

Insight

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

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SERVING GOD THROUGH LEARNING TOGETHER

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Congratulations

“Even the smallest achievements pave the way to great successes”

Mary Kay Ash



I am privileged to introduce this edition of Insight which allows us to share with you the success of all our pupils this summer.

The school has a track record of excellent examination results over time and this is the result of consistent commitment and dedication from our students and staff.

This year at GCSE, pupils performed exceptionally well across all subjects, resulting in:

32% of all grades awarded were A*/A. Nationally 20%.

78% of all grades awarded were A*-C. Nationally 63%.

98% of all grades awarded were A*-G. Nationally 97%.

34% of our students achieved 5A*-A grades.

68% of pupils achieved a minimum of 5 A*-C grades (inc. Mathematics and English).

99% achieved a minimum of 5 A*-G grades.

74% of students were awarded an A*-C in mathematics. Nationally 49%.

80.5% of students achieved an A*-C in English. Nationally 55%.

In Year 13, pupils shared similar outstanding success with

30% of all grades achieved were A*/A.

75% of pupils achieved at least 3 A levels at A*-C.

These fantastic achievements demonstrate how hard our students have worked, how tirelessly they have pursued their dreams, and how they continue to strive with ambition for their future. We are very proud of the young people that leave St Joseph's, willing and able to serve others in a true spirit of faith and love.

Finally, to our devoted parents and carers.

Thank you for working with us in partnership, united in the common goal of nurturing and guiding each child toward success. It is only working with you that we are able to live out our mission, summarised in the words, Serving God Through Learning Together.

**Mrs J Morgan,
Headteacher**

Welcome to our new Year 7 pupils



As a Head of Year, it can be an apprehensive time welcoming new students into our school community. As this is the first time I have taken a Year group through from the beginning, I shared a lot of the same feelings that pupils had. I was equally nervous and excited about starting over with a new year groups, waiting to see how they will mix with their new peers, take to moving around the school, having different teachers and learning so many new subjects and coping with a much quicker learning pace. However, I have to say what a proud Head of Year I am! Year 7 have coped brilliantly with all the new challenges they've faced in their transition to high school.

Since Year 7 have started they have presented themselves very well; their uniform has been immaculate and their attitude to new lessons has been outstanding. They are making the most of all the opportunities available to them at St Joseph's, particularly the extra-curricular clubs.

Whilst settling in, I have been overwhelmed with how enthused and keen our young people have been to engage in their learning and have the right attitude about their school life. It has been a pleasure to see so many young people helping each other find their way around and forging new friendships whilst still valuing their old friendships.

Overall, I cannot express how impressed both myself and their teachers have been with how well they have begun their journey at St Joseph's. This has been demonstrated by the sheer volume of praises earned each week thus far. They have given an amazing first impression and I am certain that they will maintain these high standards throughout this academic year and their whole journey at St Joseph's.

**Da lawn Blwyddyn Saith.
Mr S Wood, Head of Year**



Mr S Wood
Head of Year 7



Ms J Howells
Assistant Head of Year 7

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Year 11 Success

Llwyddiant Blwyddyn 11



A message to all of our Year 11 students! Before we even look at your exam results, it is very important to celebrate you as excellent individuals who have collectively had a very positive impact on our school. Your commitment, passion and enthusiasm have permeated all aspects of school life and you have created a very lasting and tangible legacy. You all progress on your different pathways as kind, compassionate, charitable, and loving people who will make a positive difference in the world, and we all know there is nothing more important than that. Your talents in music, drama, sport and so many other areas are also incredible, and we hope and pray that you continue to develop and share these in your life moving forward. Individually, you have all shown such grit and determination in the face of real challenges, but your excellent relationships with your friends, peers and teachers have made the real difference. Of course, we now need to celebrate the academic progress you made over the five years from Year 7 but never lose sight of the type of person you are and what you do for others, as this is the real mark of excellence.

Every one of you has shown excellence and made a positive difference and we thank you for this. We also wish you all the best moving forward into Sixth Form, college, apprenticeships and employment.

Congratulations from all the staff and pupils in our school.

Year 11 - Excellent academic results

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our pupils, whose hard work throughout their school career earned them the GCSE success we celebrated in August. This year, a staggering 34% of pupils achieved five or more A*/A grades and 70% achieved five or more A*-C grades, including English and Mathematics. We are also very proud that 99% of pupils achieved five or more A*-G grades and all pupils left with a qualification. These are truly fantastic results demonstrating excellent pupil progress and the continuing, committed partnership between home and school. An enormous well done to all our talented and conscientious pupils.

34% of pupils achieved five or more A*/A's!

We would like to congratulate all these pupils whose resilience and strong work ethic has enabled them to make excellent progress throughout their studies.

