

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.

Headteacher's Message

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At A Level, 39.4% of all grades achieved were at A* or A, while 89% of all grades were C or above.

At GCSE, 72% of our Year 11 pupils achieved at least a C grade in English, mathematics and three other GCSEs. Nearly three quarters of our pupils reached this benchmark, which is a tremendous achievement.

42% of Year 11 pupils achieved five or more A*/A grades, and an incredible 98.7% of Year 11 pupils achieved five or more A*-G grades.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our exceptional students, built, as they are, on hard work, commitment and resilience. Our staff work tirelessly to ensure that students have the best opportunities

and learning experiences, but we can only achieve this by working in partnership with our parents/carers. With that in mind, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents/carers for your continued support of your child's education.

This academic year has started well. You may have noticed our new fencing, which was installed over the summer. Students and staff have acclimatised quickly, and the project forms part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure, well-managed and welcoming learning environment.

I look forward to this coming year, continuing in our mission, Serving God through Learning Together.

Mrs J Morgan, Headteacher

Welcome to our new Year 7 pupils



It has been a real pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students to the school this term. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, bringing with it a mixture of excitement, anticipation and perhaps a few nerves. I am delighted to say that Year 7 students have settled in exceptionally well and have made a fantastic start to their journey with us.

Year 7 have demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to embrace new opportunities. Whether learning their way around the school, meeting new teachers and friends, or participating in a wide range of lessons and activities, they have approached each challenge with positivity and maturity. It is particularly pleasing to see that for all of their efforts, the year group have been awarded an outstanding 15,852 praises.

I have been particularly impressed by the kindness and support they have shown towards one another. Building new friendships and becoming part of a larger school community can take time, but our Year 7 students have done so with confidence and respect, embodying

the values we are proud to promote throughout our school.

In addition to this, I am so proud of their appearance. Each day Year 7 come into school in the correct uniform, wearing their blazers, ties and the correct footwear. I'd like to thank parents and carers for their support for ensuring our students are smart and well-presented every day.

As we move further into the term, I encourage all Year 7 students to continue getting involved in our many extra-curricular activities and making the most of everything school life has to offer. Life at St Joseph's RC High School is full of opportunities, and I am confident that all our students in Year 7 have a bright and successful future ahead.

Congratulations Year 7, you have made an amazing start! We are excited to support and celebrate your achievements over the coming years and look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish.

Da lawn Blwyddyn Saith.
Mrs Y Richards, Head of Year



Mrs Y Richards
Head of Year 7



Mr D Walsh
Assistant Head of Year 7

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Year 11 Success

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A message to all of our Year 11 students! It is very important to celebrate you as 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. Your contribution to music, drama, sport and so many other areas of school life has also been so important and we hope and pray that you continue to stay involved in extra-curricular activities in your life moving forward.

Individually, you have all shown such grit and determination in the face of real challenges and your excellent relationships with your friends, peers and teachers have made the real difference.

Of course, we celebrate the academic progress you made over the five years 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.

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. We also wish you all the best moving forward into Sixth Form, college, apprenticeships and employment. Congratulations from all the staff and pupils in St Joseph's RC High 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 42% of pupils achieved five or more A*/A grades and 72% 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. 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.

42% of pupils achieved five or more A*/A's!

Martina Abasolo	Maelie Daniels	Tinaishe Kabvura	Nathaniel Santos
Kiran Abraham	Evangeline Davies	Joshua Kemp	Isla Scrimshire
Seren Adams	Genevieve Dinham	Dominica Kusiak	Alex Skierski
Gwen Aderyn	Daniel Dosso	Jhenno Labid	Reid Smith
Adina Anil	Ethan Dudley	Leon Liril	Alicja Solska
Alistair Arcenal	Mason Earls	Isabel Lockyer	Lucy Stokes
Labaayka Babar	Faith Ekundayo	Greg Lovitos	Danielle Tenorio
Iwan Bailey	Florence Febin	Zoie Magallanes	Lamiek Tesfay
Bryony Balfe	Leanne Fernandes	Azka Mahmood	Frasier Thomas
Oliver Baran	Andrew Flores	Anshia Mathew	Angelina Toly
Evie Bates	Leo Foley	Angelo Mathew	Gabriella Tomy
Sophie Bellia	Raoul Garofalo	Kavish Mehta	Lyla-May Ulhaq
Alyssa Bidhendy	Chloe Gasga	Sophia Navarra	Eva Viju
Alvin Binoy	Nandor Gasko	Anish Nayak	Ivan Villaruz
Natalia Borzych	Elena Gladwin Rubio	Keirsten Ortega	Joe Wakeman
Gabrielle Boyle	Joaquin Gonzalez	Ellie Packer	Olivia Wania
Jonathan Bradshaw	Deedee Gumsley	Alalai Paders-Ball Jackson	Libby Williams
Tomas Briley	Nicolas Hardy-Popa	Megan Paul	Patrick Williams
Nicamae Butler	Mason Heirene	Spencer Perry	Flynn Wixey
Miguel Carretero-Casas	Rhianwen Hickman	Luca Petrucco	
Flynn Casa-Grande	Niamh Holtom	Ivy Pinches	
Jun Chen	Lacey Hughes	Isabella Pogonowski	
Runyararo Chingono	Sion Jobi	James Poole	
Maria Chiritoiu	Caitlin Johnston	Isabella Poskitt-Jones	
Lee Churcher	Annis Jones	Ieuan Putz	
Noah Cunningham	Angelina Jose	Natalia Rodziewicz	
Kundai Dandajena	Mireya Kaartick	Ryan Ross	

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.

