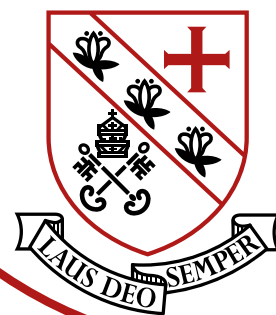


# St Joseph's Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As another very busy term ends you can see throughout this newsletter the wide variety of events and activities taking place in the College alongside our core purpose of teaching and learning.

**We are very pleased to announce our new Senior Student Team for 2016.**



Head Boy, Connor Kemp, is studying Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Head Girl, Hannah Burston, studies Mathematics, English, Geography and Economics. Both students are aiming to go onto university.

They will be ably assisted by John Toop-Rose (studying Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics & Chemistry) and Melissa Domingo (studying Chemistry, Mathematics, English Literature and French).

### Change of Address

If you move house or update your telephone number, please can you ensure you notify the College as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

All students have been at St. Joseph's since Year 7 and are looking forward to the challenge of their roles.

Over the Easter break, there are revision lessons and additional classes. Please see the timetable on the website for specific details. Very many thanks again, to our dedicated and professional staff, who give of their time so generously, to ensure our students are thoroughly prepared for their forthcoming public exams.

Please make sure that students are using all of the revision materials and resources that have been made available to them. These next few weeks are so crucial for all involved in these exams and I hope students are making the most of all of the help and support available to them.

Thank you to Mrs Mobey and the College Chaplaincy Team, who have organised prayerful and moving services for all students just ahead of the Easter break. It was also great to see students involved in the Stations of the Cross led by Mrs Ash on Fridays during Lent.

In September 2014 we introduced our new uniform. Mindful of the cost to parents and carers we agreed a transition phase where items of uniform from the 2013-2014 uniform policy could be worn. **This transition phase will end in September 2016 when all students must wear the new uniform.**



I have been attending regular meetings with our partner primary schools and with the Clifton

Diocese where we are discussing how we can collaborate even more effectively in order to strengthen the mission of Catholic education in our area. We are currently working towards a collaborative agreement which all our schools can implement.

On behalf of the Governors and staff, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Easter and thank you again for your continued support for our College.

*Paul Hughes, Principal*



# Dates for your Diary

**22**  
MAR Staff Training Day,  
College closed to students

**23**  
MAR Year 10 Parents Evening  
(CESW)

**25**  
MAR College closes  
to students

**11**  
APR College reopens  
to students

**27**  
APR Pop up  
Uniform Shop

**28**  
APR Junior Maths  
Championship

**3**  
MAY Year 8 Parents  
Evening

**20**  
MAY Celebration  
Assemblies

**26**  
MAY Year 13  
Leavers Mass

**27**  
MAY Year 11  
Leavers Mass

**24**  
JUN Year 11  
Prom

# GOVERNORS

The Governors of St. Joseph's actively monitor the College's performance, and have recently covered Science, History, Geography, Safeguarding and Special Needs as part of their on-going review of all aspects of the College.

The Governors are very proud of the achievements of the students, who are clearly aiming high in their studies and in sport, performing arts, music, and charitable work, as well as supporting each other generously. It is evident that all staff, including teachers and support staff, have been striving for excellent outcomes. We recognise and value this hard work, collaboration, and community involvement.

The Education Minister's recent call for a nationwide consultation on fair funding for schools highlights the financial pressures which many schools are facing. St. Joseph's is also facing new challenges in the light of reduced funding from the government.

We are looking to introduce an Academic Development Fund which will help us to continue to provide excellent opportunities for our children. We will be providing more information on this in the near future.

We recently met with members of the Senior Leadership Teams and governors of the catholic schools in Swindon and Malmesbury, as part of a gradual move to closer relationships between the schools. This is part of a wider initiative by the Clifton Diocese to enhance collaboration between groups of Catholic schools.

