

## Looking Forward

I would like to welcome back all our students and parents, especially our new Year 7 who started at College in September. I have outlined below key information which I think you will find useful over the coming year.

**Exam Results:** St. Joseph's students did especially well this year in both GCSE and AS/A2. Our Year 11 students achieved 73% 5A\*-C and 98% 5A\*-G. 66% of students achieved A\*-C in Maths and 69% in English Language. Our accelerated Year 10 GCSE programme was especially successful in Maths, English Literature and Modern Foreign Languages. All students deserve to be congratulated for their hard work. Again the College is in the top three schools in Swindon.

We were particularly pleased with our A2 results. The average points score of our students increased by fifteen points which is well above national averages.

**Transport:** You may or may not be aware that the Local Authority is looking at whether it will continue to provide discretionary transport from September 2012. This has been put out for consultation and I would urge parents to visit the Council's website at [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk) to voice your concerns. The consultation will run from Monday 11 October 2010 until the end of Friday 26 November 2010. I would like to reassure you that the College is investigating ways of supporting students who live more than three miles away if and when discretionary transport is discontinued in 2012. The College will keep parents updated via the College website as soon as we know more on this matter.

**Academy Status:** I informed parents in the last newsletter that St. Joseph's was interested in pursuing Academy Status. The College was invited by the Secretary of State for Education to become an Academy as we are considered to be 'outstanding'. At the moment I can only confirm that the Diocesan Working party is meeting regularly and a decision is promised by the Diocesan Board of Trustees in December. Again, I will keep everyone updated as soon as I hear any news.

**Parent Systems Access:** I hope by now that all parents are able to access ePortal. This will allow you to look at your child's attendance and progress.

I would also point out that all students and parents can access our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), Moodle from home. This means that you can access subject information such as schemes of work and homework. Please ask your child to show you how this works if you are unsure. Any queries about ePortal or Moodle, please contact Mark Fleet, Web and VLE Manager at [mfleet@stjosephs.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:mfleet@stjosephs.swindon.sch.uk).

I look forward to working with you over the next year.

Maureen Harries  
Headteacher

## Attendance

I am writing again to ask for your support in a very important matter: attendance.

Attendance at College is extremely important. As you will see from the illustration 'Every School Day Counts!', days off school add up to lost learning. The more days off school, the less likely students are to make the necessary progress with their studies. Research has shown a close correlation between attendance and GCSE results. Students with less than 90% attendance achieve on average between a half/one GCSE below that of their peers.

The new Ofsted Framework introduced in September 2009 looks closely at students' attendance. In fact, there is now a judgement grade relating to this. It would be a great pity if we were to lose our 'outstanding' overall grade next time due to our attendance figures.

There will be times when students are ill, have unavoidable medical appointments, and unforeseen family emergencies. The College is very sympathetic to these occurrences. However, there are a significant number of requests for holidays in term time and in some cases these holidays being taken without consent, despite previous correspondence on this matter.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise again that I am constrained by Government and Governor guidance as regards attendance. The issuing of a Penalty Notice by Swindon Education Welfare is now the norm in cases of unauthorised absence from the College during term time. Only in extreme circumstances, bereavement for example, am I allowed to make exceptions. The Attendance Officer will need medical evidence for periods of illness over three days.