We are proud of all of our pupils who have met or exceeded their personal targets and we wish them great success in their new chosen pathways.

Joshua Chacko	Sayanora John	Diyon Shaji
Justin Chacko	Ava Bailey	Mia Wagstaff
Noel Sebastian	Bailey Channing	Sofia Chicken
Josh Abraham	Wiktor Dabrowski	Cassandra Chua
Rijo Abraham	Ali Elharri	Kian Harvey
Celine Bestel	Jennifer Pastuszek Leon	Cara Jones
Adam Chua	Michael Rudd	Poppy Masterson
Olive Dunster	Hannah Wozniak	Anna Pittappillil
Josna Joby	Scarlett Baker-Perry	Ashwin Chacko
Hannah Joseph	Sinead Centeno	Luke Evans
Karolina Modzelewska	Zahrah Magallanes	Ioan Gilbert
Marc Sana	Konrad Maj	Whbet Hbtemicael
Aryam Sium	Eva Meddins	Koby Howells
Emmanuel Suayan	Yianis Muscat	Beri Njini
Austin Aji	Martina Obonova	Anita Pittappillil
Audrey Alcid	Libby Szwajcer	Yasmeen Samad
Maya Arcos-Archard	Siya Thomas	Oliver Bradshaw
Aaron Byju	Elinor Webb	Lily Buckley
Gwilym Davies	Meah Alexander	Ava Cueto
Adlin Joby	Kinga Benova	Marco Davies
Thea Perry	Leo Chen	Nicole Jarvis
Joseff Bailey	Noah Grijaldo	Eliana Khasraw
Jack Chenery	Leyla Kavak	James Porter
Carter Greenaway	Alfie Manoj	Brooke Pratlett
Mailee Gumsley	Elisha Mathew	Luca Scarpato
Luca Howells	Jamimah Mitchell	Caitlin Williams
Reeve Joby	Allyssa Salvador	

KS4&5*25 CELEBRATION

“Celebrate good times, come on!”

A huge well done to the 200 pupils form years 11-13 who were invited back to the 2023 Celebration of Excellence. Over 200 pupils were recognised for their excellent academic achievement and progress.

Several pupils also won the prestigious subject diversity awards. These pupils were nominated by Heads of Department to receive certificates named after highly successful scholars in each subject.

SJHS Special Awards

The winners of the SJHS highly contested trophies were:

Year 12 Millennium Award for Highest Academic Attainment	Zara Jones
Year 13 Joseph Witherington Award for Highest Academic Attainment	Tennessee Cruz
Sue Jenkins Young Leader Award	Joseph Pauly Nya Miller Davies
Excellent Contribution to Drama	Luc Champs
Excellent Contribution to Music	Cormac Wiltshire
Excellent Contribution to PE	Aidan Mora
Excellent contribution to the Religious Life of the School	Luc Champs
Overall winner for Excellent Contribution to the Life of the School	Lucy Hurley Aidan Dempsey
Year 11 Sue Bettossi Award for Excellent Contribution to the Life of the School, KS4	Thea Perry
Year 11 Peter Morris Award for Excellent Contribution to PE	Luke Evans
The Paul Bennett VI Form Award for Endeavour and Progress in Science	Lauren Hughes Shawn Joseph

Life of the School Award 11J	Lexi Powell
Life of the School Award 11O	Niall Yunus
Life of the School Award 11S	Olive Dunster
Life of the School Award 11E	Yianis Muscat
Life of the School Award 11P	James Porter
Life of the School Award 11H	Whbet Hbtemicael
Life of the School Award 11T	Martina Obonova
Life of the School Award 11V	Siya Thomas

Year 12 and 13 Subject Awards	
Campbell Award for Applied Business	Charlie Morgan
Holland Award for Art and Design	Oliver Rocke Ella Perrott Joseph Cross Amelia Szoka
Wallace Award for Biology	Tadhg Burrell Stephanie Ajogwu,
Brady Award for Business	Marcus Gibbons Barrington Joe Pauly Angelica Winterflood Connor Mcdonnell
Meitner Award for Chemistry	Aidan Dempsey Amelie Wixey, Simon Bellia
Tracey Chou Award for Information Technology	Charlie Morgan Kevin Efrem Tesfay
Ginni Rometti Award for Cyber Security	Dominic Havelot Alexander Urgosik
Sutherland Award for Criminology	Gabriella Jenkins
Berkoff Award for Drama	Raffael Shepherd Poppy Slavin
Gillian Clarke Award for English	Keisha Ortega Anastasiia Kolotusha
Attenborough Award for Geography	Summer Spencer Chiara Ruggiero
Seymour Award for History	Andrew Suayan, Raffael Shepherd Angelica Winterflood
Horne Award for Mathematics	Andrew Suayan Stephanie Ajogwu
bell hooks Award for Media	Evan Williams Anastasiia Kolotusha
Crawford Award for Music	Keisha Ortega Javier Gonzalez
Einstein Award for Physics	Tennessee Cruz Zara Jones
Rashford Award for PE	Regan Cain-Culverwell Sophia Jones
Sister Denise Award RE	Anais Stewart Lucie Norville
Sewell Award for Sociology	Lilly Oakenfull Jorja Meese Gabriela Byles
Saunders Award for Welsh	Kyron Rosario
Sir Alan Sugar for WBQ	Tennessee Cruz Ashlyn Nigil



