

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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Headteacher's Message neges y pennaeth

It is my pleasure to introduce and welcome you to the final edition of Insight for this school year. There has been much to celebrate over the course of the year and I am incredibly proud of the achievements of students both academically and across an extensive range of sporting, cultural, physical and extra-curricular activities. It is wonderful to see and read about how our young people are becoming ambitious, enterprising, ethical and confident individuals who will go on to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

As you can see in the pages that follow, education at St Joseph's is about more than the flight towards academic success. At a time when there is such pressure for students, teachers and schools to demonstrate their academic achievements and progress through exam results, it is vital that we do not lose sight of the true purpose of education. What you will see and read about in our magazine is that our mission is to draw together the importance of wellbeing, confidence, happiness and relationships in education with the academic rigour that is necessary for us to be able to offer all children in our school the opportunities to flourish. I would like to thank you for all you do as parents, carers and friends of St Joseph's; we really couldn't achieve any of what you will read about here without your support.

Farewell

As is inevitably the case we are sorry to be saying farewell to a number of colleagues this year who leave us for pastures new. Having spent several years in the Religious Education department, Mr Brown leaves us to take up the post of Head of Religious Education at St Illtyd's High School; Mr Hendry, Head of Music, is relocating to Tunbridge Wells to take up a similar post at Skinners' School; Miss Herman is relocating to take up the position of a Music teacher at the Wales International School, Abu Dhabi; from the Mathematics department Mr Rego leaves us to take up a similar post at Llandaff Cathedral School; Mrs Pearson will take up the position of a Religious Education teacher at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High

School; Mr Hardee leaves the Mathematics department to take up a similar post at St Julian's School and Mrs Lancaster is taking up a position at the Crown Commercial Service. We thank all of our departing staff for their dedicated service and commitment to the school.

Congratulations

While it is always sad to see people go, it's good to know that they will be going to spread the good work of the school to other places. We are very excited by the new additions to our team from September and we will share details of these appointments in the autumn edition of Insight.

We have also made a number of internal appointments and offer congratulations to the following members of staff. Mr Seghiri, Head of Mathematics, has been seconded to the senior leadership team as Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Chamberlain will support Mr Seghiri by taking up the position of Associate Head of Mathematics; Mr Ryan, Head of Sixth Form, has been appointed as the school's Lead Research Champion; Miss Norton Assistant Head of Year 11; Miss Miles Assistant Head of Year 10 and Mr Doughton Assistant Head of Year 7.

We are all looking forward to working together with you again next year and I would like to thank you for the role that you play in the school as it is integral to our success and crucial to the progress of each individual child.

Best wishes for a glorious summer and God bless, Mrs J Jarrett.



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“We are a team because we work together. We are a strong team because we respect, trust and care for each other”



Our Community = Our Planet

We prefer actions to words!

Here are some of our actions over the last year:

- 1 Ensuring our Platinum Eco School status was renewed! Hurray!
- 2 Recycling huge amounts of plastic, paper and cardboard every week.
- 3 Saving tonnes of rubbish from landfill.
- 4 Cleaning up estate litter from the back gates.
- 5 Promoting the building of bottle bricks for waste that cannot be recycled.
- 6 Inviting a juice company into school to help move our school away from plastic use and to encourage students to hydrate with lovely cooled water for free.
- 7 School representation at climate change protests.

Next steps...

Always looking to the future with Mr Nunn:

- 1 Ensure every student and teacher has a reusable drinks bottle everyday.
- 2 Stop the sale of plastic bottles in school.
- 3 Advertise the 'Pick up 5 a day campaign' (5 pieces of litter).
- 4 Link to Friends of the Earth campaigns.
- 5 Learn about and protect our very special friends: the trees.
- 6 ESD self-assessment scheme.

*Thanks St Joseph's, love from
Planet Earth x*

CHARITY FUN RUNS!

690 PUPILS RAN UP TO 5K

Over the last three weeks, Years 7, 8 and 9 have been fundraising for their year group charities. With the help of Mr Nunn, Mrs Geeves and the PE department, everyone took part running, walking or cartwheeling on a special route around the school fields.

Even the weather didn't dampen their spirits and all our Key Stage 3 pupils took to the fields - some wearing wigs, silly hats and even masks! Some brave teachers joined in the run and the atmosphere was great.

For final year group charity totals this year please see page 6.







