



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS



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## Prayer

I thank you, Lord God, for everything that was good during the past school year.

Both the things I remember and those I've forgotten. You have blessed me in so many ways.

I ask you to take care of me during the summer holidays. Keep me safe from harm; protect me from danger.

Help me to enjoy the long hours of sunlight and be glad for the company of my family and neighbours.

Show me how to give a helping hand at home and how to be thoughtful towards those with whom I live.

I also pray for my school friends: may they have a happy summer and when we meet again in September may we be glad to be together once more.

I ask this summer-blessing through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

## English Summer Reading

Would all Year 10 students please check with their English Teacher which text they need to purchase to read during the Summer break, this is in order to be ready for Assessments at the start of next term.

## Wanted

Have you any good quality uniform which your children have outgrown?

The College is able to recycle items of uniform and help needy families in our Community. Please ensure that any clothing donated is clean and in good condition. All donations can be handed into Reception staff. Your donation will make a difference.

## Change of details or telephone number?

It is important that we always hold up to date address and telephone number information for you and your child/children. This means we can contact you immediately in an emergency.

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

Many thanks for your co-operation.



This has been an extremely busy year for us all. St. Joseph's has now received an official order to convert to become an Academy on August 1st. St. Joseph's Catholic College will not be changing its name nor incorporating Academy into our title. The College is very proud of its heritage and catholicity, so we will be changing but not changing! St. Joseph's will become a state funded independent school.

This will help to promote the College and its success both locally, regionally and nationally. It will mean that we will have increased independence from the Local Authority. The College will continue to focus on what matters, the education both academically and pastorally of our students.

I would like to end with a farewell. We have colleagues leaving who are moving on to other posts, other parts of the country and two colleagues setting up their own Outward Bound business. We wish them all well.

However, one person does deserve a very special mention. Elaine O'Connell is leaving after many years of dedication and service to St. Joseph's. She has had many roles, teacher of PE, Head of PE, Assessment Co-ordinator, Head of Pastoral and Head of the Lower School as well as her present role Assistant Head, Student Services. She has looked after many of your children and I know she has taught many of you as well. I cannot thank her enough for the support she has given me and other colleagues over the years. We will miss her and wish her all the best for the future.



## Prom

This year's Prom took place on 13th May at the Hilton Hotel. It was an amazing night, with a collection of students who were transformed from red and grey uniform-wearing teenagers to glamorous ball-gown attired young ladies and elegant suited and booted young gentlemen. All that was missing was a red carpet on arrival!

The evening went exceptionally well. After the excitement of making their striking entrances, they proceeded into the ballroom with their fruit cocktails. Everyone found their places and a buzz of excited voices was heard. The buffet was served; it was a lovely selection of finger food, followed by some delicious gateaux. The students were already up and dancing, and this mood continued to the end of the evening.

Thank you to the Hilton staff for making the evening run so smoothly, to all College staff who attended, I know we all had a great time, thank you to the students whose mature behaviour at their Prom made me feel extremely proud of them.



# What's going on?

# Community

## Dates for your diary

20th July	College Sports Day
22nd July	College Closes for Studens
18th August	A-Level Results Day
25th August	GCSE Results Day



## Young Enterprise

On Thursday the 26th of May the Young Enterprise Team Essence went to New College for the County finals. We were competing against older students from Schools and Colleges all over the county. We, as a team, had to present a six minute presentation on our product (Bath Bombs) in front of two judges and an audience. In addition we were judged on our trade stand and had to have an interview with each judge. We also had to make an Interim Report which was also judged. All in all it was a very big success and won an award for the best presentation and achieved second place out of the whole county!!

Over the year, we have all enjoyed Young Enterprise so much especially with Miss Hicks helping us! We have created a product, marketed it and sold it. We have taken part in many events such as selling at Nationwide trade stand competition (where we came first), Outlet Centre, Race For Life and within the school community. We would love to carry on with our business! As a company we would like to say a massive thank you to Bruce our Adviser and Miss Hicks! Without their help we wouldn't have achieved as much as we have and learnt as much as we did! Thank you both once again!  
*Year 10 Young Enterprise Team*

## Piercings

Students wishing to get their ears pierced should do so in the longer summer holiday period as jewellery needs to be removed during PE lessons on health and safety grounds and plasters over new piercings are unacceptable. Remember, the ruling is: One pair of small stud earrings in the ear lobe. This applies to both boys and girls. Please note that tongue studs must not be worn to College.