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AWARDS NIGHT

“Celebrate good times, come on!”

A huge well done to the 200 pupils form years 11-13 who were invited back to the 2026 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	Marc Sana
Year 13 Joseph Witherington Award for Highest Academic Attainment	Zara Jones
Sue Jenkins Young Leader Award	Angelica Winterflood
Excellent Contribution to Drama	Darcy Williams
Excellent Contribution to Music	Javier Gonzalez and Craig Nyamunda
Excellent contribution to the Religious Life of the School	Poppy Slavin
Overall winner for Excellent Contribution to the Life of the School	Joseph Cross
Year 11 Sue Bettossi Award for Excellent Contribution to the Life of the School, KS4	Frasier Thomas
Year 11 Peter Morris Award for Excellent Contribution to PE	Noah Bradshaw
The Paul Bennett VI Form Award for Endeavour and Progress in Science	Ashlyn Nigil

Life of the School Award 11J	Alex Skerski
Life of the School Award 11O	Florence Febin
Life of the School Award 11S	Noah Cunningham
Life of the School Award 11E	Greg Lovitos
Life of the School Award 11P	Sophia Bellia
Life of the School Award 11H	Seren Adams
Life of the School Award 11T	James Beckett
Life of the School Award 11V	Jhenno Labid

Year 12 and 13 Subject Awards	
Glyns Cours Award for Art and Design	Allyssa Salvador Joseph Cross
Wallace Award for Biology	Aaron Byju Stephanie Ajogwu
Brady Award for Business	Reeve Joby Michal Anil and Angelica Winterflood
Meitner Award for Chemistry	Michael Rudd Zara Jones
Tracey Chou Award for Information Technology	Chua, Adam Zara Jones
Ginni Rometti Award for Cyber Security	Triumph Mekwunye Newton Da Costa
Sutherland Award for Criminology	Gwilym Davies and Poppy Masterson Katelyn Goddard and Emily Porch
Berkoff Award for Drama	James Porter Alexander Matthews
Gillian Clarke Award for English	Thea Perry Isabela Francisquini Gavassi
Attenborough Award for Geography	Eva Meddins Chiara Ruggiero
Seymour Award for History	Thea Perry Isabela Francisquini Gavassi
Nightingale Award for Health and Social Care	Eva Meddins Chiara Ruggiero
Horne Award for Mathematics	Aaron Byju Stephanie Ajogwu
bell hooks Award for Media	Cara Jones Jack Parry
Crawford Award for Music	Sofia Chicken Javier Gonzalez
Einstein Award for Physics	Austin Aji Zohaib Babar
Rashford Award for PE	Liam Lawlor(collab) / Niall Yunus Chloe Tyler
Sister Denise Award RE	Elinor Webb Jude Taylor
Sewell Award for Sociology	Sofia Chicken Jinead Calahi
Sir Alan Sugar for WBQ	Michaela Makarova Angelica Winterflood



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.

The % of grades achieved which were either A*/A was 39.4%.

76.9% of pupils achieved at least three A Levels at A*-C.

89.0% of pupils were awarded A Levels at A*-C.

100% of pupils achieved A Levels at A*-E.

These excellent grades reflect their work ethic and commitment to their futures.

Notable individual academic success must be recognised in the following students who all achieved absolutely amazing grades:

Kevin Efrem Tesfay, Stephanie Ajogwu, Milcah Anil, Zohaib Babar, Simon Bellia, Gabriela Byles, Joseph Cross, Isabela Gavassi Francisquini, Javier Gonzalez, Jenny Lau, William Norrie, Anita Panasiuk, Emily Porch, Joilene Prince, Jeswin Shibu, Zara Jones, Anastasiia Kolotusha, Conor McDonnell, Kyran Medina, Chloe Newman, Lucy Rice, Chiara Ruggiero, Lydia Thwaites, Angelica Winterflood and Amelie Wixey.

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

22.6% of pupils were awarded A Levels at A grade.

63.6% of pupils were awarded A Levels at A-C grades.

92.8% of pupils were awarded A Levels at A-E grades.

Notable academic success includes the following students who all achieved a minimum of three A grades: Joseff Bailey, Aaron Byju, Joshua Chacko, Wiktor Dabrowski, Adlin Joby, Michael Rudd, Marc Sana, Noel Sebastian, Emmanuel Suayan and Elinor Webb.