CHARITY STALLS 19

2019 Year 7 total

Year 7's national charity is the Salvation Army and their local charity is Maes Ebbw.

A special mention goes out to Mrs Hooper and 70 who raised an amazing £563.46, a fantastic effort. Well done.

Year 7 charity fundraising total stands at a whopping:

£2345.68

2019 Year 8 total

Year 8's national charity is the British Heart Foundation and their local charity is the Lucy Ellis Foundation (Sepsis).

A special mention goes out to 8V who were outstanding and raised a massive £646.57 at their charity run and Leigh-Anna Shailer-Stanway who raised £183.80 in sponsorship on her own! Spectacular effort.

Year 8 charity fundraising total stands at an amazing:

£1805.75

2019 Year 9 total

Year 9's national charity is Plastic Oceans and their local charity is Velindre.

Year 9 charity fundraising total stands at a very healthy:

£676.24

We would like to say a great big thank you not only to the pupils at St Joseph's for working hard to raise these funds but also to our wider community; thank you parents, carers and staff for all your support.



Our charity groups:



Global Citizenship Update:

Presentations, runs and stalls! Plus 50 GC nominated leaders helping to make a positive impact on the world with:

- Choosing a local and national charity for each year group.
- Charity leader presentations given to every form in Key Stage 3.
- Organising a charity run for every student in years 7 to 9, all 690 students.
- Running and walking with passion and energy!
- Organising 3 separate days of charity stalls for the whole school to enjoy.
- Raising hundreds of pounds for Maes Ebbw School, Salvation Army, Lucy Ellis Foundation (Sepsis) British Heart Foundation, Velindre, Plastic Oceans.
- Extra spontaneous charity work by several very special students.

Next steps:

- More charity events next year!
- More raising awareness across the school, including some exciting guest speakers.
- Closer working links between ESD leaders and GC leaders.
- Woodland Trust Charity support.

**REMEMBER
THERE IS NO
PLAN-IT B!**

Fundraising for Cancer Research



Carla and Lilly, 7V walk the Severn Crossing and back

Two pupils in our Year 7 group recently took part in a sponsored walk for Cancer Research UK across the Severn Bridge and back. It was their own idea to do the event and they both arranged everything themselves, giving up their own time in the Easter holidays.



We are very proud of these two pupils for their kindness and actions for their chosen charity.

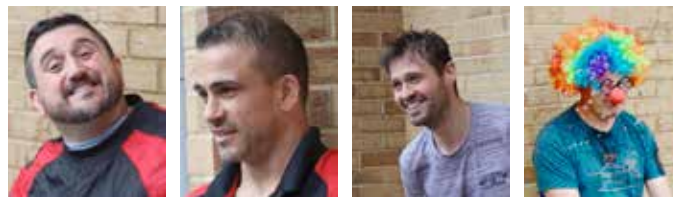
They managed to raise an impressive £287. Well done girls an amazing achievement.



Jack's climb...

Jack, Year 11, successfully climbed Mount Snowdon in only 2hrs 10mins.

He and the team have raised over £750 which they are donating to Newport Mind Charity. Jack said it was an exhausting trip but the reward and personal achievement when they reached the top was fantastic.



A great big thank you to all these teachers who stepped up and became charity heroes! They all bravely sat still on the 'soak a teacher' stalls!



Rhys's awards

Rhys in Year 10 has picked up two impressive awards at a STEM Residential at RAF Wittering.

His hard work paid off as he was awarded both the Industrial Cadets Silver Award and the British Science Association CREST Silver Award. One of the activities involved planning a humanitarian relief operation to a fictitious country using the skills taught on the course. In the Logistics week at RAF Wittering, cadets were responsible for the accurate and safe loading of vehicles, checking aviation fuels and building a deployed fuel installation amongst other activities. The experience has encouraged him to look into a career in aerospace engineering. Fantastic achievements Rhys, well done.

Summer Time

“The Lord replied, My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exodus 33:14)

Summer time - a time of year that brings a smile to the face of almost everyone. It is a time of year when children and teachers are freed from the responsibilities of school work. It is a time for families and friends to gather together and share moments of love and friendship. As summer begins, we should all take a few moments to reflect upon the meaning of this special God-given season and thank Him for it.

Summer often acts like a Sabbath for the year. God created the world in six days, and rested on the seventh. Likewise, children and people in the workforce work diligently through the year, and summer time provides a period of rest and refreshment after long hours of labour. Although work continues through the summer, many use this season to take a much needed holiday with family and friends.