AS/A LEVELS



A Level Success

We are extremely proud of the outcomes that these students have achieved. Year 13 pupils have demonstrated that they are able to adapt, thrive and succeed in the face of adversity and I am proud of all that they have accomplished over the last seven years.

30.6% of all grades achieved were A*/A.

75% of pupils achieved at least three A Levels at A*-C.

86.5% of pupils were awarded A Levels at A*-C.

99.7% of pupils achieved A Levels at A*-E.

These excellent grades reflect their work ethic and commitment to their futures, and were also the strongest results in Wales.

Notable individual academic success must be recognised in the following students who all achieved absolutely amazing grades: James Boyle, Tadhg Burrell, Tennessee Cruz, Aidan Dempsey, Fatima Faisal, Maria Gladwin Rubio, Lucy Hurley, Riya John, Jins Joseph and Keisha Ortega.

We wish all of our Year 13 students every success and happiness in their next steps and I hope that you keep us up to date with all that you achieve.

AS Level Success

Year 12 have excelled in their academic and individual performances and look to build on these results at A Level

18% of students achieved three AS Levels A*-A grades.

75% of students achieved three AS Levels A*-C grades.

97% of students achieved three AS Levels A*-E grades.

Notable academic success includes the following students who all achieved a minimum of three A grades: Stephanie Ajogwu, Zohaib Babr, Simon Bellia, Joseph Cross, Zara Jones, Anastasiia Kolotusha, Jenny Lau, Conor McDonnell, Kyran Medina, Chloe Newman, Jeswin Shabu, Lydia Thwaites, Oliver Trangmar and Amelie Wixey.

We wish all our Year 12 students the very best of luck for their Year 13 studies.

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A huge congratulations to all our alumni Sixth Form pupils. We wish them success and happiness whichever pathway they have chosen...

Student	Path chosen	Reading
Kieron Alzate	University of Bath	Mechanical with Automotive Engineering
Emma Atkinson	Nottingham Trent University	Business Management and Marketing
Aled Bailey	Swansea University	Law with a Year Abroad
Jack Bartlett	University of Stirling	Biology
Neha Basil	Cardiff University	Pharmacy
Lewi Beizsley	Cardiff Metropolitan University	LLB Law
David Beres	Cardiff Metropolitan University	LLB Law
Theo Bidhendy	Swansea University	Mechanical Engineering plus Foundation
Anurudth Binu	Cardiff University	Accounting and Finance
Steven Bodonia	Cardiff University	Computer Science (Year in Industry)
Fritz Bolivar	Cardiff University	Biomedical Sciences
Carla Brice	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Professional Policing
Jack Brunnock	University of South Wales	Strength and Conditioning
Kacie Buckley	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Criminology (with Foundation Year)
Tadhg James Burrell	University of St Andrews	Biology
Charlotte Burton	University of Exeter	LLB Law with Professional Placement
Rhys Buttigieg	Swansea University	Sport, Media and Culture
Regan Cain-Culverwell	Cardiff University	Law
Alfie Casa-Grande	Swansea University	Civil Engineering
Luc Champs	University of Bristol	History with Innovation
Iris Rodríguez	Nottingham Trent University	Psychology (Forensic Psychology)
Tayamika Chinungu	Birmingham City University	Adult Nursing (September)
Sophia Chua	Swansea University	Healthcare Science (Cardiac Physiology)
Anna Cinotti	University of Bristol	Comparative Literatures/Cultures and Italian
Megan Clee	University of Exeter	Flexible Combined Honours
Amber Couldrey-May	University of South Wales	Performance and Media
Tennessee Cruz	University of Cambridge	Medicine
Sofia Dakin	Swansea University	Psychology with a Foundation Year
Gavin De Silva	Cardiff University	Medicine
Aidan Dempsey	University of Gloucestershire	Wildlife Conservation Biology (with placement)
Theo Djan	Swansea University	Law