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
Isabelle Blud	Cardiff University	Law
Afia Boateng	Swansea University	Child Nursing
Lucy Bolton	Edge Hill University	Primary Education with QTS
Kelly Choi	Exeter Uni	Computer Science
Ffion Driscoll	Degree Apprenticeship	Police
Kevin Efreem Tesfay	Manchester University	Economics & Politics
William Francis	College	Media Studies
Katelyn Goddard	Bath Spa University	Forensics
Kate Gunter	Cardiff University	Psychology with Professional Placement Year
Mia Harris	Apprenticeship	
Gabriella Jenkins	Aberystwyth University	Adult Nursing
Aleks Krakowiak	Apprenticeship	
Mackenzie Lewis	Swansea University	Criminology & Psychology
Nissi Manjoro	Oxford Brookes University	Motorsport Engineering (Sept 2027)
Sebastian Mitchell-Fofana	Manchester MET	History
Jack Morgan	Cardiff MET	Professional Policing
Logan Nelson	Torfaen Learning Zone	A Levels
Ashlynn Nigil	Bristol UWE	Adult Nursing
William Norrie	Cardiff University	Medicine
Craig Nyamunda	Royal College of Music & Drama	Music
Maya Odhiambo	Swansea University	Criminology & Psychology
Methuran Rangathas	University of Law	Law
Lucy Rice	Gap Year	
Daniel Rowe	Cardiff MET	Sport & Exercise science
Amelia Sroka	Manchester University	Architecture
Chloe Tyler	Swansea University	Sport & Exercise Science
Stephanie Ajogwu	Bath University	Pharmacy
Milcah Anil	Degree Apprenticeship	London
Rafael Bandiola	Degree Apprenticeship	AECOM
Simon Bellia	Bath University	Chemical Engineering with Environmental Engineering
Newton Da Costa	Degree Apprenticeship	Cyber / Ridge.
Sophia Jones	TBC	Dance
Grace Kinsella-Maher	Oxford Brookes University	Motor-sport Engineering

Pupil Destinations Llwybr Dyfodol Disgyblion

Jenny Lau	Cardiff MET	Fashion Design
Cameron Livingstone	Swansea University	Geography
Noah Madziva	Gap Year	
Kyran Medina	Gap Year	Applying for Dentistry 2027
Mckayla Miguel	Bristol University	Neuroscience
Jack Parry	Warwick University	Film Studies
Grace Pitcher	Cardiff MET	Advertising & Marketing Management
Grace Postle	Degree Apprenticeship	ONS
Joilene Prince	Cardiff University	Medicine
Chiara Ruggiero	Bristol University	Law
Joel Sabu	Cardiff University	Computer Science
Abiea Thomas	Worcester University	Business & HR Management
Amiea Thomas	Cardiff University	Adult Nursing
Roisin Thomas	Bristol UWE	Psychology
Jessica Vaughan	University of South Wales	Primary Initial Teacher Education with QTS
Darcy Williams	BIMM University	Popular Music Performance and Songwriting
Angelica Winterflood	Cardiff University	Economics
Amelie Wixey	Bristol University	Law
Lis Ajish	Gap Year	Applying September 2027
Janella Belen	Cardiff University	Optometry
Eryn Brunnock	Swansea University	Midwifery
Madeleine Burgoyne-Hyden	Gap year/Employment	Journalism (apply BBC Apprenticeship 27).
Gabriela Byles	Cardiff University	Criminology and Sociology
Florencia Cappellini	Manchester MET	Computer Games Development
Ella Cooper	University of South Wales	Primary Initial Teacher Education with QTS
Dawit Estefanos	Manchester University	Civil Engineering
Ian Gomez	USW	Fashion Design
Jessica Hassall	Cardiff Uni	Criminology
Zacc Hobbs	College	Music Tech
Ayana Jojy	Southampton University	Mental Health and Adult Nursing
Abel Mathew	Cardiff University	Religion, Philosophy and Ethics
Chloe Newman	Cardiff University	Biological Sciences (inc. Professional Training)
Thomas Ounsworth	Cardiff University	Journalism, Media and English
Anita Panasiuk	Cardiff & Vale College	Art
Adam Pimm	Gap year-employment	
Sarah Qassab	Cardiff University	Politics/International Relations
Eryn Repizo	Cardiff University	English Literature and a Modern Language
Rahul Sreeram	Swansea University	Pharmacy
Millie Sutcliffe	University of South Wales	Veterinary Nursing
Edwin Thomas	Manchester University	Physics
Alvin Varghese	Cardiff University	Accounting & Finance
Shawn Vincent	Cardiff University	Biomedical Science
Patrycja Bradford	Royal Holloway	Politics, International Relations & French
Sophie Brayley	Bristol UWE	Primary Education QTS
Paul Caguiwa	Cardiff MET University	Computer Security