School is out for children and teachers, but they still continue to learn every day. As parents, the primary educators of their children, what lessons have you planned for your children this summer? Perhaps the lesson of sharing and loving and doing good deeds? Perhaps it is a time to share family meal times together and conversing, taking a break from social media? Perhaps it is about having fun in the sun together?

What about those of us who are not children? Are we not called to continue to form ourselves in some way over the summer? We can find many ways to continue to grow in this less stressful and restful time of year. We can grow in our appreciation of God's beauty. We too can grow in our love for those around us

Pope John Paul II emphasized the need for holidays and renewal. In his Angelus message on July 23rd 2001 he said, “I invite everyone to make these days of well-deserved summer rest a time of inner enrichment and worthwhile family relaxation” “Vacations and holidays must be wisely used in order to benefit the individual and family through contact with nature, tranquility, the opportunity to foster greater family harmony, good reading and healthy recreational activities; above all, through the possibility of spending more time in prayer, in contemplation and in listening to God.”



Summer is a wonderful time of year, and as we embark on this season of picnics, family gatherings and rest, I pray that God will bless each and every one of us with a summer of fun and joy. May we emerge from this season more rested to do God's work, more committed to serve God's people, and more in love with our God who created and loves us.

Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

*Thank You for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.*

*Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy Your creation.*

*Thank You for the increased time
I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.*

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

no matter where I am or what I am doing

*Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.*

*As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.*

Amen

Transition...



We are looking forward to our new pupils joining us in September 2019. The pupils have enjoyed a little taster of Technology, Science, RE, Art Maths and English during their introduction days with us at St Joseph's. It is both a very exciting and nerve-racking time, but don't worry, our St Joseph's family will welcome you all.



...the Future Stars of St Joseph's!



“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on forgetting the old, but on building the new”



Book Fair

Just two days into the Scholastic Book Fair, the library team had already sold three hundred pounds' worth of books, meaning we are guaranteed new books for the school.

An excellent effort from the members of staff, students and parents/carers of St Joseph's. Diolch yn fawr!

**Special mention to Sophia, Julia and Lucy who were not present for the photographs but who are essential members of the book fair team!*



Scan the QR code above for more information and a list of the best books for young people this year.







Thank you...

Our Year 7 Transition Team have been working hard alongside Mr Humpage, Miss Webster and Mrs Kent to prepare our new pupils for the beginning of their journey at St Joseph's in September 2019.

The Year 7 team have attended weekly meetings to discuss the Transition brochure, making sure all the information given to our new pupils is correct, relevant and most importantly, personal. They have also made a fantastic 'Day in the Life' film and been fabulous ambassadors at each transition event and taster days, helping to make all our new pupils feel welcome.

Using memories of their first days here at St Joseph's to impart wisdom and information about the daily routine, they have been able to admit to worries they had

and shown positive solutions that will no doubt help our new pupils to feel more relaxed and excited about joining the St Joseph's family in September.

The transition team film entitled 'A Day in the Life' is available to view on our website. Just scan the QR code below with your smart device. **Thanks Year 7 Transition Team, you've done a great job.**



A/AS Level

The moderator was extremely impressed with the array of A Level and GCSE work on display this year. Well done to all pupils



Dancer
by Kyle Catella



No.3 (Triptych)
by Elana Hobbs



Sketchbooks
by Ruby Shadbolt (above) and
FFion Amos (below)