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Joseph Dunster	University of St Andrews	Computer Science
Ethan Edwards	Swansea University	Business Management
George Eedy	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Sport and Exercise Science
Rodge Escouita	University of South Wales	Performance and Media
Grace Evans	University of Exeter	Geography
Fatima Faisal	Cardiff University	Occupational Therapy
Dylan Fernandes	Cardiff University	Mechanical Engineering (Year in Industry)
Marcus Gibbons-Barrington	Cardiff University	Business Management
Maria Rubio	University of Warwick	Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
Lucy Graham	University of Birmingham	Psychology
Lauren Hughes	Swansea University	Pharmacy with a Preparatory (Foundation) Year
Lucy Hurley	University of Bath	Pharmacy
Riya John	Cardiff University	Medicine
Jins Joseph	Cardiff University	Dentistry
Tanjeena Kahim	Cardiff University	Education
Jayne Khonje	Lancaster University	English Literature and Creative Writing
Thomas Larsen	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Business and Management
Joshua Lewis	Swansea University	Modern Languages, Translation and Interpreting with a Year Abroad
Nikhitha Manu	Cardiff University	Nursing (Adult)
Namitha Manu	Keele University	Pharmacology with Foundation Year
Muna Mathieson	University of Liverpool	Dental Surgery
Trey Mathuthu	University of Exeter	Law
Jorja Meese	City St George's, University of London	Journalism
Nya Miller-Davies	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Education, Psychology and Special Educational Needs
James Moon	Swansea University	International Relations and History
Aidan Mora	Cardiff University	Physiotherapy
Charlie Morgan	University of South Wales	Applied Cyber Security
Sophie Morrison	University of Exeter	Drama
Freya Myson	Cardiff University	Sociology and Education
Hosanna Nadeem	Swansea University	Nursing (Adult)
Ozaim Obaid	Queen Mary University of London	Financial Mathematics (Professional Placement)
Keisha Ortega	University of Southampton	English Language and Linguistics
Joseph Pauly	London School of Economics and Political Science	Management

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Ella Perrott	Cardiff University	Nursing (Adult)
Anna-Lucia Petschenyk	University of Exeter	Criminology with Study Abroad
Oliver Phipps	Cardiff University	History
George Poyner	Swansea University	Law with a Year Abroad
Richa Reji	Cardiff University	Pharmacy
Niamh Rice	Cardiff University	Ancient History
Lily Robinson	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Early Years Education & Professional Practice
Oliver Rocke	Leeds Arts University	Computer Games Art
Daniel Rodziewicz	Cardiff University	Biochemistry
Kyron Mongas Rosario	Cardiff University	Accounting and Finance
Aleah Rosario	University of Birmingham	Sociology
Lewis Ross	Cardiff University	Environmental Geoscience
Rosmy Saju	Swansea University	Applied Medical Sciences (inc Foundation)
Adam Salah	Bristol, UWE	Psychology
Alexa Scarpato	Cardiff University	English Literature, Journalism and Media
Cassandra Schiavoni	University of Exeter	Law
Caitlin Shearer	Liverpool John Moores University	Education and Primary Studies
Raffael Shepherd	UCL (University College London)	History and Politics of the Americas
Julia Sobkiewicz	University of Nottingham	Law
Summer Spencer	University of Exeter	BSc Criminology (plus Employment Abroad)
Andrew Suayan	University of Bristol	Aerospace Engineering
Alfie Sullivan	University of South Wales	Media Production
Maddox Thomas	Cardiff University	Psychology
Jessica Thomas	University of South Wales	History
Amelia Thomas	Cardiff University	Nursing (Adult)
Tessa Vellachalil	Cardiff University	Medicine
Christian Villaruz	University of Reading	Architectural Engineering
Ryan Wainfur	University of Exeter	Law
Hannah Wakeham	Manchester Metropolitan University	English and Film
Evan Williams	Loughborough University	Politics and International Relations
Maicy Williams	University of Liverpool	History
Tahja Cheneé Wilson	University of Manchester	Criminology
Cormac John Wiltshire	Bangor University	Music
Zak Windsor	Swansea University	History and American Studies
Elsie Anne Wright	Manchester Metropolitan University	Psychology

WHAT'S NEW? UPDATES

So what's new at St Josephs?

Let's welcome our new teachers, school support and teaching assistants to the St Joseph's family.