Maureen Harries  
Headteacher

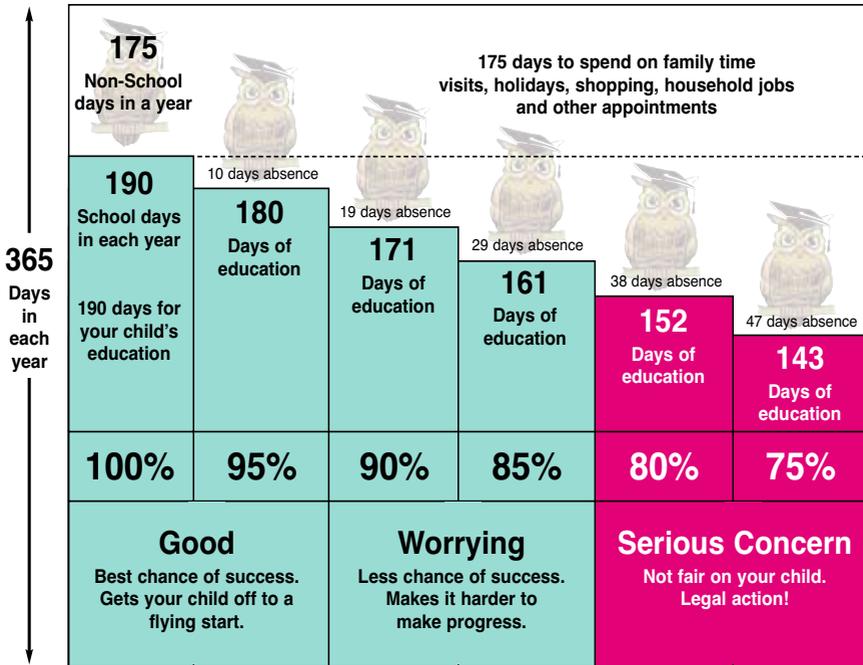
## CAFOD Harvest Day

We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who participated in the Harvest Fast Day on Friday 1st October. We raised £360 for CAFOD.

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



- Days off school add up to lost learning.
- Please don't let your children miss out on the education they deserve.
- Every school day counts.



If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to your school about it or contact The Education Welfare Service on 01793 463095

[www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk)

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## Have you moved house or changed your telephone number/s?

In order for us to be able to contact you regarding your child/ren in an emergency, or to keep you updated with their progress, it is important that we always hold up to date address and telephone number information for you and your child/ren.

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

Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

## Art News

Congratulations to all who achieved grades for Art in the summer examinations. We were very successful with 89% of GCSE candidate gaining A\*-C and 100% A-D. Special congratulations go to Ashlee Cox and Cynara Monterio who both achieved A\*. In fact 35% of entries achieved A or A\*, a fantastic achievement. We would also congratulate our A students at AS Art, Catherine Carroll and Katie Bryan and we offer special celebration wishes to Sam Miller who achieved the new A\* at A2.

The Art department would also like to thank all the A-Level Art and Photography students for the Exposure Exhibition at the Post-Modern Gallery in Swindon. One comment in the visitor book was that it was the "best school art show they've had", a testament to the fantastic work being achieved.



## Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If you are at all interested in participating in our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the HCPT group, please contact Julia for more information. We would be travelling with Fr Kevin and St. Peter's from Gloucester.

## Visit to Battlefields of Belgium and France 2011

The History Department has organised for 40 students in Years 8 to 13 to visit some of the historic Battlefields of Belgium and France from the 2nd to the 7th July 2011. If you are interested in this trip, please see Moodle or Reception for a detailed letter.

## Primary Liaison

During the first week of the summer holidays (July 26th – 30th), we ran our Extend project at St. Joseph's. Over 60 Year 6 students from 11 of our partner Primary Schools attended the week's activities.

The activities ran for two hours everyday from Monday to Friday and covered a wide range of experiences from Mini Master Chef to Computer Animation, from Technology to Drama. The full range of activities included the very active Dance and Sport options which were very popular.

Student feedback from the week included: "it was great fun", "I would have like it to be longer", " the best things were making new friends and learning new things".

The feedback from the parents from the week included: "it allowed them to get used to the buildings ready for September", "He had a great time", "She really enjoyed the week", "He didn't want to go on the first day but came home very enthusiastic and couldn't wait to go back".

The overall feedback from the week was overwhelmingly positive and a real credit to the staff members who ran the courses. Many thanks to staff, students and parents for a fantastic week.

Mr Iles

## Maths Challenge

The Individual Maths Challenges are a great way of pushing yourself to see how good you are at Maths, and earning certificates that are recognised by employers and universities as something really good.

