

Insight

Examinations 2017 Arholiadau

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

Taflen wybodaeth swyddogol
Ysgol Gyfun Gatholig Joseff Sant



A REASON TO BE PROUD

Welcome to this celebratory examinations edition of Insight. Pupils at St Joseph's RC High School have once again achieved enormous success this year and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 opened their GCSE and A Level results in August and celebrated their hard earned successes.

There has been much coverage of examinations in the press over the last few months. Pupils, parents/carers and teachers have had much to contend with in terms of changes to examinations and qualifications over the last two years. For us as a Catholic school however, we have tried, successfully I believe, to maintain our focus on the whole child, challenging and nurturing children to fulfil their potential as a child of Christ and to have placed the knowledge they have acquired in a community context of values and compassion. In doing so, our students have achieved highly, and as importantly, have developed as self-confident, kind and socially minded young people. I know reading this edition of INSIGHT, you will be as proud of our St Joseph's family as we are. **Mr T Brown, Headteacher**



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Yn Gwasanaethu Duw Trwy
Ddysgu Gyda'n Gilydd

Congratulations



A Level Success

We were delighted with the success of our year 13 students this year. In the first year of the 'reformed' and strengthened qualifications at A Level, our students continued to impress at each indicator. As all of our students also take the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification in addition to their A Level subjects their performance is even stronger, and this additional qualification provides students with many experiences, including the completion of a research project which will support their learning at university. 71% of our students achieved 3 or more A*-C grades and 14% achieved 3 or more A*-A grades, an increase of 4% and 5% respectively.

We are rightly very proud of these students and the staff who have worked with them throughout their time at St Joseph's. There were many instances of individual success stories, including our highest achievers, Harriet Ebengho, Rose Evans, Grace Hedderman, Klara Matysakova, Jamie Medina, Adrian Regalado, Ana Teixeira, and Octavia Van-Tienderen, who now take up their prestigious places at university. 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, and a number have accepted apprenticeships with organisations across South Wales.

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 a superb 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 the following students who all achieved a minimum of 3 A grades: Jasmine Celtel, Erin Flaherty, Alexandra Fowler, Urszula Fredrych, Erin Hawkins, Edward McCarthy and Matthew Roche. A number of our students have also spent time over the summer at the prestigious Oxford UNIQ and Sutton Trust summer schools, with others attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, where they will have honed their intellectual curiosity in preparation for their final year. 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 benefitted from the opportunities and teaching offered at our partner institutions.

Again, we wish them every possible success.

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Klara Matysakova



Jamie Medina



Harriet Ebengho



Rose Evans



Grace Hedderman



Kelly Sarsfield

- Josie Ash** reading Sociology at Birmingham
Jemma Ashurst reading Criminology and Psychology at Swansea
Jerrin Baby reading Chemical Engineering at Swansea
Eloise Baldwin reading Criminology and Criminal Justice at USW
Keir Bassett reading Primary Education at Cardiff Metropolitan
Olivia Beckett reading Theatre Studies at Reading
Renz Belen reading Forensic Computing at UWE Bristol
Joyal Benny reading Aerospace Engineering at Swansea
Christel Bodonia reading Business Management at Cardiff
Paris Broad reading English at USW
Tobias Brown reading English at Sussex
Benito Carnevale reading Construction Management at Sheffield Hallam University
Cormack Chisholm reading Accounting and Finance at Edinburgh
Ewen Cook reading Business at Plymouth
Joel Curtis reading Economics at Bath
Daniel Difranco Network 75 USW
Bethan Doughty reading Social Policy at Bristol
Callum Doughty reading Civil Engineering at Bristol
Jakub Dziechciarz reading Network Security Management at Southampton Solent
Harriet Ebengho reading Combined Honours at Exeter
Niall Edwards reading Business Management at Cardiff
Luke Ellahi reading Biomedical Science at Anglia Ruskin
Rose Evans reading Physiotherapy at Cardiff
Oktawia Van Tienderen reading Criminology and Law at UWE Bristol
Aaron Fitzpatrick reading Criminology and Social Policy at Swansea
Stefan Garcia reading Politics and International Relations at Bath
Francesca Godfrey reading Business and Management at Bath Spa
Daniella Gomes reading Police Studies at USW
Lydia Griffin reading Criminology at Leicester
Rebecca Harper reading Psychology at Gloucester
Kate Harrison reading Sociology at Plymouth
Grace Hedderman reading Economics at Southampton
Phoebe Hughes reading Accounting and Finance at Swansea
Elisa Iles reading Midwifery at USW
Nikhil Jacob reading Chemical Engineering at Chester
Daria Jakalska reading Law at Exeter
Emily James reading Business Management at Plymouth
Rebecca Jervis reading Policy, Politics and Economics at Birmingham
Freya Jones reading Sociology at Bath
Kira Jupe reading Philosophy, Religion and Ethics at Birmingham
David Lengyel reading Theoretical Physics at Cardiff
Chace Lewis reading Primary Education at Bath Spa
Chiara Luongo reading Media Communications at Bath Spa