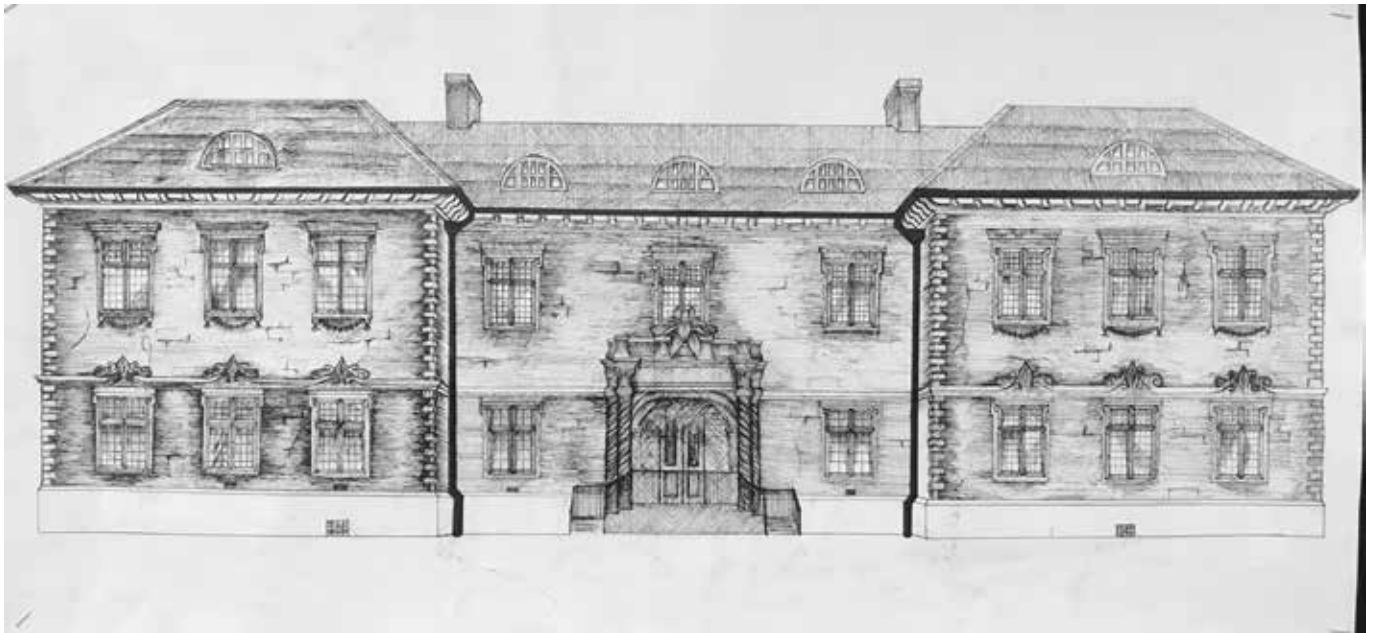
Linoprint (Triptych)
by Elana Hobbs



Cup of Tea
by Isabella Luciani

GCSE

Tredegar House
by Leo Lai



Watercolour 'Blossom'
by Eleanor Kellerman



Multi Media Shoes
by Ella Samsonov



Clay Snail
by Tia Stevens



Watercolour 'Hoodie!'
by Anton Walisch



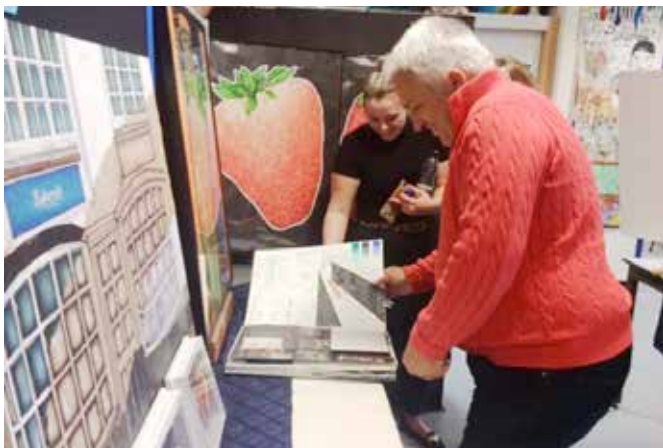
Sketchbooks
by Leo Lai (above)

ART

SJHS ART EXHIBITION 2019

The Art Department would like to congratulate all our A Level and GCSE students for creating a wonderful final show this year. The diverse talent and skill was plain to see. Wonderful drawing skills and amazing sketchbooks showed the huge amount of research that had gone into each piece displayed as well as

offering some interesting answers to some difficult subjects. A big thank you to all the staff and parents that came to the private view. It was a lovely evening and very special to the students to be able to show off their hard work.



St Joseph's Careers Award



Earlier this term, we were delighted to be awarded the Carers Wales Mark Award for continuous improvement in the delivery of the Careers and the World of Work Framework.

The award recognises that at St Joseph's RC High School we have the processes in place that enable us to continually review and improve our provision for engaging and informative careers and work related education programmes for all learners. It is our aim to ensure that all our students are equipped with the career management skills they need and that they are fully prepared to enter the world of work.

We look forward to continuing our work with Careers Wales in the next academic year.