The dates for this year are as follows:

Senior	Year 12-13	Thursday 4 Nov 2010
Intermediate	Year 9-11	Thursday 3 Feb 2011
Junior	Year 7-8	Friday 6 May 2011

If you are in top set maths, you will get more details nearer the time from your maths teacher, but if you would like to practise you can get past papers at <http://www.mathcomp.leeds.ac.uk/> or by asking your maths teacher.

Good luck!

Mr Davies



## Safeguarding - Keeping Children Safe Your right to Ask

### The Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme

This scheme has been successfully piloted in several Police Force areas and is now being extended to include, from the 1st October 2010, Wiltshire Police area.

The scheme allows members of the public – a parent, carer, guardian or interested third party – to access information on an individual they are concerned about who has contact with a child they know.

If police checks show the individual has a record for child sexual offences, or other offences that might put a child at risk, the police will consider sharing this information with the person(s) best placed to protect the child, usually the parent, carer or guardian. The police will disclose information only if it is lawful, necessary and proportionate to do so in the interests of protecting the child, or children from harm.

The majority of child sexual offenders are known to their victims. They are often someone who has some form of access to a child, e.g. a friend of the victim's family, a friend of the victim, or a member of the victim's family.

Anyone who wishes to make an application under the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme is asked to contact Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000 or to visit [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

Further information about the scheme is available by calling 01380 734246 or by visiting [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

### Newsletter

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter, particularly as it will be our last one in this format. From the beginning of December, we will be introducing a new monthly Newsletter, which we trust you will enjoy.

### Green Team

Do you have green fingers? If you are interested in discussing environmental issues or how St. Joseph's can be more environmentally friendly or working in the College garden then you should join the Green Team! We meet every week (Thursday's at 2:50pm in G12)!



## House Captain and Student MPs'

As you will be aware we have introduced a new House System into St. Joseph's.

The Houses are made up as follows:

Buckfast – Arrowsmith and Sherwin

Evesham – Bryant and Ward

Glastonbury – Clitherow and Line

Walsingham – Evans and More



Each house will have a Year 11 male and female Captain and a Year 11 male and female vice Captain. Each tutor group will also have a house representative; if there are between two and five candidates for each tutor group then there will be a tutor group vote for house representatives.

House captain candidates are:

Buckfast – Nigel Nunes and Lucy Tittensor (11A) and Angelo Caruso and Chloé Philippe (11S)

Evesham – Connor Perrin and Tina Hassan (11B) and Kristina Huntley and Robert Currie (11W)

Glastonbury – Aaron Shine and Charlotte Tilley (11C) and Emma Hall and Alex Hayward (11L)

Walsingham – Tom Kendal and Rachel Hayward (11E) and Adam Davies and Zoe Rose (11M)

You will be asked to cast your vote for 42 MP candidates. You can read through the candidate pledges on Moodle and then you will be able to vote for the person you would like to be the MP to represent your year group. You will only be able to vote for the MP in your year group – but they do not have to be in your tutor group.

Check Moodle for all of the candidate details and pledges.

Mrs Ash

## Photography Competition

One of the great things about St. Joseph's Catholic College is that we as students get many opportunities, such as the photography competition. The competition takes place once a year and encourages us to take out our cameras, and there are great prizes up for grabs! I have thoroughly enjoyed taking part through the last two years. Since then I have been taking my camera everywhere with me; I have also been inspired by the other entries and have now decided to become a travel photographer!

Last year I won first prize (a camera) with the photo entitled "Winter Wondering". Since then I have been using my camera for everything and I have been taking photos focusing on shapes, sizes and colours. This has taken photography to a new level for me. It's opened up a whole new world! I entered again this year and found myself against some brilliant competition.