Miss C Allison
Head of Physics



Miss B Moore
RE Teacher



Miss K Angove
English Teacher



Miss P Harrison
Teaching Assistant



Mr E Stephenson
Teaching Assistant



Mrs N Hamid
School Support Officer (Finance)



Mrs S Welsby
School Support Officer (Repro)



Miss V Randall
Cover Supervisor



Miss M Tucker
English Teacher



Miss B Burke
Teaching Assistant



Mrs J Bishop
School Support Officer (Exams)



Mrs L Stafford
RE Teacher



Mr J Walker
Cover Supervisor

The Summer Holidays were again a busy period for our amazing Site and IT teams. Here are the projects they have been working on:



Site team

- All stage electrical equipment were tested and repaired where needed. Full emergency light annual test and temperature monitoring valves annual service and lightning rod annual inspection and clean, including 5-Year statutory electrical test carried out (next one due 2030). All street lights checked with 11 new bulbs, new electric sockets fitted tech room ready for new equipment and new sockets where needed.
- All drains and fat traps jet washed and cleaned and pumping station annual service and clean. Including all bins cleaned and refreshed ready for new term and full clean of all gutters on site.
- Annual safety inspection carried out on moveable walls, issues highlighted have been rectified and repaired, roller shutter door annual inspection, repairs have been carried out and completed. All fire dampers checked and cleaned plus all fire extinguishers checked and replaced. Inspection and repairs of all external blue doors, replacing doors pins to ensure safety, all window mechanisms repaired. New emergency exit crash bar fitted in the sports hall.
- All PE equipment annual inspection, service, and repair where required, all new basketball nets erected rear playground. Full annual inspection, air handling units, including science chemical cupboards, art kiln room and tech workshops.
- Heat pump system now commissioned and running so the school no longer uses gas for heating and hot water and a full inspection and clean of all solar panels has been completed.

IT team

Device Refresh: All computers and laptops that no longer support Windows 11 have been replaced. Every device now runs Windows 11 and Office 365 with updated configurations and policies to improve performance and security.

Wireless Display Adapters: Each room is now equipped with a wireless display adapter, allowing you to mirror your laptop to the projector.

Monitor Upgrade: Outdated monitors in your classroom have been swapped out for new, high-resolution models to support all teaching needs.

IT have also conducted a comprehensive audit of all Chromebooks across the school. The results of this report will help ensure that all devices are accounted for, properly maintained, and ready for use in the new term.

Once again, the whole school community is incredibly grateful to both teams of dedicated professionals that manage site and it infrastructure, providing a safe, modern and clean environment in which to work and learn. We thank each one of them for their continued hard work and first class support.

DAVE'S POLYTUNNEL



The polytunnel project has been lead by Mr Dave Whitehouse from the Site Team, erecting and setting up during 2024/25.

"I covered the inside with chippings then decided on the planting for it's first year; Beefeater tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, pumpkins, courgettes, potatoes, radish and seed bomb lettuce. I would love next year (Year 2) to do this and more, perhaps attempting some onions, cucumber, runner beans, spring garlic and peppers as well". Dave

"It was fantastic to see the change over such a short period of time - Dave has done an amazing job at making the polytunnel producing some beautiful veg, I'm getting my order in early next year!!!"





Introducing

the new Student Leadership Team

Joseph

I am proud to serve as one of the Head Boys, studying Mathematics, Physics, Advanced Skills and Art, with the hope of pursuing Architecture at university. I run the school's 'Architectural Association', teaching technical arts skills weekly. Performing in musical productions, playing competitive tennis and organising and exhibiting at art shows, I feel privileged to be a part of the rich extra-curricular life of the school. I believe that both academics and play are strengthened through our Catholic ethos, which I also aim to uphold. I welcome any questions you may have, so please feel free to ask!

Angelica

I am honoured to represent the Sixth Form as Head Girl. I study Maths, History and Business Studies, with the ambition of pursuing Economics at university. Outside the classroom, I work as a lifeguard and was previously a dedicated swimmer, regularly competing for Newport. Both roles have strengthened my perseverance, discipline and commitment. One of my most meaningful experiences in Year 12 has been mentoring younger girls in Year 5 Maths as part of my Advanced Skills coursework. Supporting them to grow in confidence and explore opportunities in STEM has been incredibly rewarding. I am passionate about being approachable and ensuring every student feels supported, valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

Javier

Hello! I'm Javier and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as a Head Boy for the school that has supported and enabled my academic and personal growth over the past six years. I am studying Music, English and RE with goals of

pursuing a career in music. As Head Boy I aspire to be a purposeful and kind student leader, to whom others can look up to as a positive role model. Please feel free to voice any questions to me as I am happy to help!

Chloe

I'm incredibly proud to be Head Girl as it is a role that allows me to give back to a school community that has inherently shaped who I am. I see this position not only as an opportunity to lead but also to listen, support, and work with both students and staff to help create an inclusive and respectful environment. St Joseph's has taught me the value of hard work, empathy, and community so as a member of the Student Leadership Team, I hope to continue promoting student wellbeing, encouraging student voice, and creating more opportunities for everyone to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Ruby

Joining a new Sixth Form was the best thing I've done for myself. It was definitely an intimidating decision, but one that proved to be incredibly fulfilling. In my role as Head Girl, I will be able to give back to the place that means the most to me. From my very first day here, I've been incredibly inspired and amazed by how involved the students have been in shaping the school, especially the Student Leadership team. They were responsible for the execution of events, like parents evening and induction days, which inspired me to join the team later that year. I'm very passionate about students' wellbeing and creating an inclusive environment where every voice matters. I believe in the power of students' voices and I aim to serve as a link between students and staff to help create ideas and turn them into reality.