ICT STEM

At St Joseph's, we pride ourselves on our innovative curriculum that supports a wide range of skills and knowledge.

In particular, the ICT and Computer Science skills that have been taught over the past year incorporates elements of the new curriculum and innovative learning experiences. These have made learning engaging and challenging and helped to develop innovative and creative learners.

Several learners in Year 8 were involved in this activity and their enthusiasm, dedication and critical thinking skills helped make a success of their efforts. They were:

Tom (8e)
Nate 8e)
Phoebe (8s)
Jasmine (8e)
Muna (8e)
Cedrick (8t)
Madison (8e)
Jake (8o)
Ashley (8o)
Franco (8v)
Jiego (8v)
Coehan (8v)



Our learners were set the challenge of creating their own remote controlled cars using micro controllers, code, bluetooth, smart phones and recycled materials. Including a design, build and code element, the session utilised a whole host of essential skills that are key to achieving success in the modern, digital environment. After building, coding and testing their cars the learners took to the race track (we could not book out Silverstone so we used the next best thing, the school yard) to compete.

Results of the race were:

1st Place: Jasmine

2nd Place: Tom

3rd Place: Ashley



Year 9 Maths MAT Challenge

On Tuesday 2nd July two teams including Mary, Alexander, Nimisha, Steffi, Jasmine, Annika, Leanna and Janette of our More Able Mathematicians travelled to Caerleon Comprehensive School to take part in a Maths MAT Challenge Event.

The aim of the event was to raise the profile of Mathematics at higher levels within the region and to allow MAT pupils the opportunity to complete work, and compete against others in a fun and exciting way. Many of the questions were tailored to focus on the skills that pupils require when answering PISA style questions.

The pupils were competing against teams from other schools across Newport and Torfaen, working through a Tarsia Puzzle, Financial Planning problem, Ten Questions round and Code Breaking Relay. Both our St. Josephs' teams did extremely well being one of the first teams to complete the Tarsia Puzzle and winning the Ten Questions round! Both teams demonstrated a strong ability in Maths while working really well together as a team! Well done to all who took part!



SJHS Engineering Team

In October 2018 a group of Year 12 students began their annual engineering project as part of the Engineering Education Scheme Wales.



This project involved working alongside Orb Steel works, Newport. The students were presented with a problem that the company are experiencing on their site and given five months to design a solution to this problem. The students spent these five months working extremely hard as a team on a written report and planning a presentation to be given at the Big Bang Fair at the MOD St Athans on April 11th 2019.

As a result of their hard work each student in the group will be awarded an EESW award and a Gold CREST award, which is Britain's largest national award scheme for project work in science, technology, English and mathematics.

Congratulations to Joseph, Gainmore, Yianni, Aine, Caitlin and Molly!

In Spain!

After a surprisingly bearable and exciting bus journey we arrived in Tarragona! Our hotel was situated in the exquisite town of Calafell.

Once we had got off the bus and been allocated our rooms for the week, we hauled our suitcases up the stairs to unpack, settle in and then strolled down to the beach, ready to get our tan on (with SPF 50) followed by a light snack at our restaurant of choice. As we wandered around Calafell we took in the scenery of the historic town.

On day 2, our lovely bus drivers, who we became well acquainted with, took us to the beautiful town of Tarragona. We then caught the tourist train and became well educated about the town as it drove around. Soon after our tour we visited the Roman amphitheatre and the Cathedral located in the heart of Tarragona. We developed a great understanding of the culture in the town. Once we had made our trips to the gift shops, we were all ready for our TAPAS!! After our long day, we made our way back to the hotel and spent our evening around Calafell.

Day 3 came around before we knew it!! We woke up early to make the most of our day at Port Aventura. The rides were out of this world and everyone had a really enjoyable time.



Day 4 was all about the race to the top! We went zip lining and completed a tree top agility course. Some were daring and made their way to the highest level, whilst others stayed close to the ground. On this day we also completed mini golf - some were more successful than others! Later on, after we all worked up a sweat on the course, we went shopping around Salou. When we got back to the hotel, after a long day, we packed our suitcases ready for the long journey home.

After an exhilarating, yet tiring week we were all finally ready to go home. It was an amazing experience and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We developed a new found love for Spain and its culture, which we can now bring into the classroom! We would like to thank our wonderful teachers for our unforgettable trip, Miss Wilcox, Mrs Clements, Miss Vaulters and Mr Reed. We will cherish this memory for a lifetime!