Congratulations to Megan Barber 8B for winning first place in the recent photography competition with the theme 'Reading in Unusual Places', a camera is coming her way soon. We really do read in some peculiar places; from animals that read, to reading on top of the world and from the bath to the supermarket. Through the lense we really do view things in a different way! Now it's easier than ever to participate in these competitions. We have cameras all around us on our phones, DSL's and iPods - so use them. Take the opportunity! HAPPY SNAPPING!

Neave Root 8B

And the winners are....

1st Prize - Megan Barber 8B "Down the Alley" - Camera  
 2nd Prize - Neave Root 8B "An A - maze - ing book" - £20.00  
 3rd Prize - Magdalena Brzdak 13A "Reading in the bath!" - £10.00  
 Highly Commended - Tia Greenridge 9A "Reading Rubbish" - £5.00  
 Staff Winner - Mr Mazzotta

Thank you to all who took part.

Mrs Cartwright and COPE Level 3 students



**Down the Alley**



**An A-Maze-ing Book**

## **“Put your money where your mouth is!” Business Studies trip to the Bank of England.**

On the 24th September 2010, Year 11 Business Studies students went on a trip to The Bank Of England. When we arrived, we had a short presentation and watched a video about finance which gave us lots of information on inflation and the economy. We also found out that The Bank Of England control inflation by changing the base rate of interest. Also during the talk we found out what The Bank Of England does in addition to your normal banking things, which includes looking after our nation's gold supply and setting interest rates.

After that, we were given a worksheet where we had to find the answers to certain questions; the answers were located amidst the other information around the museum. There were many other things to do from looking at old money to lifting a gold bar worth over £330,000 and cracking a safe.

On the way back we had a small detour and passed by the London Eye, The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, and Stamford Bridge the home of Chelsea FC.

All in all, it was a really good day, packed full of information and very interesting.

Liam Traynor 11L

## **Park ‘n’ Stride Arrangement with Tesco - The Healthy Way**

The safety of our students is paramount, we therefore ask parents not to drive onto the College site to drop off at the start of the day or pick up at the end of the College day, as these are the busiest times and we need to limit the number of vehicles on site.

Tesco have agreed for parents to drop off/pick up in their car park as stopping on Ocotal Way, a freeway, is illegal and warrants a £30 fine. It can also be very dangerous.

Furthermore, we have been asked by our local Police team to discourage parents from using the Shrivensham Road area to drop off/pick up as residents have expressed concern and alerted local councillors about the disruption this causes.

Please be considerate to the needs of our community and use the Tesco option as this has been agreed.

Thank you for your support.

E O'Connell  
Assistant Head Teacher Student Services

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### Work Experience Programme

Students in Year 10 have now received the information regarding the next Work Experience Programme and can begin to organise their placements. Although they will not be going out until the start of Year 11, they will still need to organise placements early, particularly if they have a specific choice in mind to avoid disappointment.

**Population P - 14th - 18th November 2011**

**Population Q - 21st - 25th November 2011**

**Diploma Students - 14th - 25th November 2011**

Guidance booklets have been issued along with the letter and Private Placement Form to assist students and parents with the process involved. Please read through this as it contains extra information including tips on contacting employers, previous placement experiences, a flowchart to follow the different stages, and a timeline so everyone knows the deadlines etc. The forms should be kept safely to give to an employer if they agree to offer work experience.

Work Experience is an important part of KS4 and we welcome support from parents. Anyone able to help with providing placements can contact Beverley Wolff on 01793 485403 or email [bwolff@stjosephs.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:bwolff@stjosephs.swindon.sch.uk)

Certificates for the previous Work Experience Programme have been given to all students that completed at least a 5 day placement. Copies have been passed to Tutors that have requested evidence of placements for Flexible Pathway. Well done to all of you.

### Take Your Child to Work Day

Students in Year 9 have been given letters regarding this Flexible Friday event. They have the opportunity to shadow a family member or trusted family friend in the workplace on Friday 12th November. All consent forms should have been returned to Beverley Wolff by 30th September 2010. Anyone who hasn't returned the consent form already should do this immediately as delays may result in disappointment for students unable to attend this activity.