Joseph

Head Boy



Angelica

Head Girl



Javier

Head Boy



Chloe

Head Girl



Ruby

Head Girl



Shawn

Head Boy

We would like to congratulate all our Sixth Form students on their new roles.

Shawn

Hello, My name is Shawn, and I am proud to serve as Head Boy at St Joseph's. In this role, I am committed to representing our school community with dedication and integrity, supporting both students and staff wherever I can. I hope to share my experiences, set a positive example, and provide a voice for students' ideas, concerns, and ambitions. Being part of the Sixth Form has given me the opportunity to grow academically, socially, and personally, and I want to help ensure that all students feel supported and empowered to achieve their potential. I look forward to working closely with the school community to build a sense of unity, encouragement, and collaboration.

Joilene

Hi, my name is Joilene! I'm so excited to introduce myself as one of your Deputy Head girls this year. It's such a privilege to work within our school community, and I am eager to bring positive changes forward to our school and support everyone in their academic journey. I aim to uphold the warm and welcoming atmosphere in our school and raise a sense of belonging and growth among students. I am passionate about helping students to thrive both academically and socially with a range of ideas that they may want to implement. I hope to make our school a better place where students feel supported and eager to try out new things. Let's work together to create a more prosperous and friendly community and grow as one!

Thomas

My name is Thomas, I am a student in Year 13 and I am honoured to be a part of the Student Leadership Team this year as Deputy Head Boy. I have been a part of St Joseph's since Year 7 and am currently studying English Literature and Language, Media Studies, Theatre Studies and Advanced Skills A Levels. I hope to attend Cardiff University to complete a degree in Journalism, Media and English Literature which aligns with my future career path in journalism and media. This year I would like to work collaboratively with other members of the leadership team towards creating a Sixth Form humanities forum, where students can share past revision. This will increase revision motivation and create a space where students can discuss revision collaboratively, allowing revision to be more efficient and less intimidating for a variety of students, increasing overall productivity across the Sixth Form.

Noah

During my time at St Joseph's from Year 7, I have grown up surrounded by the values of our school and am honoured to now serve as Deputy Head Boy. The mission of "Serving God through Learning Together" has shaped my journey, reminding me that education is not only about achievement but also about faith and community. What stood out to me was the genuine sense of belonging and I have built lasting friendships and strong relationships with teachers who support and guide me. This has helped me grow in confidence and take on new challenges.

What makes St Joseph's different is not only its high expectations, but also the care and encouragement that underpins everything we do. I feel inspired by the community and our faith to be an example for younger students. I believe every student here is part of something greater, encouraged to grow both academically and personally, preparing us for life beyond school.

Poppy

I am thrilled to introduce myself as one of the Deputy Head Girls for this academic year at St Joseph's. This role allows me to represent the values of our school stemming from our Catholic ethos, support all students and contribute positively to the wider school community. Through my studies in History, Psychology, Drama and Advanced Skills at A Level, I am aware of the stresses and struggles inflicted by being in Sixth Form, so I strive to create a positive environment within the school. I am committed to leading by example and ensuring every student feels heard, included and empowered to reach their full potential.

Oliver

Hello! I'm Oliver and I'm proud to be one of the deputy head boys here at St Joseph's. I'm excited to work with my fellow students to make St Joseph's a better place for everyone. My goals are to improve our Sixth Form connections and to promote Christianity within the school. I hope to ensure all students have access to the support they need and to share my experiences so you make correct choices in your academic life.

Madeleine

In my final year of sixth form I aim to improve the school and help its pupils to the best of my ability. I mean that's why I wanted this role not to benefit myself but to make a change and help out wherever I can. I will always put the needs of others before myself because I genuinely care about both the school and its pupils..



Joilene

Deputy Head Girl



Thomas

Deputy Head Boy



Noah

Deputy Head Boy



Poppy

Deputy Head Girl



Oliver

Deputy Head Boy



Madeleine

Deputy Head Girl



WELCOME TO THE SIXTH FORM

We are thrilled to welcome our new Year 12 students into the Sixth Form at St Joseph's.

We are excited that students, once again, can have full access to our Sixth Form facilities, including the Common Room and Study Area and that many of our additional courses are now running hybrid face to face and virtually. Many students have already signed up for courses or work experience opportunities to support their future plans, and the SEREN group is up and running.

Year 13 have continued their excellent performance record, and UCAS applications are already well underway.