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## Swindon Travel Choices Competition

'Outstanding, stunning and a masterpiece' are just some of the words that have been used to describe Ellie McCracken's poster that scooped first prize in a recent Swindon Travel Choices competition.

Congratulations also to Thulani Lewinska who also won a prize in the KS3 category.

## Items being dropped off at Reception by Parents/Carers

Items will only be taken if they are of an essential nature, for example lunch, lunch money or cookery ingredients. The College will not take responsibility for getting these items to students, but would request that parents/carers ensure that their child is aware that there is an item awaiting their collection from Student Reception.

Parents/carers will be required to complete a sheet to this effect. If an item is not essential, the College will not accept it.

# Bronze Arts Award at Richard Jefferies Museum



Year 10 students from Alternative Curriculum will be embarking on their Bronze Arts Award after Easter with the assistance of the staff at the Richard Jefferies Museum

This nationally recognised award will contribute to their ASDAN portfolios as well as equipping them with vital lifeskills including teamwork, independent thinking and problem solving. We will keep you updated of their progress in the next newsletter.

Many people do not know that the museum (next to Coate Water and the Sun Inn) even exists! It is the childhood home of famous local author Richard Jefferies and is well worth a visit. The miniature railway at Coate Water will be stopping there in the Spring too so you don't even need to walk!

For more information visit [www.richardjefferies.org](http://www.richardjefferies.org)



## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27TH JANUARY

On a wet and windy Wednesday morning, we set off for the Town Hall Cenotaph to mark the Holocaust Memorial Day, which was being commemorated across the globe.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, dozens of people, including students from other schools, stopped for a short while to pay their respects. After the speech, a wreath was laid by the Mayor of Swindon.

St. Joseph's students placed a stone which symbolizes memory and legacy for the Jewish people, on the steps of the Cenotaph. After the ceremony we were invited for thought-sharing and refreshments at the Friends Meeting House.

*Mrs Rudnik and Ms Belzko*



**Julia De Almeida and Ellen Barrett:**

We found today very interesting and we have learnt that the Holocaust was very important in history. We enjoyed the speeches which everyone gave, it was inspiring. After the speeches the Mayor placed a wreath down and we put down a painted rock as that was the tradition for Jews after someone they knew died.

**Calum Jones:**

I thought that the Holocaust ceremony was an inspirational event as now I know what happened in the past. The service was brilliant as we got to listen to other people's viewpoints on this event.

I also learnt that this tragic event has made us who we are today.



# PRIMARY ART PROJECT



Holy Cross Year 5 classes are taking part in a liaison project with St. Joseph's looking at the theme of Animals in Art. Both classes have now democratically sorted 20 images and voted on their favourite that they will be doing a practical session on the summer term.



They have also learnt a lot of different types of art, what art can be and the different media and mediums you can use.

The two images each group chose were a Zentangle Patterned Elephant and a pair of Origami foxes by Hoang Tien Quyet.

## Forward Notice of Art Exam Dates

The Art, Textiles and Photography students are now well into their exam preparation time. Please be reminded of the dates of the exam below. Lesson time after these exams are given over to the revision of other subjects.

EXAM	DATE
GCSE ART	Monday 18th April
GCSE ART	Tuesday 19th April
AS ART AS TEXTILES AS PHOTOGRAPHY	Wednesday 27th April
AS ART AS TEXTILES AS PHOTOGRAPHY	Thursday 28th April
All A2 Art, Graphics, Fine Art, Photography	Tuesday 3rd May
GCSE Textiles All A2 Art, Graphics, Fine Art, Photography	Wednesday 4th May
GCSE Textiles All A2 Art, Graphics, Fine Art, Photography	Thursday 5th May

## ART and LITERACY

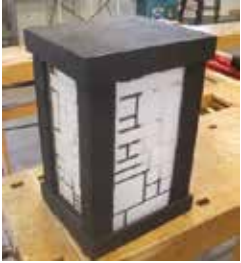
Year 8 Students have been selected and have taken part in a series of lessons using Art to help with their Literacy. Looking at the theme of water, students have been creating their own visual responses and poems, building up their vocabulary based on their own experiences.