## Year 7 Milkshake Challenge

On Friday 10th September Year 7 embarked on their very first Enterprise Day by designing and making milkshakes with Mi-Shake. There were lots of interesting and unusual combinations most included chocolate, cookies and ice cream. The winner from Population P was 7C's Silly Shakers with their Chocolate Delight Shake and the winner from Population Q was 7S's Chocolate with their shake. Team Chocolate's shake was also declared the winner by the Swindon Mi-Shake store and will be on sale in the store for one year as the St. Joseph's Shake.

Everyone also designed a cup and poster to go with their milkshake. The winning cup design was by Gabriela Caruso and Niamh Trinci from 7L. The winning poster was designed by Francisco Dias and Valenco Pires in 7M. Well done to everyone for showing outstanding team work and enterprise skills.



*At St Joseph's – a Catholic Business & Enterprise College – we, the students*



**GO BEYOND OURSELVES**

# BEYOND

- WE GO BEYOND our comfort zone and aspire to take on new challenges
- WE GO BEYOND first failures and aspire to reflect and improve
- WE GO BEYOND self-interest and aspire to achieve more together
- WE GO BEYOND friendship groups and aspire to be professional
- WE GO BEYOND the "here and now" and aspire to plan for the "there and then"
- WE GO BEYOND "copy and paste" and aspire to "analyse and apply"
- WE GO BEYOND looking at "the world around us" and aspire to "act locally and globally"



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## Pope Benedict XVI Visits the UK

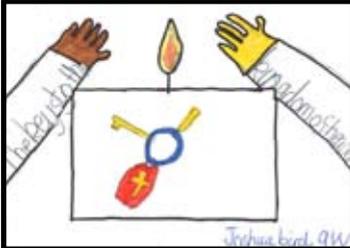
To commemorate Pope Benedict's visit to the UK in September the students at St. Joseph's all took part in various activities. Below are some of the Prayer Cards produced in classes.



Dear God

Please pray that Pope Benedict XVI has a good visit and pray that Pope John Paul II is looking down on us all and let him rest in peace. Lets pray that Pope Benedict will be safe and happy for all his time as Pope.

Stefan Swistun 9W



Dear God

Please let the Pope have a lovely but safe time here, and that his light of heaven shines on all of us in Great Britain.

Joshua Bird 9W



Dear God

I hope that Pope Benedict has a safe journey. That he will have a good time here. I pray that people will not sin and just enjoy life because it is sacred, you only get one chance. Be true to yourself. Amen

Jessica Applegate 9W



Dear Pope Benedict XVI

Thank you for coming to the UK and giving us the chance to meet you. I hope you have a great time. I just want to ask you to give me faith, hope and confidence so I can achieve great things in life. Give me strength so I can fight all the obstacles in my life. I also want to pray for the poor people who don't have privileges like we do. I hope they get support.

Sunjan Rai 9W

## 10 Briant Celebration Breakfast

In response to the challenge 'What will you do to celebrate the visit of Pope Benedict XVI?', 10 Briant decided to commemorate the event by sharing a special breakfast together on the day Pope Benedict arrived in Scotland. Students enjoyed croissants and juice, as well as sharing prayers and the distribution of Papal visit flags (many thanks to Holy Family Parish for these!) and prayer cards. We also marked the occasion with all students contributing to a commemorative canvas and candle making. The candles were used in our Class Liturgy the following week. These events were special and lasting memories of a wonderful occasion.

Mrs Fraser and Miss Beckett



## Postcard Competition

The RE Department decided that such a momentous occasion as a state Papal visit to the UK should be marked by the College and they organised a postcard competition for KS3. Having reflected on the life of Cardinal John Henry Newman, students were given the opportunity to design a postcard to commemorate the visit using pictures, symbols, slogans and prayers. The quality of the entries was truly impressive and it was extremely difficult to choose the winners from so many outstanding contributions.