Jasmine Hunter, Ellena Drewett and Millie Armstrong

PROUD SUCCESS YEAR7 YEAR8 YEAR9 HARDWORKS SUCCESS

CELEBRATE 2019

ENDEAVOUR SUCCESS

KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS

Year 7

Attainment Awards

English	Tennessee Cruz
Technology	Saniya Tasleem
Geography	Tennessee Cruz
History	Aidan Demsey
Art	Cassandra Schiavoni
Cymraeg	Tessa Vellachalil & Lucy Hurley
Maths	Gavin De Silva
Science	Tadhg Burrell
Computers	Joshua Lewis
MFL	Matteo Cannito-Archard
Drama	Theo Djan
PE Boys	Ethan Flores
PE Girls	Nya Millar-Davies
RE	Tessa Vellachalil
Music	Keisha Ortega
Inclusion	Rodge Escouita

Endeavour Awards

English	Mehak Amran
Technology	Abbi Devonshire
Geography	Lucy Hurley
History	George Poyner
Art	Marcus Gibbons-Barrington
Cymraeg	Pearl Rajesh
Maths	Thomas Lavelle
Science	Oliver White
Computers	Rhys Buttigieg
MFL	Elysa-Mae Green
Drama	Sofia Dakin
PE Boys	Oliver Roche
PE Girls	Nicole Snowdon
RE	Oliver Roche
Music	Alexander Redgate
Inclusion	Jack Brunnock

Headteacher Award

Lucy Graham

Year 8

Attainment Awards

English	Charlotte Darke
Technology	Ellie White
Geography	Poppy Sparrow
History	Phoebe Lynch
Art	Amna Faisal
Cymraeg	Eliza Thwaites
Maths	Joseph Dunster
Science	Phoebe Lynch
Computers	Jasmine Gibson
MFL	Carys Vaughan
Drama	Ewan Davies
PE Boys	Max John
PE Girls	Rose Jones
RE	Aaron Kunje
Music	Eliza Thwaites
Inclusion	Ruby Lee

Endeavour Awards

English	Seren Ormond
Technology	Ruby Lee
Geography	Phoebe Lynch
History	Dalia Samad
Art	Trinity Phillips
Cymraeg	Cedrik Nunez
Maths	Amelia Pearce
Science	Ashley Bryan
Computers	Jonty Beales
MFL	Jiego Calahi
Drama	Seren Taylor
PE Boys	Leo Sparrow-Biggs
PE Girls	Julia Banaczowska
RE	Zuzanna Witkowska
Music	Taysian Quinones
Inclusion	Zephan Pelling

Headteacher Award

Jess Wootton
Aaron Kunje

Year 9

Attainment Awards

English	Ruby Pinches
Technology	Katrina McLaughlin
Geography	Libby Doverman
History	Ruby Pinches
Art	Piphi Harrison
Cymraeg	Amelia Rochester
Maths	Rachel Adewole
Science	Beau Avellanosa
Computers	Chay Wall
MFL	Jasmine Hunter
Drama	Aaron Arcenal
PE Boys	Aedan Wiltshire
PE Girls	Freya Chicken
RE	Jasmine Hunter
Music	Megan Davies
Inclusion	Brandon Giles

Endeavour Awards

English	Connor Hale
Technology	Dane Christensen
Geography	Eve Lewis
History	Stefano Cataldo
Art	Louise Castillo
Cymraeg	Rowan Gracie Pimm
Maths	Ruby Pinches
Science	Charlotte Winstone
Computers	Alex Bartlett
MFL	Leemair Foster-Bennett
Drama	Georgia Sanderson
PE Boys	Kelechi Maduako
PE Girls	Lillie McDonald
RE	Freya Chicken
Music	Alex Webb
Inclusion	Connor Hale

Headteacher Award

Eve Lewis

Year 9 Colours

Over the last three years these pupils have shown commitment, involvement and achievement, inside and outside of school:

Libby Doverman
Megan Davies
Eve Courtney
Carys Simmonds
Ruby Pinches
Sophie Parselle
Ann Jomy
Ella Wint
Sean Linton
Alex Webb
Zara Sellers
Janette Prince
Eve Lewis

MIND Awards

These people have shown commitment and care to the health and wellbeing of our school community.

