Silva in Year 10 achieved an AS level in Portuguese, while Mateusz Bartoszczyk, Maja Stepien, Kacper Stopa and Kamil Stopa, in Year 12, all achieved an A grade in AS level Polish.

A notable performance was Christopher De Chong Yang, a member of Year 13, who achieved an A2 level in Chinese, achieving a Grade A. A fabulous achievement - congratulations!



An evening celebrating outstanding success...



On Thursday, 26th September at our annual Celebration of Excellence Evening over 200 of our students received awards for academic excellence, good citizenship and other contributions to the life of the school. The evening was a huge success and brought great joy to students, parents, carers, staff and governors.

The packed audience also enjoyed talented musical performances from Kelechi Chigbo (Year 11) and Giordan Price (Year 12). It was a wonderful evening that provided us with a celebratory start to the year upon which we are sure further success will be built.





RYLA

For one week this summer we had the fantastic opportunity to partake in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award at Dolygaer Outdoor Education Centre.

Following an interview with our local Rotary Member, we were able to achieve this award that is issued to only 1000 students across the country every year.

Throughout the week we had the amazing opportunity to go caving, canoeing and gorge walking as well as learning other skills including; rope work and navigation.

The purpose of the week was to develop our team leading abilities. For one day we each led our team members in one of these activities. This included ensuring all members' safety, planning routes and giving demonstrations. All the skills we learnt were then put to use during a super challenge on the final day that really tested out team work abilities!

As well as all the physical activities throughout the day, during the evenings we were able to enjoy the company of 20 other brilliant people. We were able to relax, play games, watch films and get to know our team members even better. We thoroughly enjoyed having this opportunity to participate and we will certainly recommend to all!



Apologies to Sophia Brustad

In our Summer Insight the wrong name was printed next to the Smart Necklace that Sophia skilfully designed and produced. Congratulations Sophia on completing such a dynamic project.



This year the fantastic weather brought with it some amazing performances across all four year groups involved in Sports Day 2013. I would like to thank all of the students who demonstrated determination and team spirit, something we feel is a particular strength of St Joseph's students. The PE department would also like to thank all the St Joseph's staff who went an extra mile to help us prepare for what was a very successful school event.

We are always very excited about the prospect of our students competing in a positive manner throughout the year in inter-school events, but there is always something special about Sports Day. It brings the whole school together and I am very proud of what was achieved again this year. I would also like to thank Lloyds TSB who enabled this to become a community affair, providing us with medals and certificates. I look forward to extending these links through the academic year.

SPORTS DAY 13



by Mrs Yates
Head of PE



AN OUTSTANDING NUMBER OF NEW RECORDS WERE BROKEN:

Field Events

Event	Name	Year	Distance
Girls Discus	B. Doughty	9	19.95M
Boys Javelin	K. Jones	8	34.50M

Track Events

Girls 100M	A. Williams	7	13.87sec
Girls 200M	A. Williams	7	27.97sec
Girls 800M	B. Parker	7	3.02min
Boys 100M	B. Torjesen	7	12.70sec
Boys 800M	G. Paders-Ball	7	2.39min
Boys 100M	T. Williams	10	11.13 sec
Boys 300M	T. Williams	10	39.56 sec

Relays were spectacular and ALL eight previous records were broken:

Girls Year 7	Girls Year 8	Girls Year 9	Girls Year 10
7V = 1.04min	8V= 1.02min	9V = 59.81secs	10T = 1.01min
Boys Year 7	Boys Year 8	Boys Year 9	Boys Year 10
7V = 50.17sec	8V = 54.95sec	9V = 51.47sec	10H = 50.00

Croeso I'n Staff Newydd



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Art Teacher



MRS S ROBERTS
Music Teacher



MISS Z PASSARIELLO
Science Teacher



MISS C BROWNING
Sociology Teacher



MISS L DACK
Business Teacher



MR G REES
Athrawes Gymraeg



MR R PRICE
Maths Teacher



MRS J ASHFORD
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Maths



MRS K MORGAN
Science Teacher



MR G PHILIPS
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MRS R SCOTT
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