However three winners from each Year group were chosen and will be presented with their prizes by Mrs Harries. Many of the postcards will be on display on the RE noticeboard, so that the whole College can enjoy and appreciate the amazing work that was done and which reflects a very special time in the life of the Catholic Church in Britain.

KS4 students were not left out and they were invited to contribute to a hanging mural, which can be seen outside the RE classrooms as a permanent reminder of the visit. Again, the standard of contributions was very high reflecting the importance of this visit to all the staff and students at the College.

Prizewinners were:

Year 9 - Cahil Monteiro, Jennifer Jurga and Karen Pereira

Year 8 - Chiara Pascarella, Shweta Fernandes and Erron Larcombe

Year 7 - Aquiline Lobo, Francisco Dias and Ciara O'Neill

Mrs Hobbs

## The Big Assembly

The highlight of the Big Assembly unquestionably had to be the words of the Pope. In a calm and tranquil tone of voice – typical to Pope Benedict, the Pope explained, to the great masses at the event, about how God cares for us and how we shouldn't neglect the love and great benevolence of our father.

Similarly, the Pope also spoke about answering our call in becoming a saint. In this, he explained how one, as an individual was like a carefully placed note in God's great symphony and had a great role to play in order to keep alive, aid the progress of God's word and his church. It was uncanny that words so gentle came from a figure of such great authority and responsibility.

The Pope himself proved to be an ideal example of living life to the full one of the prominent messages of the event, having lived through Hitler's brutal and unjust ideologies and also having visited many countries in only a few years of service as the Pope. The true atmosphere and serenity of the Pope's words are extremely difficult to present through words. Nonetheless, the magic of seeing the Pope came to an end after the famed Pope-mobile arrived at the front of the stage.



Nigel Nunes, 11A

## The Big Assembly

At 4.15am on Friday 17 September we were woken up by our mum. For a few moments we were puzzled - why had mum woken us up so early? Then we remembered: we were going to see the Pope in London!

By 5.30am we were at Holy Family Primary School, in the freezing cold, waiting for the 39 seat coach to pick us up. During that time Julia, who was our group leader, did a register.

The journey took us two hours – with a 15 minute stop and getting slightly lost on the way. There were security checks when we got there, then we got off the coach and had to be searched 'airport style'. That was so nerve wracking!

At last at about 9.00am the warm-up began. It was hosted by Andy from 'Blue Peter'. We had a spot right at the front of the middle section our view was OK and there were big screens so everyone could see and hear what was happening.

Then, just when we were getting bored (the Pope was running late) the screen showed that the Pope was arriving. Such an uproar of excitement arose out of the crowd around us as the Pope drove around us in his 'Pope Mobile'.

The Assembly itself lasted about an hour and we got lots of goodies including bags, bookmarks etc. I am sure everyone that went would agree that it was an experience we will never forget.

Lucy Brown 7E

## The Big Assembly

I had heard about the Pope coming to the UK but I would have never guessed that I would actually see him face to face. On Friday 17th September it was the day of the Big Assembly.

We had to leave Swindon at 5.15am and although it was early we only reached St Margaret's College at 7:30am. When we arrived at the College lots of crowds had gathered and there was also a lot of security checks. Once we had cleared security we received a back pack which had things like a drink, a flag and a raincoat. At first we all sang a song and then even learnt to speak an African language. Then after about an hour three helicopters surrounded the area and then the Pope came into view in his 'Pope Mobile'. He came onto the stage and sat on a huge red velvet chair. When he spoke he had a very distinctive German accent. His message to all the youths is to live life to the full and enjoy every moment of it. I felt his talk was very informative and interesting to listen to.

The ambience in the whole crowd was great and very meaningful. Overall I had a once in a lifetime experience which I shall never forget.

Joan Fernandes

## Pilgrimage To Lourdes

I went to Lourdes not knowing what to expect, although I had seen a few glimpses of Lourdes from photos that were shown to me.