Year 7

Aimee Wakeman

Year 8

Elizabeth Francis

Year 9

Chloe Agultok

Parent:

Samantha Brunnock

Staff:

Inclusion Team

GCSE

A wide range of innovative projects produced by GCSE Technology and Child Development students demonstrated their high level of skills and capabilities in Textiles, Resistant Materials, Engineering and Product Design.

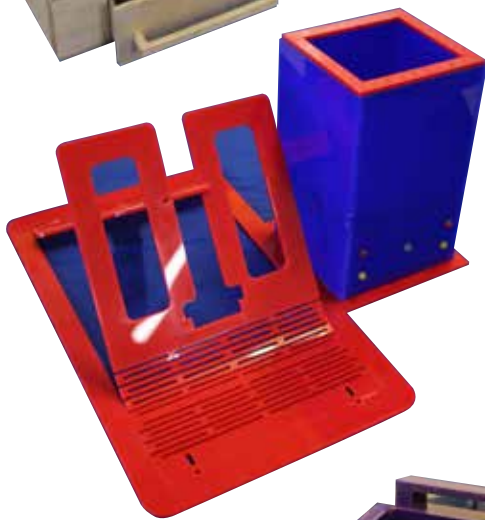
All work was of an excellent standard.



Engineering Design
by Muaaz Shahid



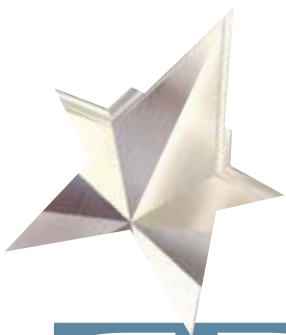
Product Design
by Patrick Bilongo



Engineering Design
by Dino Abraham

Fashion & Textiles
by Ella Samsonov

Fashion & Textiles
by VJ Salongcong



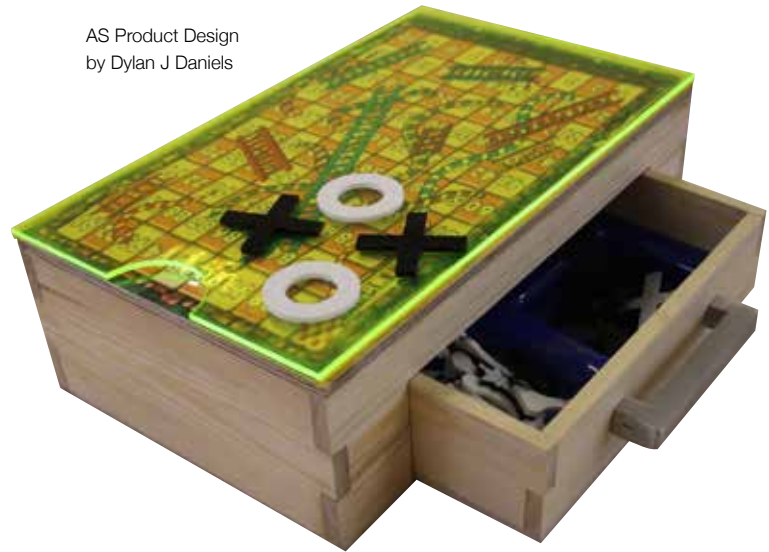
TECHNOLOGY

A/AS Level

Products designed and manufactured by AS/A level students succeeded in impressing the Awarding body. All products demonstrated a wide range of techniques, processes and use of material and were a demonstration of the students' hard work and determination.



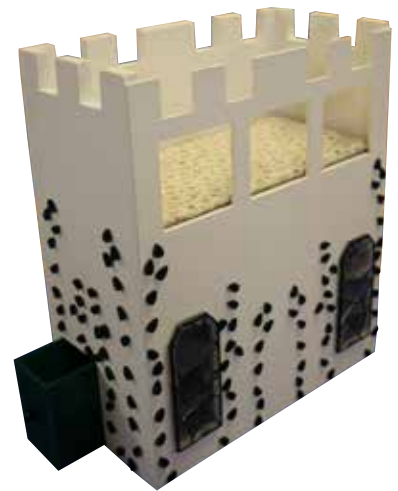
AS Product Design
by Nathan Davies



AS Product Design
by Dylan J Daniels



AS Product Design
by George White

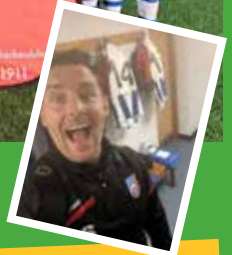


A Level Product Design
by Amelia Alder-Woolf



A Level
Product Design
by Holly Watkins

IOLOGY



Mr Sankala and the team would like to say a massive thank you to all their sponsors including Macey's Sports and Target Group.