Pupil Destinations Llwybr Dyfodol Disgyblion

Jinead Calahi	Bristol University	Law
Joseph Cross	Cambridge University	Architecture
Jayda-Laci Darmanin	Cardiff University	Nursing
James Dormer	Swansea University	Law with criminology
Isabela Gavassi Francisquini	University of York	Law
Javier Gonzalez	Gap Year	Apply to University Sept 2027
Liberty Hassall	Cardiff University	Media, Journalism and Culture
Seren Humphreys	University of Surrey	Veterinary Medicine and Science
Dylan Joseph	Cardiff University	Mechanical Engineering
Alexander Matthews	UCL	Archaeology inc. a year abroad
Olivia Murdoch	Liverpool University	Occupational Therapy
Andrew Pavulo	Cardiff University	Accounting & Finance
Ruby Phillips	Aberystwyth University	Law
Emily Porch	Cardiff University	Psychology
Sienna Porretta-Shier	Swansea University	Social Work
Evander Wakely	Gap year	Media/Film in 2027
Aron Santhosh Kumar	Exeter University	Law
Jacob Seal	Gap year/Employment	
Oliver Trangmar	Cardiff University	Computer Science
Sarmad Al-Dabbagh	Apprenticeship/gap year	Engineering
Zohaib Babar	Bath University	Physics
Taslimah Begum	Cardiff University	Nursing
Jessica Bellew	Cardiff MET University	Psychology & Criminology
Ammanuel Berakie	Apprenticeship	
Jairo Besa	Gap year/Employment	Architecture
Zara Jones	Southampton University	Biomedical Engineering
Tanatswa Kabvura	Chester University	Nursing
Melissa Kendall	College	Cabin Crew Training
Anastasiia Kolotusha	University of The Arts London	Film and Television
Kian May	Queen Mary University of London	Business
Conor McDonnell	Bristol University	Mathematics
Jasmine Nascimento	Swansea University	Accounting & Finance
Lucie Norvill	Cardiff University	Nursing
Phoebe Phillips	Cardiff MET University	Psychology and Criminology
Joshua Seal	Cardiff MET University	Law and Criminology
Jeswin Shabu	Cardiff University	Accounting & Finance
Merin Sibi	Swansea University	Pharmacy
Macie Silversen	Aberystwyth University	History
Poppy Slavin	Exeter University	Psychology
Bethan Spruce	University of South Wales	TV & Film Set Design
Jude Taylor	Manchester University	Management
Leonidas Thorne	Apprenticeship	Network75
Lydia Thwaites	Bath University	Biochemistry
Makayla Vundamina	University of York	Biomedical Science

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 H Boyce
Head of History



Miss T Thomas
Maths Teacher



Mr S Webber
Maths Teacher



Miss J Coldrick
Teaching Assistant



Miss M Fortier
Teaching Assistant



Miss J Burke
Teaching Assistant (Agency)



Mr P Welsby
Caretaker



Miss K Marr
Teaching Assistant (Agency)



Miss J Cutting
Teaching Assistant (Agency)



Miss J Chaplin
Teaching Assistant (Agency)



Miss A Flack
Teaching Assistant (Agency)



Mr B Frost
Technology Technician



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

New fencing

We have had an exciting start to the academic year with the addition of new fencing around our school site. While our school has always been a safe and welcoming environment, the new fencing further strengthens site security and helps to give children, staff and visitors added confidence and peace of mind. Students have adapted very positively to the change and it has quickly become a natural part of daily school life.

Site team

- New signs and chevrons for new gates have also been fitted.
- Stairwell 1,2,3,4 and 5 handrails have all been repainted, as well as all blue door frames repainted to remove all chip marks. The boys' toilet partition wall has been fully repainted.
- All 70 sets of picnic benches have been safety checked and any damaged benches have been removed and replaced. They have all been painted resealing them ready for winter.
- A new fence has been built and painted next to the chapel.
- 86 bags of recycling have been removed with 32 bags being shredded, plus all external bins are emptied and cleaned.
- All water tap and toilet flushes run for 2 minutes, (required by health safety rules to ensure against legionella).

IT team

- Replace and renew all sign-in Apps on the iPads.
- Install new TV in Design & Technology.
- Configure 16 Apple Mac's in the Art and Media Tech Suite.
- Setup F2 and F3 with new computers.
- Set up 12 touch screens in classrooms G2, F15, S4, G16, Conference room 2, S7, F23, F3, F24 and G14.
- Replace G6 unit.
- Set up the new Drama conference and meeting space.
- Install new interactive boards.
- Install new phone and wireless access points.
- Replace any outdated projectors with new ones.
- BYOD Sixth Form wireless internet connection.

Once again, the whole school community is incredibly grateful to both teams of dedicated professionals that manage site and its 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.

REVISION APPS



With mocks and assessments coming up in the next term, our Computer Science department have put this useful App guide together to aid and assist your learning...

LEARN IT				
	Seneca Learning ★ Suggested	An online learning and revision platform with courses for GCSE, A Level and other qualifications.	Select your subject and course and work through interactive revision activities. Seneca currently provides A level courses and revision notes across a range of subjects. (Seneca Learning)	Structured subject revision
	Save My Exams ★ Suggested	A revision website containing course-specific notes, exam questions and past papers.	Find revision materials for your course and use exam-style questions to apply your knowledge. Some resources are organised around specific courses and exam boards. (Save My Exams)	Exam question practice
	Khan Academy	A free online learning platform containing instructional videos, articles and practice exercises across Maths, Science, Computing, Economics and other subjects.	Search for a difficult topic and use the videos and interactive exercises to relearn or strengthen your understanding . Work at your own pace and practise skills before moving on to harder content. (Khan Academy)	Learning and practising key concepts