It is nearly impossible to describe the experience I had. It is a break from the busy life and daily routine. When we first arrived in France we went straight to the hotel called Pays-de-Bays which was run by a family. On the first day we went straight down to the Grotto. We visited the Grotto almost every day, the atmosphere was incredibly relaxing. On the Thursday we took part in the trust mass which was for the HCPT groups; I felt that it was very special because as you looked around you could see everybody gathered together to celebrate the mass in the underground basilica.

The three main highlights of the trip were the torchlight procession; which took place at night where hundreds of people hold candles and sing songs to Mary. The second was visiting the Grotto; It was very peaceful there and you can see where Bernadette knelt talking to Mother Mary. The best part of the trip was going up to the mountains and going into the river Gave; even though the water was freezing it was so much fun.

I would have loved to stay there for a bit longer but sadly we had to get back. I don't think I will ever forget the experience I had in Lourdes, it was an extraordinary experience.

Joan Fernandes and Flavia Seferi 10S

## PE Extra-Curricular Clubs (Term 1 - 2010)

Day	Time	Activity	Participants	Location	Teacher
Monday	Lunchtime	Handball	Yr 10/11 boys	Sports Hall	PDX
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Dance	All Years	Gym	KNT
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Badminton	All Years Mixed	Sports Hall	TF/KF
Tuesday	After-school	Rugby	Yr 7-9 boys	Field	PDX/ AI/ ACS
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Handball	Yr 7-9 boys	Sports Hall	PDX
Wednesday	After-school	Netball	Yr 7-11 girls	Sports Hall	CDP/ TF/ RWT
Wednesday	After-school	Football	Sixth Form	Astroturf	WT
Wednesday	After-school	Futsal	Sixth Form girls	Sports Hall	WT
Thursday	Lunchtime	Dodgeball	Yr 7-11 mixed	Sports Hall	TF/RWT
Friday	Lunchtime	Girls'Cricket	All Years	Sports Hall	ACS

### New Clubs for 2010 - 2011

Why not come along and try a new sport? This year there are new opportunities to experience activities such as dodgeball and handball. Dodgeball is a game where participants target other players whilst trying to defend themselves. It is a game which tests agility and accuracy.

Handball is an Olympic sport which combines netball and basketball skills allowing participants to pass or dribble the ball. Players use the 5-a-side football goals for targets and must shoot from outside the goalkeepers area.

### Badminton Club

We meet every Tuesday lunchtime and are open to all ages and abilities. We have been delighted to see students from Year 8 and Sixth Formers turning up and would welcome anyone who would like to come to get fit and to have fun in a friendly and supportive environment. We are hoping to organise a tournament in Term 2 so if you are interested in participating please come along. Miss Foley and I are always looking for new opponents!

Mrs Fraser

## Sporting Success

Congratulations to Tom Ouldrige (7E) who is registered with the Swindon Town Football Club Centre of Excellence.

Well Done, Tom!



## Upcoming Fixtures



We have a number of netball and hockey tournaments coming up in the first two terms. Details of which are below.

Date	Year Group	Activity	Venue
Thursday 14th October	U14 U16	Netball (National Schools)	Dorcan
Tuesday 9th November	8	Netball Tournament	Wootton Bassett
Thursday 11th November	9	Netball Tournament	Wootton Bassett
Tuesday 16th November	U14 U16	Basketball Coaching and Games	Bradon Forest
Thursday 25th November	8	Hockey Tournament	Isambard
Tuesday 7th December	7	Hockey Tournament	Wootton Bassett
Thursday 9th December	7	Indoor Football	Greendown

## Rugby 2010 Season

Over 40 boys have been regularly attending Rugby practice since the beginning of this term. They have shown good commitment and this has resulted in encouraging skill improvement.

The match season began this week with matches versus Nova Hreed at Year 9 and Year 8 level. Both teams showed determination against more experienced opponents and go into future games with grounds for optimism.

Well done, boys.