## September Induction

Thursday 1st September	Staff Training Day
Friday 2nd September	Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13
Monday 5th September	Year 8 and Year 10 Year 12 (Team Building)
Tuesday 6th September	Year 7
Wednesday 7th September	Year 7 and Year 9 Year 12 (Higher Education Study Skills Day)
Thursday 8th September	Whole College In

All students are expected to be on site at 8.20am on their allocated Induction Days.

## Habits to Hoodies

This year's Community Engagement Day focused on the four Houses: Buckfast; Walsingham; Evesham and Glastonbury. The day took on a medieval theme!

Students took part in five activity areas. These were trebuchets, stained glass window making, tapestry making, Medieval cookery and Medieval sports.

In tapestry making students had a rare chance to develop their sewing and tapestry skills on this Flexible Friday when they produced their own version of the Bayeux Tapestry. Students looked at the Canterbury Tales and pilgrimage before producing a series of panels that demonstrated their knowledge of their Houses and of storytelling.

Once outside, each House experienced six mini sporting activities. These were target games, distance throwing, tug of war, 'Medieval Splat' drama, mob football and jousting! Students had a fantastic time working together to score points.

At lunch time, keeping the theme of the day in mind, it was decided to go the 'whole hog' and have a pig roast!



## Charity Fund Raising

On Tuesday 28th June, a group of students from 8E took the opportunity to raise money for our nominated charity 'Young carers' while participating in two sessions of Laser Quest at the Shaw Ridge centre. Organised by Mrs Curran and accompanied by a small number of other staff, the event raised a total of £80. One player commented, "It was really fun and a good way of raising money"

## Medieval Cooking

On a recent Flexible Friday, the College had a Medieval Day, where many students had the opportunity to try some Medieval style cooking. Here is what some of the student thought:

"I did some Medieval cooking with some other children and I made some herb bread. we had to mkae two bread because we forgot to put the yeast in the mixture! I enjoyed the activity because it was all about being independant and working as a team, but I have to admit, the best bit of all was eating it after we made it. I think we should have made some non-alcoholic Medieval drinks."  
*Eleanor Brown 7E*

"On Flexbile Friday I took part in a session of Medieval cooking. I enjoyed the cooking and making a new cooking buddy. We made the bread but I love tasting the meatballs which tasted different to our meatballs nowadays. The bread was the best tasting thing there that I enjoyed."  
*Abigail 8S*

"Baking the custard tart was a very fun session and I enjoyed making it alot. We did this on our Flexi-Friday and I learned a lot from cooking it, such as its real name, 'Tarte Medieval' from French Medieval cuisine."  
*Ubaldo Fernandes 9E*

Special thanks must also go to Daniel in 9S and Jamie O'Neill 9C, as well as all the staff who spent the day helping the students produce their food.

## Free School Meals

Parents who are currently entitled to Free School Meals **do not** need to reapply during the summer to continue to receive free school meals. If your child currently receives Free School Meals and you are still entitled to receive them, your child's claim will automatically be renewed for the next academic year. You will not receive notification that this has been done.

## Lets Get Cooking

On Tuesday after school, twelve Year 7 students are attending The Lets Get Cooking Club.

The students are making a range of recipes that have been particularly chosen for their use of different kitchen skills. To enable the students, I first give a demonstration which the students then later follow. So far, it has been very enjoyable and students have made very successful products.



## Fun For All

On Wednesday 21st June, I went to Holy Rood Junior School with other Sports Leaders, to carry out a range of activities with the Year 3's of Holy Rood Junior School, and Year 3's and 4's from St. Edmunds Primary School, who travelled down to Swindon from Calne. The two schools were mixed into 10 teams, to complete activities such as bench ball; ball tag; three-legged football; steal the treasure and many more. We all took part in organising and setting up the equipment for each activity and communicated well as to which activity would suit us all best. Bradley McCabe and I were in charge of bench ball, in which we separated the group into two teams to compete against each other. We came across problems, as the children were supposed to get the opposing team out by hitting them with the ball below the waist, however this appeared too difficult for the 6-7 years olds and so we decided to change it slightly. This seemed to work a lot better, and the students seemed to enjoy it much more; we even had one girl say 'that was totally sick', which we saw as good feedback! Bradley and I both used good leadership skills as we took it in turn to explain the instructions to our group, as well as good team work and communication skills; especially when the activity needed to be simplified. The activities ran from 1pm - 2.15pm and the time flew by- it was a really enjoyable experience and we wouldn't think twice about doing it again.  
*Isabelle Di Pierro 10C*