UNDERSTAND IT				
	ChatGPT	An AI assistant that can explain topics, analyse uploaded information and create personalised learning activities.	Create a subject-specific revision agent or workspace . Give it the topics you are studying and ask it to quiz you, explain difficult concepts, create practice questions or identify gaps in your knowledge. ChatGPT supports file-based and personalised workflows. (OpenAI)	Personalised revision and quizzes
	Microsoft Copilot	Microsoft's AI assistant, with study tools designed to help learners understand and practise content.	Ask Copilot to break down a tricky concept , rewrite an explanation in simpler language, generate practice questions or create a study guide from a topic. Microsoft's education tools also include quizzes and other interactive learning activities. (Microsoft Support)	Understanding difficult topics
	Gauth	An AI-powered homework and problem-solving tool. You can type or upload a picture of a question.	Take a photo of a difficult Maths or calculation-based question and use the step-by-step explanation to understand how the answer is worked out. Do not just copy the final answer – study the method! (Gauth)	Maths and calculations

REMEMBER IT				
	Gizmo	An AI revision tool that turns learning materials into flashcards and quizzes.	Upload PDFs, notes and other revision material and allow Gizmo to create flashcards. Regularly quiz yourself to practice recalling key facts and terminology. (Help Gizmo)	Flashcards and memory
	Quizlet ★ Suggested	An online flashcard and study platform.	Create your own flashcard sets or use existing sets to practise key terminology, definitions and facts. (Flashcard sets can also be turned into practice tests. (Quizlet))	Key facts and terminology
	Blooket	A game-based learning and quiz platform that turns question sets into interactive revision games.	Search for revision quizzes or create your own question sets. Blooket also has a solo study mode for self-paced, flashcard-style question practice. (Help Blooket.com)	Fun quizzes and knowledge recall

REMEMBER IT				
	AnkiDroid	An Android flashcard app based on the Anki spaced repetition system.	Create flashcards for key facts, vocabulary, definitions and formulas. Anki automatically schedules cards for review at different intervals based on your responses, helping you revise information when needed. (AnkiDroid)	Long-term memory and recall
	Kahoot!	An interactive quiz and game-based learning platform.	Find or create quizzes based on your subjects and test your knowledge. Self-study modes include Flashcards, Learn and Test , allowing you to revise independently at your own pace. (Kahoot! Support)	Self-testing and quick revision

RESEARCH IT				
	Perplexity	An AI-powered research and answer tool that provides links to the sources used in its responses.	Use it to research unfamiliar topics, find supporting information and explore a subject in more depth. Follow the citations and check the original source rather than relying only on the AI summary. (Perplexity AI)	Research and wider reading
	Google NotebookLM ★ Suggested	An AI study tool that works with the sources and revision materials you provide.	Upload your notes and revision materials to create summaries and study guides. NotebookLM can also generate flashcards and quizzes from your sources. (Google NotebookLM)	Revising from your own notes
	Adobe Acrobat	A PDF reader and editing tool that allows you to highlight, comment on and annotate PDF documents.	Open digital textbooks, revision guides, past papers or lesson resources and highlight important information . Add comments and notes to explain key points or identify areas you need to revisit. (Adobe)	Active reading and annotating notes

APPLY IT				
	Physics & Maths Tutor ★ Suggested	A large collection of revision materials, past papers and mark schemes across a range of subjects.	Use past papers and mark schemes to practise answering real exam questions. The site includes A Level resources from exam boards including WJEC and Eduqas . (PMT)	Past papers and exam technique
	Thea	An AI-powered study platform designed to create interactive revision activities from learning materials.	Add your revision materials and use Thea to create study guides, flashcards and quizzes . Challenge yourself with questions to identify topics that you need to revise again. (Thea Study)	AI-powered self-testing and revision

ORGANISE IT				
	Microsoft To Do	A task management and reminder app that works with Microsoft services.	Create a revision task list for each subject. Add deadlines, reminders and smaller steps to break large revision topics into manageable chunks. (Microsoft Support)	Revision planning and organisation
	Focus Friend	A gamified focus timer created by Hank Green and Honey B Games.	Set a period of focused revision and avoid distractions while your Bean Friend works alongside you . Complete focus sessions to earn in-app rewards and decorate your Bean's room. (Focus Friend By Hank Green)	Focus and avoiding distractions
	Notion	An all-in-one digital workspace for creating notes, organising information and managing tasks.	Create a personal revision dashboard containing subjects, revision notes, useful links, deadlines and revision tasks. Student templates can also help organise class notes and study plans. (Notion)	Revision organisation and note-taking

ORGANISE IT				
	Goodnotes	A digital note-taking and organisation app that supports handwriting, typed notes, PDF annotation and study tools.	Keep your revision notes and resources organised by subject. Import PowerPoint or PDFs and highlight, annotate and add handwritten notes . Goodnotes also includes student-focused study and AI tools. (Goodnotes)	Digital notes and active revision
	Turbo AI	An AI study tool that can turn lectures, PDFs, videos and other learning materials into structured notes and revision resources.	Upload a PDF, add a YouTube video or record learning content and allow Turbo AI to generate notes, flashcards and quizzes . Use the generated resources to review and test your understanding of a topic. (Turbo AI)	Turning resources into revision materials



Introducing

the new Student Leadership Team

Sofia

Being part of the Student Leadership Team is something I'm really proud of, particularly as I have chosen to focus on student wellbeing. My time at this school has had a huge impact on me, helping me grow in confidence, become more independent and develop into the person I am today. So, I would love to give something back - and help make sure other students have a positive experience too. I believe that feeling supported, listened to and comfortable within school can make a huge difference to how students feel and how they approach their education. Through my role, I hope to listen to students, share their experiences and work with others to make wellbeing an important part of everyday school life.