Expanding on the theme, students also participated in an Art History lesson where they looked at the famous image "Raft of the Medusa" and created their own newspaper front pages. Based on the water and ship wreck theme, students are also starting to look at contemporary images of refugees and the art that is being produced and creating their own responses.



# DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

The Spring Term is always the busiest period of time in the Design Technology workshops.



Our GCSE and A Level students have their project deadlines and many of the students will spend

countless extra hours honing and perfecting their practical pieces ready for the final assessment.

Lessons are always busy and the workshops are frequently a hive of activity until 5pm as the students strive to hand in the best work that they can do.



This year the GCSE Resistant Materials Students have been designing and making lighting based on the work of a Design Movement.

Lamps have been designed to work with battery powered LED strips and, as you can see in the pictures, the students have produced some fantastic work.

## Food Room



The Year 10 Engineering students have followed technical drawings to manufacture a clamp for their coursework. The students have spent a lot of time, effort and care ensuring that they are manufactured to a high degree of accuracy.



Many of these clamps would be indistinguishable from their commercially sold versions.

The Year 11 Engineering students have worked hard this term creating product designs in CAD software. All designs have been drawn to size and in most cases are so complex, they are made up of a vast number of component parts, each of which is drawn separately and assembled on the screen in the same way you would assemble an Airfix kit.

The food room has been very productive with students cooking meals covering a wide range of cooking skills and techniques.

Savoury snacks, sweet treats and complex dishes have been cooked and it never ceases to amaze us how much effort the students put in to prepare and cook their dishes within the one hour lesson.

**Well done everybody!**

## Graphics



The Year 10 Graphics students have had their first taste of meeting a major deadline.

Their brief was to design and make a paper toy that would raise awareness of an environmental issue. As you can see in the photographs, there was a wide range of individual responses to the brief and all students have shown amazing progress in their learning through the course of the project.

## Product Design



The Year 12 Product Design students have completed their design coursework.

This project focuses on a wide range of designing techniques that will set them up for any career in design and also transferable skills which would equip them for other business sector careers.

The photographs above show some of the amazing design work that the students have produced. Their progress has been staggering and they should be very proud of their achievements.

The Design Technology Department are very proud of the work that our GCSE and A Level students have produced this year and wish them luck in their revision for their exams.



# Northern France Lille Trip



Over the February Half Term, 21 Year 10-13 students made a short trip across the English Channel to visit Lille in Northern France.

After the Eurotunnel journey we made our way, not to Lille, but to Belgium, where we stopped off in Ypres to visit the Menin Gate and to sample some delicious Belgian chocolate. Heading to Lille, we explored the centre of the city, the cathedral and did some shopping. In the evening, having successfully negotiated the public transport in Lille, we made our way to the hotel and enjoyed dinner and got some well-deserved rest.



On the second day, we made our way back into Lille, where some students did a bit more shopping (Sephora was a must for many!) and others made our way up to the top of the Beffroi de Lille for some views of the city.

A visit to a bakery on the way back to the ferry was an unforgettable experience,

with Monsieur Berquier who showed us how to make croissants in a way that no-one will forget. I am sure that the students will remember the ingredients (farine, beurre, sucre...) for years to come!

We returned by ferry in the evening, and although the crossing was, shall we say, less-than-smooth, it did not detract from two fantastic days away!

Later in the year we go away with Year 7 for the annual Boulogne trip and we hope to be able to give more information about trips for next year in the next few months.

## Writing about our values

Seven of our Year 10 students were selected to assist the University of Sussex with their educational research programme recently.

The focus of the academic research is 'Writing about Values'. Students completed various written exercises and participated in discussions. Our students conducted themselves with great maturity and were incredibly articulate. They were excellent ambassadors for their year group and for the College.

The University were grateful for our participation and for the engagement and interest of our students.