# Visits

## Year 10 Pilgrimage to Coate

On Friday 24th June, all Year 10 students visited Coate Water on a pilgrimage. Each tutor group paired up and competed against each other on different activities. The Tutor Groups rotated through four different activities; rounders, cricket, golf and orienteering. One student said "I found the day really enjoyable and I am happy the day was sunny". Throughout our time there it remained sunny, luckily we didn't get caught in the rain. All Year 10's were lucky enough to receive a barbeque which included free hotdogs, burgers and drinks. Another student said "Its nice that we were out of school and it was different to all of the other Flexible Fridays". At the end of the day, everyone was exhausted after a great day out. Thanks to all of the teachers for trusting us.  
*Niamh, Judie, Vanessa and Jess*

I think Friday at Coate Water was really good, it was a great way to get the whole of Year 10 together and do something practical and fun.

I really enjoyed it and would be more than happy to do it again! It will be a great day to remember. We did orienteering and walking through Coate Water.

Finding the cards was fun, and I didn't know how nice Coate Water was until I did that exercise.

We then did kwik-cricket, which was really fun and we had some good laughs with the students and the teachers! We then moved onto rounders which was great. Our last activity was golf, which was better than I expected it to be.

We also got a free burger, hot dog and juice, which was really nice!

Overall it was an amazing day, which I enjoyed a lot and I'm sure other Year 10 students did too.  
*Marco Mazzotta 10B*

## Visiting Year 6

Last week, we welcomed 36 Year 6 students from St. Mary's and 64 from Holy Rood who spent the morning working in groups with the support of Year 10 students to produce puppets and plays in French and Italian. In the afternoon, all the Holy Rood students had mini lessons in Italian to help prepare them for next year. We all had a fantastic day and the Year 6 took their plays and sock puppets back to school. We look forward to working with them again in September.

## Junior Maths Challenge

Many congratulations to Robert Pomfret, Steve Caayao, Katie Smith and Hannah Lloyd who achieved Gold Awards in the Junior Maths Challenge. We also got 3 Silver Certificates and 8 Bronze, which is an excellent achievement. Well done to all those who took part.

## Year 8 Kintbury Residential

Kintbury was a really fun place to go and I really enjoyed it. It was a place where you could just be yourself. We did so many activities including; a walk, campfire, mass, games and lots of other things in groups with other students. It really was amazing and I recommend anyone who hasn't been to go! Overall Kintbury was fantastic.  
*Bernadette Barrett 8W*

We left Swindon after school on the Minibus on our way to Kintbury. When we arrived, we were allowed time to get settled in before getting to know our team leader John and the rest of the team; Edna, Tia, Chaz, Joyce and Stephen. We were then given time to get to know some other students from a school in Birmingham.

In the evenings we were given our meals and given about 45 minutes of free time. We then headed back into the playroom to have a group game or chat. One night we had a bonfire. It was really exciting and we sang songs and had lots of fun. After our evening activities, we went up to the quiet room and had a night prayer. It was really relaxing and a few of us nearly fell asleep! After about half an hour of free time, we had lights out at 11pm.

Kintbury was a really great experience and I would love to go again. I had lots of fun and we could be ourselves. I have been able to come away from it with so many memories and lots of new friends.  
*Sarah Hardy 8C*

## London Visit

On Thursday 16th June we took 18 GCSE Italian students to London to watch the filming of the television quiz show The Cube in Italian, for broadcast on Italian television. The students were a credit to the College and were pleasantly surprised by how much they were able to understand as all the filming was in the Italian language. Here are some of the students' reactions to the trip:

"It was fun because it was a great opportunity to see how filming for TV takes place."  
*Amelia Gates 9L*

"It was a fun way of learning and good to know that even the Italian presenter makes grammatical errors!"  
*Lee-ann Popowicz 9A*

"It was a good chance to expand our understanding of Italian."  
*Karolina Huntley 9B*

"It was a great experience. It was also a great show that tests your Italian language. If I had the option, I would definitely go again!"  
*Daniel Mackenzie 10A*

"I thought it was a great trip and we really benefitted from it. I would love to go again!"  
*Daniel Harris 10A*

# Outreach

## Football

Wroughton under 15 boys have won the North Wilts League Division One Title for the 2nd Year Running with an unbeaten record for two seasons. The team also won the prestigious Wiltshire County Cup for 2010-2011 beating Melksham in the final 6-0 at Devizes Football Ground, to take the title and cup. The boys who play for Wroughton Youth and attend St. Joseph's are, Ross Paone, Vito Zarola, Daniel Bright, Branzon De Souza, Nana Osei, Jose Rodrigues and Corey Horgan. We would like to congratulate the boys on their well deserved success.