## Sixth Form Sport Opportunities

There will be increased opportunity for Sixth Form Students to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities this year. The Boys' Football Team is already in full swing and training is open to all, Wednesday 3pm – 4pm on the Astro-turf. Also, we have linked up with an International Futsal player / coach who is coming in to deliver 8 sessions exclusively for the girls on weds 4pm – 5pm in the Sports hall. We are also keen to start basketball training in Term 2 with a view to playing fixtures. Watch this space. Thanks to Mr Taylor for being a key player in organising these activities.

## Fencing Club – plans HAVE NOT been FOILED! (bad pun!)

We have received news that our bid to host our own exclusive Fencing Club has been successful. We are currently negotiating with the Swindon SSP and National Governing Bodies regarding kit and we are hoping to be in a position to start the club next term. We will be holding a meeting for all students keen to be part of the club – whether it be regarding the weekly running / managing of the club, or in participating in the fencing itself. Any queries please speak with Mr Cross or Mr Kerr.

## Girls' Cricket

We have been bowled over with requests for girls cricket – so we have teamed up with Swindon Lifestyle Centre to be able to offer a girls only cricket coaching sessions on Friday lunchtimes in the Sports hall 1.15pm -1.50pm.

## Football Via the Lifestyle Centre

A local coach, Aaron Cardoza, has been able to offer afterschool football on Tuesdays 3pm-4pm on the Astro-turf.

## INDO Boarding

We are currently in consultation with a county sports provider regarding the alternative sport of INDO Boarding – which should appeal to those people who enjoy alternative sports, eg skateboarding. Watch this space, we'll keep you up to date when we have more news!

## Young Leaders

St. Joseph's is currently delivering Young Leaders courses at both Holy Family and Holy Rood Junior Schools. Hopefully the students will use their newly acquired skills to help out with break and lunchtime activities involving the younger students – good luck.....we're confident they'll do a great job!

## Avon Tyrell

As part of the Sixth Form induction, all Year 12 are given the opportunity to go on a team building day at an outdoor pursuits centre. After spending the morning working as a team to solve problems and support each other with some high rope activities, we then went on to bid for raft building materials. One group waited until the end and managed to get the pedalo for a bargain price!! Overall it was an amazing day and I feel that it did bring us all closer as a year group.



## Gloucestershire University Trip 2010

On the 3rd September, Year 12 went on a trip to Gloucestershire University. This was part of our induction and gave us the opportunity to see what university life might be like, to consider how we study and find out a bit more about managing our time and our finances.

Overall the day was very enjoyable and gave us the opportunity to reflect on our future ambitions.

## Awards Evening 2010

On the 30th September, we celebrated the Year 13 Award Evening where students were recognised for their achievements over the last 12 months. We celebrated academic achievements, recognised those students who contributed to the community and College life and rewarded students who overcame some major hurdles to still achieve good AS results. It was a lovely evening and I would like to thank the staff, governors, parents and students for giving up their time and making it so enjoyable.





## SWINDON TEN YOUTH FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE

The Third Annual  
Swindon Ten Youth Festival of Literature

16 Schools, 16 Authors, plus Inter-school Quiz, Screenwriter/producer  
Illustration Competition, Charlie Higson at The Wyvern Theatre

### Bigger and Better than Ever!!

See Mrs Moss, in the ILC, for details

### Dates for your diary

21st October	Staff Training Day
22nd-29th October	Half Term Begins
1st November	Staff Training Day
4th November	GCSE Music & College Singers Concert: 7pm
5th-12th November	Swindon Ten Youth Festival of Literature
10th November	HPV Vaccine for Year 8 Girls (2nd Vaccination)
12th November	KS3 Enterprise Day, Take Your Child to Work Day
12th-14th November	COPE 3 Expedition
15th-19th November	Anti Bullying Week 2010 (Taking Action Together)
15th-17th November	Year 11 Villiers Park Residential Trip
18th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Population P): 5:30 - 7:30
23rd November	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Population Q): 5:30 - 7:30
26th November	KS4 Enterprise Day

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