## OUTREACH Project - 2016



*Megan Toop-Rose. Erron Larcombe. Lily Weaver. Lucy Bailey & Christopher Waite*

In July, we will be going to the South of India with the Lasallian Developing World Project for three weeks to refurbish a hostel where 100 destitute secondary school boys are living. This is to improve their living and learning conditions.

In order to pay for the materials and tools needed for the refurbishment as well as our travel, we will be hosting numerous charity events, such as the pancake sale in February, so we would be very grateful for any support.

## Young Enterprise Teams go from strength to strength

**Saturday 5th March saw three Young Enterprise teams from St. Joseph's Catholic College take part in a trade fair in the Swindon Outlet Centre.**



Two teams of Year 10 students (Sarang and Kothar) and one team of Year 11 students (Bits and Pieces) set up their stalls at 9am on a Saturday morning to trade successfully with members of the public and win the prize for the best stall from a team of local business leaders who were judging the event. The teams had created their own products for sale and developed their own marketing.

During a very busy Saturday shopping morning, they honed their customer service and

sales skills by trying to secure as many purchases from the public as possible. Trading ceased at 2.30pm, by which time the teams had dealt with many customers.

All three teams experienced a successful morning financially and raised their profiles with the Young Enterprise judges, who made positive references to different aspects of each business in their feedback. Special mention should be made of Kothar, who gained the runner-up award for best stall.



Well done to all the Young Enterprise competitors. The three teams will now have to contend with each other to win a place in the Wiltshire County Finals in May.

## FAIR TRADE



For the last few weeks I have taken over the stock management of Fair Trade products in the College.

Recently, the College has started selling Fair Trade products in the canteen on a Friday, rather than running stalls along the street. This is because the Student Voice asked for the students to be able to buy Fair Trade products with their lunch cards.

I am responsible for listing stock and the quantity that we have. I calculate the balance after items are sold. I place orders and check the goods against the advice notes when new stock arrives, confirming the new total.

I really enjoy this new task - I never realised that we could eat so many biscuits.

*Joe*

## Gifted and Talented Competition

On 13th January, a group of Year 8 students went to Lydiard Park School for an inter-school G&T competition. Seven schools participated in the event in total.

The challenges were fun and most of them required the group to work together (which led to a small bit of bickering!) However, it was a fun event to be at and, although we ended up not winning, we still enjoyed the day for the most part. I just wish that the languages challenge was a little easier because that was the main one we struggled at and led to the most

arguing between our group. The one that was the most fun for me was the challenge led by our own school because having to make a parachute out of newspaper gave me a lot of laughs, mainly when we managed to rip it.

## Junior Team Challenge

Team St. Joseph's once again took part in the UKMT Junior Team Challenge, doing extremely well in 3 rounds out of 4, which led to an overall 6th position. Raj Burman, Magdalena Howell, John Hunter and Charlie Tinson all made valuable contributions to the team and acquitted themselves very well.

## Intermediate Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Andrea Napoli (Year 11) and Stephen Caayao (Year 10) who both achieved Gold awards in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, with Stephen also making it through to the next round of the competition. They led the way in an impressive haul in this national competition, with Silver awards for Stephen Brown, Casper Anderson, Karol Nidecki, John Hunter, Charlie Tinson and 7 Bronze Certificates. **Certificates will be given out in assembly - well done to all!**



# Performing Arts Events January–March 2016

There have been lots of great things happening in the Performing Arts Department this year and we would like to take this opportunity to share some of them with you.

## St. Joseph's and Burford School ROCK SCHOOL GIG



For the first time the Rock School ventured into new territory by doing a joint gig with another school. One of the student's parents, Mr Skittrall, teaches Rock School at Burford School, and his two sons attend Rock School here at St. Joseph's. In January 2015 we discussed the idea of doing a joint venture for the next event.

In total there were around 7 bands who performed and the standard ranged from new bands through to the more experienced ones. The students were all very impressed with the lights, sound and overall set up giving them the chance to experience a 'real gig' experience. The Head of Music from Burford also attended the gig.