## Cricket

On Wednesday 16th June, me and 13 other students from Years 8,9 and 10 were chosen to lead a Year 5/6 mixed Kwik Cricket tournament at Swindon Cricket Club. It was a very competitive competition as there were 26 teams and over 250 students taking part in the competition. The 14 leaders had to split up in pairs and set up 1 of 10 pitches umpiring and scoring 4 matches on each pitch. The competition encouraged students to use the basic cricket skills such as bowling, batting and fielding; which every student was able to have a go at. It was a very enjoyable day as there was a good standard of cricket being played and it was a great experience to help out in a major schools competition. The students were excellent, they did a stellar job of umpiring and their manner and attitude throughout the whole day was exemplary. Well done.

## Italian Exchange

Three Year 12 students have been sharing their experiences on the Italian Exchange Visit to Sesto Fiorentino, Florence with current Year 9 students. Elizabeth Bason, Josh Witts and Alex Barrett delivered an animated presentation to three Year 9 Italian groups who responded enthusiastically to the prospect of welcoming an Italian guest to Swindon and visiting Tuscany themselves. We look forward to another successful exchange next year.

## D of E Bronze Expedition

As part of our key skill working with others in the Cope level 2, we had to go to a camping expedition to Bristol. We arrived there by our school mini bus and were given a map and a compass to follow the route throughout the day. Whenever we arrived to a checkpoint, we had to write what our group name was, what the time was and how we are doing. The point of the expedition was to follow our route on the map effectively and to show and build our communication skills within the group. We also had to show good listening skills because it was important to take other group member's ideas forward to make sure that we were following the map correctly. From the previous experience of the expedition to Ridgeway, we had to cook our food on the Trangia and make sure the tent were pitched 3 metres away from others tent. On the next day we had to cook breakfast, pack away our tents and pack our rucksacks. We were given a different route to follow on the map which led us to the finish point of the expedition. We enjoyed the expedition because it was an opportunity to go on an expedition where we might never had a chance before. The experience of the expedition led us seeing some animals on the farm such as sheep, horses and cows, as well as some wonderful landscapes.

I think we had met our objectives because we completed Duke of Edinburgh Expedition as a team, remaining self sufficient over two days including an overnight stay in a tent and shelter.  
*Alrich Gonsalves 10S*

## Cricket Cup

The three College Cricket teams have been successful once again this season. The Year 8 and Year 9 teams have both reached the Swindon Schools' Cup semi-finals, with the Year 8 team unbeaten in all matches. The Year 10 team have had a frustrating time with no matches played due to weather and lack of opposition. They are, however, still in the Swindon Cup being due to play Isambard in the next round.

## Theatre Visits

During the next Academic Year we will be running some evening Theatre Visits; confirmed dates at present are:

'Robin Hood' at the RSC Stratford Upon Avon on 22nd November.

Matilda the Musical (the RSC Production transferring to London from Stratford upon Avon) on January 12th.

More details about arrangements and cost will follow in September.

## Fairtrade

A big THANK YOU to all who have supported our Fairtrade Stalls throughout the year.

We have sold over £5,600 worth of products and have sent £770 to our charities; FIOH (Future In Our Hands) and the Subanen crafts in the Philippines. WELL DONE to all.



# Events

## Planning for the Future

On 24 June Flexible Friday, Year 12 attended an annual event that we run to help students prepare for their futures after their A Level and Level 2 courses.

Whilst students who wished to pursue employment attended workshops on interview technique, CV writing and opportunities for apprenticeships, others discovered more about life at university, how to apply and how to sell themselves in their personal statements.

Students found the whole experience beneficial and it has certainly kick-started their planning for the future over the summer holidays. The event finished at lunch time with all students joining as a community to share pizza and laughs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Reed Employment, Glamorgan University and Gloucestershire University for their workshops and for the help they have given us this year and in previous years.