Jamimah

I'm so excited to take on the role of Head Girl this year and to have the opportunity to give something back to the school community. I'm looking forward to helping create a welcoming and positive atmosphere across the Sixth Form and wider school, where students feel valued, included and able to be themselves. I want to encourage pupils to share their ideas and opinions so that they know their voices are recognised. I will bring new ideas and initiatives to school life, creating more opportunities for students to get involved while connecting with one another and making the most of their time at St Joseph's. Most importantly, I want to help make this a memorable and enjoyable year for students and contribute to a school community that everyone can feel proud to be part of.

Michaela

I am proud to introduce myself as one of the Prefects within the Student Leadership Team. It is a privilege to work within this incredible team, and my goal is to instil positivity into every aspect of our school, with a primary focus on Wellbeing and prosperity for every student, despite the challenges they may face. I am studying Criminology, Health and Social Care and Advanced Skills, hoping to pursue a career in Children's Healthcare. For the last six years, St Joseph's has felt like home and I hope to lead with the same love which I have been fortunate enough to receive from so many individuals throughout my time here. I am always happy to listen; if I can help with anything or answer any questions please do not hesitate to find me!

Emmanuel

Outside of academics, playing competitive basketball has taught me the value of discipline, teamwork and resilience, these are qualities which I hope to bring to the Student Leadership Team as Deputy Head Boy. I aim to ensure that the student voice is heard and that students views are valued. I hope to be a positive role model for younger students while contributing to an inclusive school community.

James

I'm delighted to have the opportunity to serve as a Deputy Head Boy for the school that has supported me personally and academically for the past six years. I am studying Drama, History and Music with the goal to pursue a career in Musical theatre. If you need anything or want to make a recommendation for the school please feel free to ask any questions to me as I am happy to help! Thank you all :)



Noah

Head Boy



Jamimah

Head Girl



Aaron

Head Boy



Celine

Head Girl



Michaela

Prefect



Luca

Prefect

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

Celine

I am proud to be one of the school's Head Girls! I'm excited to be a role model in the school which has nurtured and supported me throughout my education. I am passionate about making our Sixth Form a welcoming, supportive and enjoyable environment where every student feels valued and encouraged to reach their potential. I am open to discussing ideas and concerns that students have to make positive changes that benefit everyone. I am very approachable, and I hope to be part of a kind and honest environment and to welcome others into that, alongside embodying our Catholic ethos and school virtues.

Thea

I am honoured to serve in the role of Deputy Head Girl this year. I'm eager to start implementing positive changes that will enhance our school experience and hopefully the time spent in Sixth Form as enjoyable as possible. I understand that Sixth Form can be daunting at times, so I hope to provide guidance to ensure everyone feels well supported both academically and socially. I'm looking forward to creating a positive school environment that allows everyone to feel like they belong and work to their full potential. I am excited for the year ahead and can't wait to get started on creating a welcoming and prosperous school community!

Aryam

I am incredibly proud to be one of St Joseph's Deputy Head Girls. I am eager to support and contribute to our school community in any way I can, always putting the needs of others before my own. I am a caring and compassionate person, and I want every student to feel that they have someone they can approach for support, guidance or simply a listening ear. I hope to lead by example and make a positive difference within our school. I will always strive to uphold and represent our Catholic ethos through kindness, respect, consideration and service to others. I will help create an environment where every student feels valued, included, supported and heard.

Noah

Joining the school's student leadership team was never something I had in mind IF you had asked me between Year 7 and Year 11! I thought playing it safe was my most comfortable path, but I'd like to say I've had a change of heart and mind. There's only a handful of experiences I can thank for that. As Head Boy, I am committed to leading the school's community that has led me. I hope my actions can inspire others to follow by example and for people to be reminded that the school is so much more than just classrooms.

Aaron

I'm excited to take up the role of Head Boy in St Joseph's. It really is a privilege to be chosen for a role like this, and I am eager to bring positive changes for the school and help support everyone's journey through Sixth Form. I co-lead this year's "Medistry" society, ensuring that students aspiring towards the healthcare sector are well-equipped and prepared with their applications. I also take part in chess and tutoring sessions within the school as extra-curriculars, and regularly volunteer outside of school. I believe that revision and independent support is a key factor for every pupil in this school, so I plan to make this process as seamless and simple as possible. Please feel free to ask any questions - we're all here to help.

Noel

I'm delighted to be part of the School Council this year. As a member of the School Council, I aim for student voices to be heard and ensure that everyone feels included and appreciated within our school community. I will work with students and staff to promote new work experience opportunities, improve the support system within the school and improve the awards system in Sixth Form. I am committed to creating a welcoming environment where all students feel supported.

