

St. Joseph's RC High School Ysgol Uwchradd Gatholig Joseff Sant

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As year 11 students enter the final stages of preparation for their GCSE examinations, it is also the time for them to start considering their next step in their academic/career pathway.

At St Joseph's, we believe we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which caters to the needs of all our learners, grounded in the Catholic ethos and nature of the school, and we would like to invite you to attend an evening presentation where we will outline all that we can offer as a sixth form. For the last three years, the sixth form at St Joseph's has been graded in the top 25% of sixth forms across the UK based on achievement and value added to GCSE performance, and we are justly proud of all of our students who have gone on to great success. At the meeting, you will have the opportunity, along with your child, to speak to senior members of staff and hear from subject leaders regarding the suitability of specific subjects at Advanced level, and possible future pathways for your children, which may include apprenticeships, university study, or how A Levels can enhance employment opportunities. As there have been a number of changes to the post-16 curriculum since September 2015, I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend, and as the demands placed on students at this level are extensive, it is essential that the correct information is presented.

The date for this meeting is **Thursday 24th January at 6.00pm**.

In collaboration with the Newport West Partnership, we are able to offer courses at other institutions if students are unable to take them at St Joseph's, or if we do not offer those courses. Our partners in this are Bassaleg School, John Frost School and Newport High School. There will be a separate Collaborative Information evening on **Thursday 7**th **February at the Christchurch Centre from 4-7pm**.

During our meeting, we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have and offer suggestions regarding the most appropriate pathway for your child. I urge you to attend the evening at St Joseph's and look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,

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Joseph Ryan Head of Sixth Form

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