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Oktawia Van-Tienderen



Bethan Doughty



Callum Doughty



Adrian Regalado



Jack Mitchell



Niamh Reynolds

Nigel Makuchete reading Biomedical Science at Birmingham
Frances Manship reading Theology and Religion at St Mary's, Twickenham
Callum Marson reading Media, Culture and Journalism at USW
Klara Matysakova reading Law at Bristol
Bethany Maunders reading Media and Society at Leicester
Jake McDonald Network 75 USW
Jamie Medina reading Biochemistry and Biotechnology at Bristol
Jack Mitchell reading Law at Bristol
Kayleigh Mochizuki-Ward reading Media Communication at Bath Spa
Andrew Morris reading Business and Management at Cardiff Metropolitan
Kathryn Mulcahy reading Business and Management at Bath Spa
Rita Mwanza reading Law at UWE Bristol
Julia Neckiewicz reading Criminology and Sociology at Cardiff
Michalina Neckiewicz reading Genetics at Aberystwyth
Rory Nicholls reading Aerospace Engineering at Swansea
Chloe Norton reading Primary Studies at USW
Lucy O'Brien reading Economics and Management at Cardiff
Edward O'Keeffe reading Construction Engineering at Loughborough
Lucianna Oliver reading English at Cardiff
Adelen Onikan reading Biomedical Science at UWE Bristol
Amy Penn reading Social Policy and Criminology at Southampton
Jaye Phillips reading Sociology at Cardiff
Adrian Regalado reading Law at Bristol
Niamh Reynolds reading English at Cardiff
Kent Rosario reading Mechanical Engineering at Swansea
Olivia Rowberry reading English at Swansea
Kirsty Russell reading Music Business & Innovation at The Academy of Contemporary Music
Kerry Ruthven reading Sound Engineering at Birmingham City
Niamh Ryan reading Events Management and Business at Chester
Arad Samsonov reading Sport Coaching at Cardiff Metropolitan
Kelly Sarsfield reading Social Anthropology at the LSE
Myah Seivwright-Williams reading Sports and Exercise Science at Swansea
Georgia Schwartz reading Sport and Physical Education at Cardiff Metropolitan
Caitlin Smith reading Law at Reading
Jack Sperduti reading Cyber and Computer Security at Gloucester
Natalia Szeliga reading Media, Journalism and Culture at Cardiff
Elinor Tappin reading Law at USW
Ana Teixeira reading Sociology at Bath
Aaron Thomas reading Performance and Media at USW
Cerys Walsh reading Cymraeg and Education at Aberystwyth
Isabel Weaver reading English and Creative Writing at Cardiff
Emily Westren reading Education and Psychology at Cardiff Metropolitan
Charlotte Willis reading Law at Swansea

Year 11 Success

Llwyddiant Blwyddyn 11



We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our pupils who have worked so hard to earn the GCSE success we celebrated in August. Under a new set of qualifications we are delighted to report 68% of pupils achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including English Language and Mathematics and 25% of pupils achieved 5 or more A*-A grades. Other outstanding results include 81% of pupils achieving the Level 2 threshold. This figure refers to the percentage of pupils achieving 5 A*-C grades and 100% of pupils achieved the Level 1 threshold. This figure refers to the percentage of pupils achieving 5 A*-E grades. 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.