Luca

I'm proud to serve as a Prefect at St Joseph's. Alongside my A Levels I will work closely with Mr Green to support decisions across the school and help run events such as assemblies and parents' evening. One of the projects I'm most proud of is building a free revision website for Years 7 to 13, packed with study techniques, podcasts and interviews with high-performing students and teachers. Outside school, I run an educational content platform that has reached over 20 million views and supported more than 500,000 students with their GCSEs and A Levels. Whatever I take on, I try to live by Joshua 1:9 - "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" - a verse that keeps me grounded when things feel uncertain. I'm always happy to answer questions so please feel free to ask!



Thea

Deputy Head Girl



Emmanuel

Deputy Head Boy



James

Deputy Head Boy



Aryam

Deputy Head Girl



Noel

Prefect



Sofia

Prefect



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. Many students have already signed up for extracurricular and supercurricular 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 have made an excellent start this year, and UCAS/ Apprenticeship 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

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REUSE RECYCLE



We accept donations all year round

We are delighted to say that after five years of running the 'SJHS Uniform Shop' we have been able provide our community with over 6000 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.

As a school, we believe that supporting our young people and our school community is essential. For the last five years, at the end of every year we ask all our families to bring in any good quality uniform that is no longer needed. The result is always outstanding! We then open the school Uniform Shop twice over the summer and families are able to collect great quality, pre-loved items for the following academic year.

In this current climate - both financial and environmental - we are pleased to help in some way. Our young people know to come to see Mrs Kent or their form teacher, should they need to exchange, borrow or collect uniform throughout the year. We will always try our best to provide any pupil with what they need (optional £2 donation for each item). Funds raised go towards new uniform.



ALL THINGS CAREERS

An update from Lindsay Todd and Rachel Pitman, SJHS Careers Officers.

As we begin a new academic year, we would like to congratulate all St Joseph's students who received their GCSE, AS and A Level results in August. Your hard work, resilience and determination have paid off, and you should be incredibly proud of your achievements. Whether your next step is Sixth Form, college, an apprenticeship, employment or university, these results represent not the end of a journey, but the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

Careers Wales Service for 2026-27

As outlined in the recent parent and carer letter, the Careers Wales service at St Joseph's has expanded this academic year. Instead of one Careers Adviser supporting the school, students now have access to two professionally qualified Careers Advisers: Lindsay Todd (lindsay.todd@careerswales.gov.wales)

and Rachel Pitman (rachel.pitman@careerswales.gov.wales). Parents and carers are welcome to contact either adviser to discuss their child's career plans, progression routes or future aspirations. By working closely with students, families and school staff, we aim to ensure that every young person has the opportunity to make informed and confident decisions about their future.

While exam results are important, they are only one measure of success. Every lesson attended, piece of coursework completed, practical investigation undertaken and extracurricular activity joined helps students develop valuable skills that employers, colleges and universities look for. The knowledge gained in school is important, but equally important are the habits, attitudes and transferable skills developed along the way.

Students sometimes ask, "When will I ever use this?"

The reality is that every subject contributes to the development of employability skills. Employers consistently tell us that they value young people who can communicate effectively, solve problems, work as part of a team, manage their time and adapt to new situations. These skills are developed every day in the classroom and provide the foundations for future success in any career pathway.



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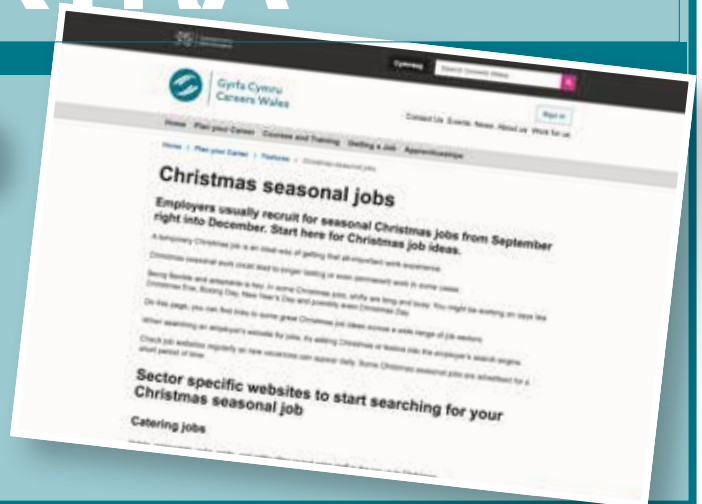
School Experience	Skills Developed	Why Employers Value It
Revising for exams	Organisation, self-discipline, time management	Employees must prioritise work and meet deadlines
Coursework and assignments	Planning, attention to detail, written communication	High-quality work requires accuracy and clear communication
Group projects	Teamwork, leadership, listening skills	Most workplaces rely on collaboration
Mathematics	Problem-solving, logical thinking, numeracy	Supports decision making and data analysis
English	Communication, presentation, critical thinking	Essential in every profession
Science practicals	Investigation, evaluation, following procedures	Encourages safe and methodical working
Creative subjects	Creativity, innovation, adaptability	Employers value fresh ideas and flexible thinking
Sport and clubs	Resilience, commitment, teamwork	Demonstrates perseverance and reliability
Good attendance and punctuality	Responsibility, professionalism	Builds trust and dependability

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.