We are hoping to do a return visit in the near future as well as expand our own event next year in a 'Battle of the Bands' style event.



## Swindon Young Musician of the Year Competition

This year we entered 4 students – we had two students taking part in the Junior Section. Raj Burman and Sabastian Scanlon. And two students in the Senior Section – Estelle Cobbson and Jacob Skittrall. Unfortunately, Jacob was unable to perform as he was unwell.



Sabastian came second in the Junior Class.

An article was published on the Rotary Club website and we are incredibly proud of all our students who took part.



Estelle Cobbson won the Senior Class and took part in the Rotary Area Finals in Cheltenham on Sunday 6th March. Although she did not win she has been asked to perform at two further concerts, one of which is a Jazz gig.

***Well done to Estelle! We are all very proud of you!***

## What's happening in Performing Arts in the future?

### Performing Arts Competition

Preparing for the Summer Concert – it's going to be big and brilliant! Come and be part of it!

### Working with theatre arts school

Teaming up with other schools for Performances and Competition.

**If you can sing, play an instrument, write songs, act, mime, dance, find out how you can be part of our Performing Arts. We need your talent!**



## Year 13 Performing Arts students and Year 10 BTEC Dance Students

On Thursday 11th February the above groups performed their exam coursework to the Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts students and staff from the Senior Leadership Team.

The Year 13 students were performing their exam work based on the use of Masks. They were responsible for planning, directing and acting their own work. One group based their work on the old 1980s TV show 'Blind Date' and the other group on 'What to do in a

Zombie Attack'. Both performances were really well received by the audience and once again our Year 13 students showed our 'up and coming' students their diverse skills and talents.

This was the first performance that the Year 10 BTEC Dance group had done and they were all very nervous. They performed three dances as a class, one of which was based on Thriller, which was really effective and the girls showed

tremendous team work and it was thoroughly enjoyable to watch.

Poppy Winsbury and Meghan McNamee also performed one of their solo dances from their up and coming assessment. Two contrasting style of lyrical and tap made for a varied performance.

The students will be performing their dances in the end of year concert in July.

## Performing Arts round-up

Here is a round-up of what is happening in the Performing Arts Department. If you would like to take part in any of the activities come and see Mrs Cooke for further details.

### GIRLS MUSICAL THEATRE - EVERY TUESDAY 1-2PM

We are a group of students who meet every Tuesday to sing songs from musicals. We are learning scenes, movement and the songs to recreate those famous scenes from shows in a fun environment. Come and join us - it's fun and it's free! The group is being run by Mrs Cooke, Mrs Mobey and the Year 13 Performing Arts students.

### BOYS GROUP - FRIDAYS 1-2PM

The following groups are happening every Friday in the Performing Arts Area - if you are interested in any of them speak to the member of staff running the group for more details and come and join in!

**Musical Theatre** - we are working on scenes from 'West Side Story' and 'Bugsy Malone' with Mr English and Mr Davies.

**Singing** - we are working on popular songs with Mrs Cooke and students from the Year 12 Performing Arts group.

**Band** - composing and arranging songs; Year 12 Students in song writing and how to perform in a band.

**Boys Street Dance** - every Thursday and Friday after College working with Mr Baker.

### COLLEGE ORCHESTRA - THURSDAYS 1-2PM

Orchestra is run by Mr Rushton and Mrs Webb. This has really grown and the students are working towards performing in the end of year concert in July. If you play an instrument and would like to come along but are a little nervous come and see us. It's a great fun environment and we all learn new things together!

### COLLEGE SINGERS - WEDNESDAYS 1-2PM

This group is for Singers who are ready to sing songs that are more challenging! If you would like to audition for this group look out for the audition notices next term. We are currently working towards the Holy Rood Confirmation Masses in May and the end of year concert in July.

### DO YOU WANT TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT?

If you would like to learn an instrument and you haven't done anything about it yet then do not delay find out about it today!