Keep up to date on apprenticeships, information downloads and important dates in the Sixth Form sections of our website, UCAS or on your Instagram page @SJHSSixthForm



Look at your Google Classrooms everyday. They are full of essential information about lessons, homework, independent study, UCAS, career opportunities and more.

You should be now have codes for all of your classes. If not please check our website and download the list.

Year 12:

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Year 13

ifctvkn

Reuse & Recycle



We are delighted to say that after five years of running the 'SJHS Uniform Shop' we have been able provide our community with over 4500 blazers, skirts, trousers, jumpers and PE kit. Not only saving our purses but the planet too. Thank you for all your support and donations, we hope our system means that no pupil is ever without uniform they need.

If your child needs uniform during the year or wishes to swap something that no longer fits, please advise them to pop in and see me, Mrs L Kent, and we can try and find them what they need.



'Absolutely fantastic idea. Well done St Joseph's' 🙌 🙌 ”

As a school, we believe that supporting our young people and our school community is essential. At the end of last term we fully embraced the 'recycle and resuse' mindset, and via social media and Schoolcomms, gave all our families the option to bring in any good quality uniform that was no longer needed. The result was outstanding!

We then opened the school over the summer and hundreds of families were able to collect great quality, pre-loved and, in some cases, new uniform for the following academic year.

In this current climate - both financial and environmental - we are pleased to help in some way. Our young people all know where to come for uniform should they need to exchange, borrow or collect what they need. Mrs Kent's office...or simply ask your form teacher.

We accept donations all year round



ALL THINGS CAREERS

An update from Mrs Lindsay Todd, SJHS Careers Officer

South-East Wales: Employment Opportunities and Demand Sectors

For students considering their next steps, understanding the local labour market is crucial. South-East Wales continues to experience growth in several key sectors:

- **Healthcare and Social Care:** with an ageing population, demand for nurses, carers, and mental health professionals remains high. NHS Wales is one of the largest employers in the region.
- **Technology and Digital:** Cardiff and Swansea are hubs for tech startups and digital firms, with roles in software development, cybersecurity, and data analytics seeing strong growth.
- **Construction and Skilled Trades:** infrastructure projects across the region have created opportunities for electricians, plumbers, and civil engineers.
- **Education:** schools and colleges are recruiting teachers and support staff, particularly in STEM subjects.
- **Hospitality and Tourism:** seasonal demand continues in coastal and rural areas, offering entry-level roles and progression opportunities.
- **Green Energy and Sustainability:** Wales' commitment to renewable energy is generating roles in environmental engineering and sustainability consultancy.

Linking Education to Employment

The rise in vocational and technical qualifications is encouraging, especially as they align with many of the growth sectors in SE Wales. For example, students who have completed qualifications in health and social care or digital technologies are well-positioned to enter high-demand fields.

As a Careers Adviser, my role is to help students interpret their results not just as academic achievements, but as stepping stones toward meaningful careers. Whether a student is pursuing further education, an apprenticeship, or entering the workforce directly, understanding the local labour market helps them make informed, confident decisions.

Next Steps and Support

Students unsure of their path can explore resources such as Careers Wales, Working Wales, and local FE colleges such as Coleg Gwent, St David's Catholic College and Cardiff and Vale College. These platforms offer guidance on training, apprenticeships, and job opportunities tailored to the Welsh economy.

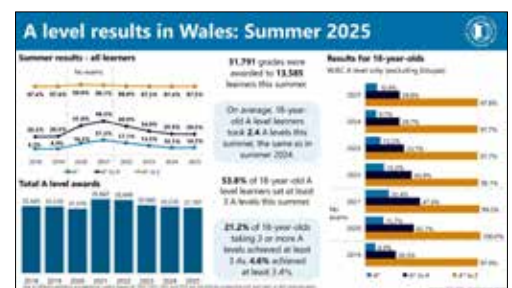
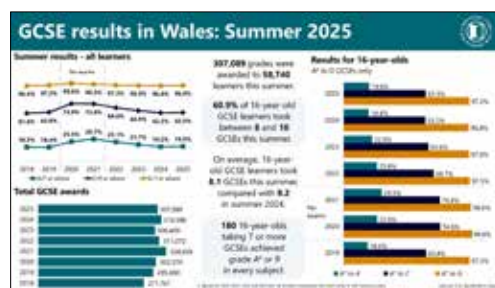
In SE Wales, we're fortunate to have a diverse and growing economy. By connecting exam results to real-world opportunities, we can empower our young people to take confident steps into their futures.



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GCSE and A Level Results: What They Mean for Young People in SE Wales:

As a Careers Adviser working with St Joseph's students in SE Wales, the release of the 2025 GCSE and A Level results offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on student achievement and link these outcomes to the evolving local labour market.