## Year 13 Leavers

On Thursday 30th June, Year 13 students and staff gathered at the De Vere Hotel to celebrate the end of their educational experience at St Josephs Catholic College.

As ever, our students were glamorous and glorious in their dresses and suits, looking every inch the sophisticated students that they are. We enjoyed a sumptuous three course meal, followed by a mock prize-giving that celebrated the Superheroes of Year 13. We danced the night away to a mixture of modern and 80s music – the latter a concession to the teachers present.

Following the excitement of the Prom the night before, bleary-eyed Year 13 students set off for a day of adventure at Thorpe Park. After a somewhat quiet journey, we arrived in time for lunch and some early rides that avoided the queues.

Throughout the day, Thorpe Park rang with Swindonian screams and shouts, as students sampled the delights (or terrors) of rides such as Saw, Tidal Wave and Rush. The amazing thing was that everyone denied being the perpetrator of any screams and that not one ride was frightening!

As they were enjoying their "Royal Wedding Day", a small group of Year 10 students were seen laughing at unfortunate, drenched members of staff on the Log Flume. Those staff members are just pleased that they contributed to the happiness of those students' day.

It was a perfect day: the weather was just right, no one got too wet and we all arrived home on time.

## Be the Best you can Be

From this September our Year 7 students will be involved in the 'Be the Best You Can Be' programme. It is based on the Olympic values of Respect, Friendship, Excellence, Courage, Determination, Equality and Inspiration. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience a British Olympian's story first hand and to use this to focus on their own goals and aspirations.

What is it?

The 'Be the Best You Can Be' programme was founded by olympic champion David Hemery. It is designed to inspire young people on the road to achieving their potential.

The programme uses the London 2012 Olympic Games to encourage and empower young people to take responsibility for their own development. The course will be delivered to our Year 7 students, using a cross curricular approach. Citizenship lessons will be used as a main driver for this.

The programme launch is planned for Friday 30th September which is the second Flexible Friday of the year. On this day our Year 7's will begin with an inspirational talk from Mark Richardson. Mark is a former World Class 400m runner who has won honours at all the major Athletic Championships. Mark also won Olympic Gold in the 4x400m relay, for Great Britain, in Athens.



## A Tale of Five Cities

Go beyond with St Joseph's. We have just received notification from the British Council that St. Joseph's Catholic College has been granted funding for a 2-year Comenius Project on the theme of 'Ticket to Ride: The impact of tourism in five European regions'. The project is a multilateral partnership with schools in Poland, Turkey, Northern Ireland and Italy and will involve trips to the four countries, as well as hosting a visit by the other participating schools to England in Spring 2013. It is a very exciting opportunity for the college and for the students that will be involved. We hope to involve the whole college in aspects of the project and look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with school communities in other countries through the visits and through email and web conferencing links.

## Big Arts Day

On Saturday 9th July, ten Creative and Media Diploma students assisted in the running of the Swindon Big Arts Day. This was the culmination of three months of hard work.

The students were first introduced to the idea of involvement with the Festival just before Easter and were keen to complete two of their modules - "Performance" and "Festival" - through this. They teamed up with other students from Dorcan to conceive how they would promote the Big Arts Day and also assist in decorating the site for the day.

Dienka Hines and Charlie Miles from the committee worked closely with the students to assist them in realising their ideas. Gabby Liddiard and Natalia Rajska created beautiful balloon decorations for the "Alice in Wonderland" themed walled garden, along with colour-coded balloons to assist festival goers to ascertain which area they were in; Jayde Woolhouse, Jessica Capstick and Joseph Bannon developed and installed weatherproof flags which reflected the balloon colours; Colleen Bourke and Olivia Cowley chose a successful spin on graffiti Walls, asking festival goers, old and young, to draw or comment on their Big Arts Day experience. Finally, three Isambard students who are completing their diploma with us - Georgia Telford, Emily Fraser and Milly Coudry - created enchanting lanterns to line the Lydiard Park avenue and guide weary revellers home.

All of the committee members working on the day of the festival were impressed by the students and their commitment to the whole day. In fact, the students had indeed invested a lot of their own time designing, sourcing materials and creating their products also arriving early on site to set up on the day. This was in addition to promoting the event the week before in Swindon town centre.

I cannot express how proud these students have made me as their teacher so, in the ethos of this course, I'd like to let some of the students involved have the last word.