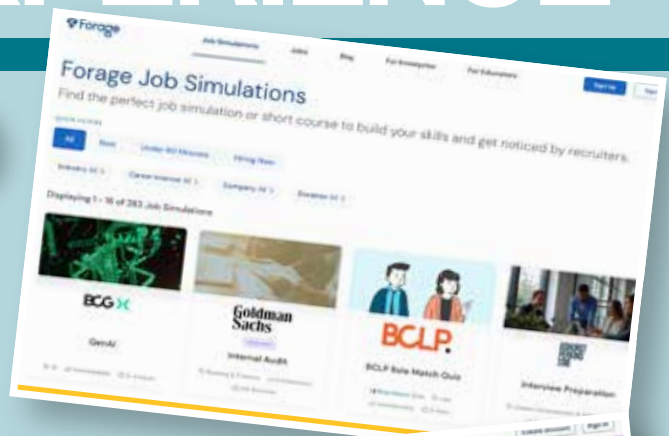


FUTURE EXPERIENCE

Forage Job Simulations

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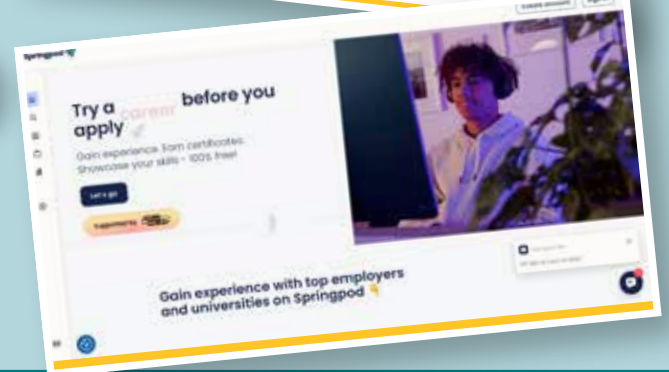
Forage lets you try short employer-designed tasks so you can see what jobs in areas like law, finance, engineering, healthcare or technology are really like. It's free, can be completed at your own pace, and helps you decide whether a career is something you'd genuinely enjoy before investing time and qualifications pursuing it.



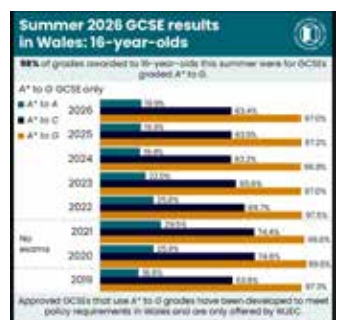
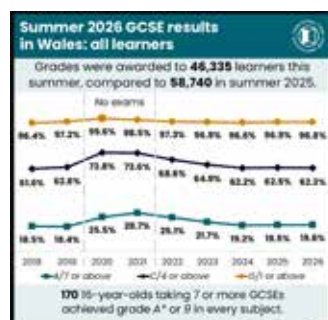
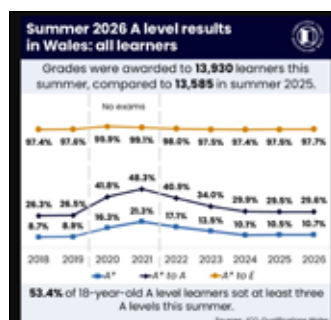
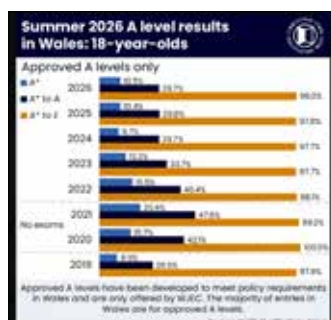
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GCSE and A Level Results: What They Mean for Young People in SE Wales:



Dates for your diary 2026

Autumn Term TYMOR Y HYDREF

September	
1	Inset Day
2	Year 7 return to school
2	Year 12 Induction
3	Years 8-13 return to school
9	KS4/5 Celebration Evening
10	School Photos (Years 7,9,11 and 13)
15	Year 11 Geography Trip to Newport
15-16	Year 7 CAT4 Tests
29	Years 12/13 Art Trip to Bristol
26	Urdd Welcome Festival
October	
1	Year 7 Pastoral Parents' Evening
2	Harvest Fast Day
14	Nash College Open Morning
15	Diwrnod Shwmae Day
15	Years 12/13 Trip to Creative Careers Expo
15-16	Year 7 CAT4 Assessments
16	Year 10 Art Trip to Oxford
26-30	Year 11-13 Art/Drama Trip to New York
20-22	Open Mornings (Year 6 Parents only)
26-30	HALF TERM

November	
2	Year 11 GCSE English U1 Resit
6, 9 and 10	Year 7-9 NRNT Assessments
11	Remembrance Day Service
17	Year 12/13 Art Trip to Swansea
18	Year 9 Careers Carousel
20	Inset Day
23	Inset Day
26	Year 12 Parents' Evening
26-27	Flu Vaccinations
December	
3	Year 8 Parents Evening
10	Year 13 Parents Evening
16	Advent Service / Christmas Concert
18	Last day of Term

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

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