Student Name	No of A*s	No of As
Haidar Mathieson	10	3
Shireen Balouch	7	6
Shannen Centeno	7	5
Emilia Leo	6	6
Oliver Brown	4	8
Rhys Jones	9	2
Graydn Paders-Ball	6	5
Sofia Nuzzo	5	6
Jessica Williams	5	6
Alexander Willis	5	6
Olivia Nuzzo	4	7
Anastasia Wall	4	7
Eleanor Collins	2	9
Ethan Sellers	2	9
Raegan Russell	3	8
Freya Stevens	3	8
Anna Brown	8	2
Niall Griffiths	7	3
Alex Aston	5	5
Laura Brend	5	5
Regan Crockett	5	5

Elle Davies	1	9
Wesley Brown	4	5
James Tobias	4	5
Arlou Astrologia	3	6
Harri Knight-Davis	3	6
Kyle Catalla	4	3
Leanne Regalado	4	3
Carmen Fong	2	5
Owen Burton	1	6
Elan Virtucio	5	2
Oluwaseun Ajisafe	4	3
Rhiannon Carroll	3	4
Jake Hurley	2	5
Louie Shepherd	1	6
Kevin Sunil	1	6
Victoria Hill	4	2
Olivia Wood	3	3
Alzbeta Matysakova	2	4
Anna Williams	2	4
Niamh Mullan	1	5
Oliver Barton	4	2
Alexander David	2	4
Daniel Jervis	2	4

Nicholas Williams	1	5
Amelia Alder-Woolf		6
Stephanie Thomas		6
Abigail Brunnock		5
Bogdan Chiritoiu	2	3
Angelina Svizinska	2	3
Rahaf Ahmed	1	4
Erin Pole	1	4
Holly Watkins	1	4
Eleanor Haley		5
Other notable performances were seen by:		
Rhys Cook	3A, 12B,	3A, 12B
Elana Hobbs	1A*, 2A, 6B, 2C	
Emily Norville	3A, 4B, 5C	
Nathaniel Baker	1A*, 1A, 5B, 6C	
Yuliana Chavarria	1A*, 1A, 4C	
Annarita Cinotti	2A, 5B, 5C	
Joao Fonseca	2A, 3B, 7C	

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



Rotary International Camps are open to young people between the ages of 16-25. If you are interested in knowing more contact Colin on colinmason222@googlemail.com or go to the website www.youthexchange.org.uk

NORWAY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

The moment I stood on the mountain of Bitihorn, in Norway, with the spectacular view of the mountains in front of me I was utterly convinced that there was no more beautiful country anywhere on earth.

Travelling around these different areas with young people from 12 different countries including Germany, Turkey and Taiwan was almost a surreal experience as it was something I never thought I would do at this age. I have made amazing friends, true friends which I hope to visit soon and definitely keep contact through social media.

The programme included everything from visiting the Holmenkollen ski jump arena to trekking across the Scandinavian mountains in Valdres. For me the most moving experience was the visit to the government building to see the exhibition from the terrorist attack which took place in 2011.

The host families were very warm and welcoming and gave me an opportunity to taste some of the traditional Norwegian dishes. Although, I was very sceptical trying the caviar in a tube as it looked very much like there was toothpaste on the table.

We also had a party where we and the participants, were able to present their own dishes and entertainment. Personally, I teamed up with the Dutch participant and made two delicious cakes. As entertainment we performed some dances from our

home countries, in particular the Turkish traditional dancing since one of the participant had brought some belly dance hip scarves for everyone. We also held an awards ceremony where I was awarded the title 'best climber'.

My stay at Nessonden's Steilene Islands was a breath taking experience travelling by a speedboat 50cm above the water surface moving at a speed of 100kmph! On the Islands we performed a variety of water activities ranging from water skiing to swimming whilst being surrounded by jellyfish.

In Valdres we stayed in cosy wooden cabins surrounded by marvellous scenery. We did some "light mountain walking" which wasn't so light after all! But the views were rewarding at the end and took some great photos with our national flags. We also had the opportunity to learn some Norwegian folk dances which looks much easier than it actually is!

Honestly, I can say the 10 days were one of the most wonderful and memorable moments of my life. I would like to thank The Newport Uskmouth Rotary club for making this unforgettable journey possible. I would surely recommend this to anyone and this trip has opened my eyes, improved my confidence and enhanced my desire to travel.

Written by Oktawia Fabijan Van Tienderen

Introducing our new Head Students...

Alessandro Alfieri

Hi, my name is Alessandro Alfieri and I am Head Boy at St Joseph's. I am currently studying Maths, Product Design and History in order to pursue a career in the field of Architecture. This is a career which I have been fascinated with ever since a young age, as I have always wanted to make an impact on people's lives.

Hopefully, with my growth mindset and determination I will achieve my ambition of becoming an architect.

Daniel Gardner

I'm Dan Gardner, and I am very pleased to be the new Head Boy at St Joseph's. My ambition is to study Medicine, as I wish to improve the general public's quality of life in an interesting and rewarding profession. I am taking Chemistry, Biology, and English Literature at A Level.