CAREERS WALES

Future Jobs with Careers Wales

Priority sectors are areas of work identified for growth or development in the region. They are priority sectors because of:

- New developments and changes that are affecting the industry, such as technology or meeting green targets.
- New skills required
- An industry that is growing and developing
- Skills shortages in the industry

These areas of work are important to help grow the economy and provide more jobs for the future.

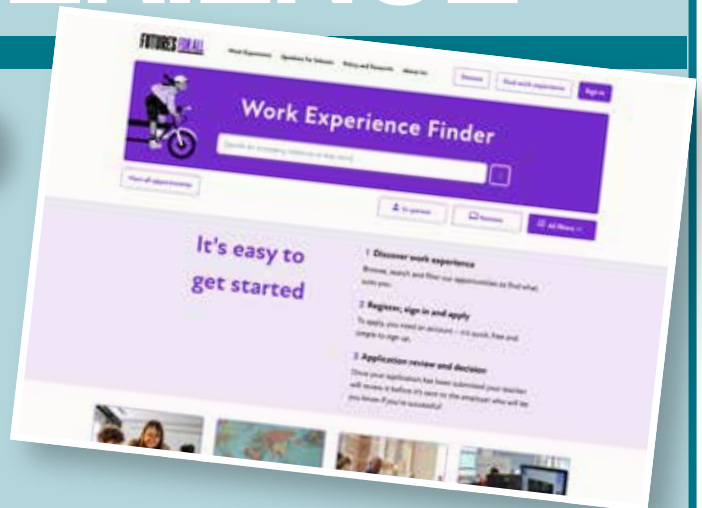


WORK EXPERIENCE

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Work Experience Finder

This online, scrollable discovery feed is designed for employers to showcase placements and for young people to explore the latest opportunities. You can search, filter, and sort, and browse by featured career types, industries, subjects, and closing soon. Plus, signing in grants access to saving and viewing your favourites, as well as tailored searching based on your location.

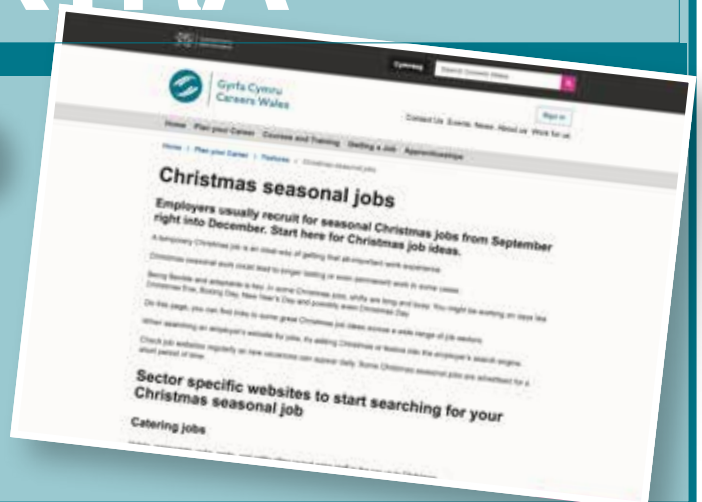


A LITTLE EXTRA

Christmas Jobs

Employers usually recruit for seasonal Christmas jobs from September right into December.

A temporary Christmas job is an ideal way of getting that all-important work experience. Christmas seasonal work could lead to longer lasting or even permanent work in some cases. Being flexible and adaptable is key. In some Christmas jobs, shifts are long and busy but check this site to see if there is anything suitable for you.



Dates for your diary 2025

Autumn Term TYMOR Y HYDREF

September	
1	Inset Day
2	Year 7 return to school
3	Years 8-13 return to school
5	Year 12 Induction
10	KS4/5 Celebration Evening
11	School Photos (Years 7,9,11 and 13)
16 & 18	Year 11 Numeracy Mock GCSEs
17 & 19	Year 7 CAT4 Tests
22	Year 12/13 Art Trip to Bristol University
24	Year 11 Geography Trip to Newport
30	Year 7 Pastoral Parents' Evening
October	
3	Year 10 Art Trip to Oxford
13	Year 12/13 Art Trip to Swansea Uni
15	Diwrnod Shwmae Day
21-23	Open Mornings (Year 6 Parents only)
22	Year 13 PE Trip to Cardiff City Stadium
26-29	History Trip to Berlin
27-31	HALF TERM

November	
4 & 6	Year 11 GCSE Numeracy Exams
10-17	Year 11 Progress Exams
13	Year 11 Trip to Coleg Gwent
19-20	Year 7-11 Flu Immunisations
21	Inset Day
24	Inset Day
25	Year 12 Parents' Evening
December	
2	Year 8 Parents Evening
8-12	Missions Week
9	Year 12 Parents Evening
17	Advent Service
19	Last day of Term

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Please be aware these dates might change due to unforeseen circumstances.

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