"It's the best thing I've ever done!" **Gabby Liddiard 10M**

"It was interesting to work with people who have festival experience." **Jayde Woolhouse 10A**

"It was an invigorating experience." **Joseph Bannon 10A**

"I've enjoyed seeing how a festival is put together and being involved with it." **Olivia Cowley 10W**

"It was intriguing to be behind the scenes, working on a successful festival." **Natalia Rajska 10L**



## A Summer Spectacular

On Monday 11th July the curtain went up on the the College's Production, A Summer Spectacular.



The show included musical, dance and drama from many different shows including; 'Hairspray', 'Wicked', 'Joseph', 'We Will Rock You' and 'Blood Brothers'.

As the show opened with 'We will rock you', everyone in the audience knew that they were in for an evening of high quality entertainment.



The production team would like to thank all involved in producing the show, and for all those who supported us in making this an amazing success.

Below is a quote from one parent on what they thought of the show:

"On behalf of my family and friends who attended the production yesterday evening. I would like to thank you, the students, and your staff for staging and presenting such a wonderful experience. The talent that the production showcased was, as usual, tremendous. However, what is more impressive is the synergy, enthusiasm and mutual respect between and amongst the students and staff. This culture is a credit to the college and instrumental in its success."

Watch this space for details about next year's production.



# Extend

## Primary Liason

### Primary Roadshow

The St. Joseph's Primary Roadshow completed another season with successful trips to all four of our catholic partner primary schools. We played to interested crowds of parents and students with overwhelmingly positive feedback to our presentation.

### Arts Carousel

The Art and Tech departments played host to Holy Rood, Holy Family and St. Mary's for a variety of creative activities from clay to key rings and boxes to graphics. Many thanks to all colleagues who were involved and will be for the visit of St. Catherine's on July 12th.

### Extend Project

The Extend Project will run again this summer from July 25th to 29th. We have had over 90 year 6 students sign up for a range of activities.

### Year 3 / 4 Activity Day

St. Joseph's took 22 sports leaders over to Holy Rood Juniors to organise and run a fun activity day for a joint Holy Rood and St. Edmond's (Calne) twinning venture. Our leaders ran a variety of activities from 'three legged football' to 'steal the treasure'. A fantastic afternoon was enjoyed by all students and teachers, even the weather joined in and stayed dry. Both schools enjoyed the experience and would like us to organise a similar event in the future. Well done to Mr Cross for organising the event.

## Year 12 Photographers

A very big WELL DONE to the A-Level Art and Photography students on a very successful exhibition. Well done from Mrs Wiltshire, Miss Shaw-Giles, Mr Rutter and Mr Chappell. We look forward to seeing the Year 12 back in September.



## Bletchley Park Visit

On Friday 10th June about 12 Year 8s went on a trip to the National Computer Museum at Bletchley Park, where we saw some computers that were used to crack codes during World War 2, including a re-constructed Colossus. We also saw other old computers like the Apple Macintosh and played some basic games on them. It was a fun day spent looking at computers, machines and cracking codes. Overall it was a great experience  
*Hannah Lloyd 8C*



## 6th Form Art

In the Art Department this term, Year 12 student's have been involved in workshops and lectures from Swindon College. A talk from John Fowler of the College was able to give students good information about future careers and further education. Most interesting was a research study by the Guardian Newspaper that discovered Graduates from Art Courses earn more than other graduates 1 year, 5 years and 10 years after graduation. Our Art Graduates are in worldwide demand and are a growing industry, he also talked of past students, some of who had gone to be awarded designer of the year and one young man who ended up designing a recent Oscar Award ceremony in America. Students have also been involved in Workshops at Swindon College to develop their skills and portfolios further. Well done to those students and many thanks to Swindon College for their input.

## Sixth Form Summer Activities

As is usual at St. Joseph's, our students have been proactive in arranging a number of activities that will help them with the academic subjects and will also help them with any future applications that they will make.

We have students attending summer schools at Gloucestershire University and Bristol University in a variety of subjects from Mathematics to Sport. A number of students have arranged blocks of time to gain some work experience over the summer, ranging from helping in our partner Primary Schools to working in a Law firm. Two students are going to India to work in a hospital, in order to gain work experience that will help with applications for Medicine degrees. These students are trying to raise money for the hospital in India, so look out for some fund-raising events before the end of term.