I aim to be a successful and effective representative for the year.

Steffi Johnson

Hello! My name is Steffi Johnston and I am currently Head Girl at St Joseph's. I am studying Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics at A2 level and am hoping to study Chemistry at university as I really enjoy working within the laboratory environment.

I have an active role on the Student Council and I am co-captain of the school hockey team and cannot wait to play this season with the rest of the girls!

Erin Flaherty

Hi! I'm Erin Flaherty and I am Head Girl. For my A Levels I've taken Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Drama, hoping to study Medicine at university. This is a career I would love to pursue due to my academic abilities and desire to work with people everyday, making a real impact on their lives.

I've always taken an active role in the dramatic and musical aspects of school and can't wait to play Frenchy in Grease!



Alessandro Alfieri
Head Boy



Erin Flaherty
Head Girl



Daniel Gardner
Head Boy



Steffi Johnston
Head Girl



Ed McCarthy
Deputy Head Boy



Alexandra Chen
Deputy Head Girl



Harri Thomas
Deputy Head Boy



Mikaela Virtucio
Deputy Head Girl



The PE department would like to say a huge thank you to all of the competitors and staff who helped to make St Joseph's 2017 sports day one of the best yet.

The school's stated mission is 'Serving God through Learning Together' and this commitment was evident in the keenness of our pupils to achieve to the best of their ability whilst also supporting fellow pupils.

During the day an incredible number of records were broken with many pupils beating their personal bests.

This year an additional activity was included, Zorbing Impact Soccer. This proved to be physically demanding, exciting and great fun for both pupils and staff. The PE department are keen to repeat this activity next year!

The PE department would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who showed great community spirit by turning up at 7am to set up Sports Day as well as the music department for providing entertainment throughout the day.

Finally, our biggest thanks must go to the pupils who behaved impeccably and competed to the very best of their ability. Well done!

SPORTS DAY 17



by Mr Sankala
Head of PE





Welcome to our new Year 7 students

Congratulations to Year 7 for an outstanding start to the new academic year. The standard of behaviour and attitudes to learning has been excellent both in lessons and around the school. Furthermore, the year group look very smart and standards of uniform are high.

We have a very busy term ahead. Trials and training for school sports teams are underway and we have already formed an extremely strong Year group Council. Due to the outstanding quality highlighted in the application process we have also had five students from this group elected to represent the year group at whole School Council meetings.

Attendance has been excellent so far and I am hoping we achieve our goal of being the highest attending Year group in the school at the end of the academic Year.

Our Year 7 students have embraced the challenge of settling into a new environment, meeting new people and learning new subjects with enthusiasm. Welcome Year 7, we are sure you will all have a very successful year!

**To keep up to date use the Year 7 Twitter page:
@SJHSBlwyddyn7
and the whole school twitter page
@SJHSnewport**



New and Improved...

We are constantly looking to work with our students and families to ensure that communication and daily experiences are effective in all aspects of school life.

Website

Over the summer holidays there have been some updates made to our school website. It is now fully cross platform and is now fully compatible with most mobile and digital devices such as smart phones and tablets as well as laptops and computers. We have built a strong link with our School Comms and all the information you need about school life, rules and regulations, teaching staff and daily life at St Josephs will be easy for you to find. Our website, Twitter feeds and Facebook page are updated very regularly and lots of exciting news and events will be shared proudly with our St Joseph's community.

www.sjhs.org.uk

Canteen

The canteen has also had a revamp this summer! Alongside our amazing school Social Committee and with the help of Chartwells, two students from each form, across Years 7-13, have helped create a well-being wall in the canteen. After a number of brainstorming sessions choosing words in both English and Welsh relevant to health and diet, we designed a statement wall measuring over 4metres long. It looks fantastic!

The canteen has modernised it's overall look and it creates a fantastic dining space for all our students during lunch and break periods Our new Bio-metrics system is now also in place, making the whole lunchtime experience far quicker and easier.

Croeso i'n Staff Newydd



Miss J Brunnock
RECEPTION



Mr S McIntyre
DEPUTY IT MANAGER



Ms L Hawkins
BUSINESS TEACHER



Miss K Clarke
RE TEACHER



Mr S Rego
MATHS TEACHER



Miss A Vaulters
GEOGRAPHY TEACHER



Ms J Howells
ENGLISH TEACHER



Miss N Miles
HISTORY TEACHER



Mr G O'Driscoll
PE TEACHER



Miss L Vaughan
MATHS TEACHER



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ENGLISH TEACHER

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