Come and speak to Mrs Cooke to find out more details.

## Guitar Group Every Monday 1-2pm



We have two Guitar groups who are meeting every week until July in an activity which is being funded by Swindon Music Service.

Each group is receiving 1/2 hour tuition and many of the students are looking to continue with their guitar tuition at the end of the year. The groups are aiming to perform in the end of year concert in July. If you would like to be part of this come and see Mrs Cooke - there may be some spaces available.



# Chaplaincy News



## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar as it opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. It takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday.

The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise penance and the dust from which God made us.

The celebration of the ashes was the last one for current Year 11s. The service was very quiet with readings from some students, myself included. There was a sense of calm throughout the whole service that was not once broken. All this went to making our last Ash Wednesday service together special.

## Student, Parents and Carers of Y11 and Y13

We would like to join as a community the families of those students who will be taking exams in the next few months. We would like to offer our support and prayers by holding a mass. This will be held in the College chapel at 3:15pm on 9th May, we would be very happy if you could join us.

## Parents and Carers of Year 7

We will be holding a retreat day for all Year 7 students on 12th July 2016. The day will end with a celebration mass at Holy Rood Church and we would like to invite you to join us.

More information will be given to you nearer the time.

# STUDY HIGHER

On March 15th, we took part in the Study Higher 2016 programme. We were given the opportunity to visit Sommerville campus which is part of the University of Oxford.

After our arrival, Paralympian Louise Hunt gave us an inspirational insight on her journey to her current rank of 3rd tennis player in Britain.

As well as that, the 'Exam Made Easy' company helped us make our academic goals tangible and create a path to them by revision techniques

such as mnemonics, roman room, benchmark and cue cards.

After lunch, we then received an introduction of Oxford and the university application system.

Finally, we went off into our subject taster session. In environmental science, we did an experiment at which we tried to identify a mix of substances by the pond and assess whether they were safe for the animals and plants.

Overall, it was a successful day because we were exposed to new skills and perspectives to our learning.

# Class of 2016 Hoodie

*The College is delighted to be able to offer Year 11 students the opportunity to purchase a Class of 2016 Commemoration Hoodie. We are working with 'School Leavers Company' and the following link will take you to the online shop which has specifically been set up for St. Joseph's Catholic College:*

*[www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shops/SL30044](http://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shops/SL30044).*

*You can now choose, order and pay for your child's hoodie online and the price is £15.45 for a classic hoodie or £16.95 for a zipped version. Your child can choose their own style, colour and size and add a nickname on the rear of their hoodie for an additional £3.*

*The deadline for orders is 10 APRIL 2016. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ORDER AFTER THIS DATE as the company shop will be closed. We have made arrangements for the hoodies to be delivered to the College during the week commencing 16 May 2016 and, once received, we will contact your child to collect from the Front Office.*

*I know that your child will not want to miss out on this wonderful keepsake so please ensure that they take advantage of this one-off opportunity before the deadline.*



# Flexible Pathway Bike Maintenance

Over the six weeks in Flexible Pathway, we had Swindon Borough Council to help us complete a Bike Maintenance course which is one of our key skill improving your Own Learning.



For this course we were expected to get our own bikes. In our bike maintenance over the six weeks we learnt different skills: In week one we did just looked at what we were going to do over the six weeks.

In week two we looked at cleaning and lubricating our bike the next week which is week three we looked mending a puncture, week four we looked at adjusting brakes and gears, week five changing worn out brakes and week six chains and bearings. During this course we learnt many skills about bikes.

We were very lucky to have Lewis Lawton to teach us about bikes and how they work and some of the hazards.

At the end of this course we tested our knowledge by taking a quiz and most of us did well. Joey De Rego 10S, was so interested that he brought himself a new bike and had enrolled on Mr Rutter's Bike Club on a Wednesday.

**Joey cycles to and from College every day.**



# Sixth Form Summer Schools



Many congratulations to Kacie Codling who has just been accepted on the prestigious EDT Headstart Summer School for this year.