We look forward to next year where we wish to go one step further and aim for future success for not just the football team but all teams that have and will continue to represent the school.

BEAUTIFUL GAME

This year we embarked on amazing journey with our Year 9 football team.

Over the course of the year the boys developed a close-knit family bond and this was a huge factor when it came to some excellent performances. After navigating our way through some very tough fixtures in the preliminary rounds we were crowned region winners and qualified for the Welsh Schools Cup competition.

With lots of great goals, late drama and plenty of penalty shoot-outs, we had earned our place in the Welsh Schools Football Final for the first time in the school's history.

This was well deserved by the boys and they were an absolute credit to themselves, the school and especially the PE department. The final itself was an incredible experience for the boys, with a trip up to Oswestry to represent the school at a national final. Although the result didn't go our way, we showed huge character and resilience in our play and kept on fighting until the end. Our boys were kitted out in team tracksuits and wore a new kit, which was kindly donated and sponsored by 'Target Group' and 'MACEY Sports' and this helped make the experience one that the boys and the school will remember forever.

Boxing Champ

Huge congratulations to Zayn for competing in the Home Nations Boxing UK in an older age category! He came away with a VERY respectable Silver Medal. Well done Zayn.



Welsh Waterpolo

Congratulations to Ben for representing the U16's Welsh Waterpolo team in Walsall last weekend. He played extremely well and scored two goals. Da iawn!



Welsh Vaulting Champ

Amazing results for Luen in the Welsh Championships for Equestrian Horse Vaulting, he won the overall Male Championship. This means that he has been awarded Welsh Male Vaulting Champion 2019. This is a highly prestigious award and is not age specific so covers competitors including adults over the age of 18. Luen will be competing in the English Championships and British Championships later on in the year. These championships often attract competitors from Europe as well as Scotland, Ireland, England and Wales. A fantastic achievement Luen, congratulations.



NEWS

S Wales Dragons

Congratulations to Oliver, Year 7 for selection to the S Wales Dragons Hockey Team. They represented their country in the UK Field Hockey Championships in Nottingham this month. They played six really tough matches over three days - some great team plays, goals and a fantastic save from their goalie helped them come away with some fantastic results. Well done Oliver.



Cardiff City Football

Amazing opportunity for Rhys in Year 7. "I flew to Barcelona for an U12's football tournament, playing against teams from around the world. I stayed in a hotel with my team and over three days played lots of matches, including beating FC Barcelona! We came 2nd in the younger age group and 4th in the older age group. I am hoping that lots more opportunities come from this, maybe getting scouted for a sport that I love".



Welsh Gymnastics

Madison competed for Wales in TeamGym against Ireland on Thursday 25th April 2019 in Belfast. Her team came 1st in the level 3 category and were also awarded 1st place for execution bringing home 2 gold medals. Whilst spending the week in Ireland over Easter the Welsh squad met with the Lord Mayor of Ireland before their return home.



Dates for your diary 2019

Autumn Term TYMOR Y HYDREF

September	
2	Inset Day
3	Autumn Term begins for Years 7-11 and 13
3	Year 12 Registration Surnames A-M
4	Year 12 Registration Surnames N-Z
6	Autumn Term begins for Year 12
7-8	Duke of Edinburgh Final practice
14	Criminology Trip to USW Pontypridd, Year 12
17	School Photographs: Years 7, 9, 11 and 13
17	PE Trip to USW Glyntaf, Year 12-13
October	
2	Year 7 Welcome Mass
22-24	School Open Mornings
25	Art Trip to Oxford, Years 10-13
26-30	IT Trip to Berlin
28-1 Nov	HALF TERM

November	
7	Year 7 Pastoral Parents Evening
22	St Cecilia's Day
25	INSET DAY
28	Year 8 Parents Evening
December	
3	Physics Lectures, Swansea, Year 10
5	Year 13 Parents Evening
7	Harry Potter World Trip, Year 8-10
12	Year 12 Parents Evening
18	Advent Service (<i>date to be confirmed</i>)
20	Last day of term
23-3 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



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