Headstart is a charitable trust who offer hands-on STEM activities and taster courses to encourage young people into technology-based careers. The Summer Schools take place at some of the top universities in the country and are perfect for finding out about career opportunities and degree courses in engineering and technology.

We have many students who are waiting to hear if they have been accepted on various Summer School programmes throughout the country. We currently have Daniel Aldred, Shania Bamford, Moses Crasto, Aaron Jennings, Annamaria Mazzotta, John Toop-Rose and Karina Wolna taking part on the Reading Scholars Programme.

The Summer Schools and University Programmes are highly competitive and we take pride in the number of our Sixth Form Students who gain places and have the opportunity to experience the vast range of activities offered.

# A victorious start to the season

On Tuesday 19th January, St. Joseph's Year 7 Girls Football team played their first match against Churchfields.

The team included Jessica De Mello, Olivia Bath, Katie King, Lorna Kamau, Mia Grace, Ashley Bobby, and Jessica Bebey Bana.

The game started quickly with St. Joseph's taking the lead by Olivia scoring the first goal with another two goals quickly being scored by Katie. St. Joseph's showed excellent team work and this was backed up by Jessica B who was a strong Goal Keeper and stopped Churchfields from scoring in the first half.

Because St. Joseph's managed to stop Churchfields from scoring, it meant that they were confident going into the second half.

In the second half Churchfields scored two early goals. However, St. Joseph's fought back and Jessica D scored two more goals which took the pressure off the St. Joseph's Girls'. Shortly after Olivia scored her second goal and we were awarded a penalty which Lorna scored and confirmed a St. Joseph's win.

The final score of the match was 8-2 to St Joseph's. Churchfields awarded the player of the match to Katie.

**Match report written by Katie King.**

## A double win for our Girl's Football

Congratulations to the U12 and U14 girls' Football teams who both won their game against Dorcan on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.



Both teams played with enthusiasm and determination and this was reflected with a 5-0 win for the U12 and a 11-1 win for the U14 was 11-1.

# St. Joseph's Year 7s dominates basketball

The St. Joseph's Year 7 girls were nervous for their first competitive Basketball game against Churchfields.

The girls who played included: Jessica De Mello, Olivia Bath, Mia Grace, Ashley Bobby, Michelle Ncube, and Jessica Bebey Bana. We started with an intense atmosphere, but the St. Joseph's girls' were calm and ready for the tip off start to the game.

At first the St. Joseph's girls used their netball skills to help them shoot and this gave St. Joseph's a substantial lead. The St. Joseph's girls were also very fit and they used the whole court well to tire out the Churchfield girls.



The most memorable baskets were scored by both Mia, Jess B, and Jess D. At half time, Miss Brett gave us a very inspirational talk and encouraged us to each mark a player. In the second half we stuck to this and the pressure of marking the Churchfield players meant that they didn't score any baskets. In the second half, Mia scored another excellent basket.

St. Joseph's won the game with an end score of 24-2. Churchfield nominated their player of the match to Jess Bebey Bana.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO PLAYED.**

## 7-a-side Football Year 8 Swindon Champions

On 11th February we took the Year 8 team to the final round of the Swindon Schools 7-a-side Tournament.

On a cold evening the lads were hot from the start. Their interplay and passing was extremely good and they were equally adept in front of the goal. They comfortably won each game, including the semi-final against Ridgeway School, to pave a rather easy route to the final.

They came up against a strong Commonweal team who gave them something to think about in the 1st half. However, they held their nerve and went on to put in their best 2nd half display of the year but failed to finish Commonweal off in both normal and extra time, this led to nerve jangling penalties.

Penalties did ensure the best team won for a change with Ben Causer excellent in goal. Well done to our team who were a credit to themselves and the College. Team: Ben Causer, Kester Dadzi, Felipe Dias De Abreu, Rowan Doyle, Ellis Kerrigan-Ritchie, Rajib Malla, Krystian Osinski, John Parajes.