

### Headteacher's Corner

After an abrupt end to last week with a partial school closure due to a sewage leakage, I am proud of the maturity of our students and the professionalism of staff. The problem occurred at the bottom of the steps to our main block of classrooms. Mr McConnell, Mrs Moore, Mrs Abercrombie and Mr Davies' are worthy of special mention for their work in managing the situation to avoid further damage and prevent any risk to our young people. Thanks also to our bus companies and parents who were so supportive in helping us ensure children arrived safely home. After emergency plumbing works and an environmental cleanse the building was fully functioning by the end of the day.

As we prepare for some members of staff to move on to new ventures at the end of the academic year, we have been busy recruiting and interviewing new teachers to take their place. At St Joseph's we put teachers through a rigorous process to ensure that they are capable of delivering the quality of learning experiences that our people deserve. As part of the process teachers teach an observed lesson and a panel of students organise themselves to interview candidates and ask them about the issues that are important to them. The way the teacher responds to the young people provides us with valuable information about their abilities as a teacher. This week would like to thank our panel: Libby McLean, Rhian Turnbull, Harry Lewis, Joseph Adamson and Oliver Walsh. In addition to this we have had student guides Elysia Jowett and Daniel Monks who have been showing candidates around 'their' school. All candidates commented on the warm welcome they received and complimented our students on their professionalism and maturity. Our recruitment process will continue over the next couple of weeks and all new teachers will join us for an induction training day towards the end of term.

As we approach the summer holiday and start thinking about the new academic year we will remind you of uniform expectations. If you are having a clear out and have any old school uniform, we would appreciate it if you could send it into school. We will use this to provide some of our vulnerable learners who often face many challenges to even arrive in school on time, let alone wear the correct uniform. If we can provide them with a spare uniform it can start to build their pride and self-esteem.

Mr McCabe

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS** – The whole school attendance for the week commencing 5 June was **94.4%**. Congratulations to **Year 7 Mrs Horridge** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulations goes to this weeks' winner **Teresa** for achieving the highest house attendance. Also, 'well done' this week goes to **7 Devereux** for the highest form attendance, 97.4%.

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr Average
7	92.9	97.4	94.6	96.5	96.3	94.3		95.3
8	95.2	91.7	95.0	96.9	93.6	93.2		94.2
9	94.3	92.8	93.6	94.3	91.4	96.0		93.7
10	94.4	95.3	94.1	90.1	95.7	94.6	93.2	93.9
11	93.3	97.0	92.6	95.3	94.9	96.9	92.3	94.6
<b>Family Average</b>	94.0	94.8	93.9	94.6	94.3	95.0	92.7	

Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Number of days lost learning in an academic year	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost learning for a 6 period day	57	114	171	228

Is 95% attendance good? This means that your child has still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term. Research suggests that '17 missed school days a year equals a drop in a grade in GCSE achievement' – DfE.



# St Joseph's News

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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

Our theme this week is...

**DO NOT BE AFRAID**

The Journey Continues, Do Not Be Afraid ...

Today marks a remarkable day in the chapter of our year 11 pupils lives as they finish 5 years of study at St Joseph's High School. It is not only the culmination of many years of study, but is a coming-of-age, a moment when they are no longer children but on their way to adulthood. A time that can feel daunting but we remind our year 11's to not be afraid and to trust in God's plan for their lives ahead.

For our parents, there are probably mixed emotions. There will be feelings of great pride, joy and thankfulness in their son or daughter and their achievements. There may also be thoughts of the future and their precious one spreading their wings, leaving the nest and finding a life independent of them.

Let us give thanks today for all our Year 11's. For the joy they have brought to our community and let us pray that they continue to grow as we remember the words of **St Catherine of Sienna** "If you are who you should be, you will set the world on fire."



Father,  
I have knowledge, so will You show me now,  
How to use it wisely and find a way somehow  
To make the world I live in a little better place,  
And make life with its problems a little bit  
easier to face.  
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in  
my days,  
And show me how to serve you in effective  
ways.  
So my education, my knowledge and my skill  
May find their true fulfillment as I learn to do  
your will.  
And may I ever be aware in everything I do,  
That knowledge comes from learning, and  
wisdom comes from You.  
Amen.

#### Up & Coming Events:

GCSE Exams -  
Final Week

#### 21 June

- Bolton Town  
Athletics Yrs 9 &  
10

#### 22 June

- Yr 10 College  
Taster Day

## DRAMA CLUB

Calling all Drama Minions!

The KS3 Drama Club will be on every Wednesday lunchtime from 1.15pm.

All welcome!

Please see Miss Breslin for more details.



## Facebook

If any parent/pupil (past or present) would like to celebrate an out of school achievement - please send a message to the school Facebook page.

Thanks



We would like to cut down on the number of letters that are printed and form better lines of communication with parents. To this end, please check that we have a current email address for you. We can of course accommodate any requests for hard copies if you require them.

Mr McCabe

## Cricket Result

Last Wednesday afternoon saw our Under 13's cricket team (Yrs 7/8) take on Harper Green in the 1st round of the Bolton Town Cricket Competition.

Captain Louis Greenhalgh won the toss and elected to put Harper Green into bat. They scored a decent total of 79 runs from 12 overs. Needing 80 to win there were some notable performances with the bat from Louis Greenhalgh, Ben McCabe and Man of the Match Joseph Ramwell. The drama was left until the final ball of the match where Zach Holliday needed 3 runs off the last ball to claim victory. In a nutshell, he smashed it for 4 runs!

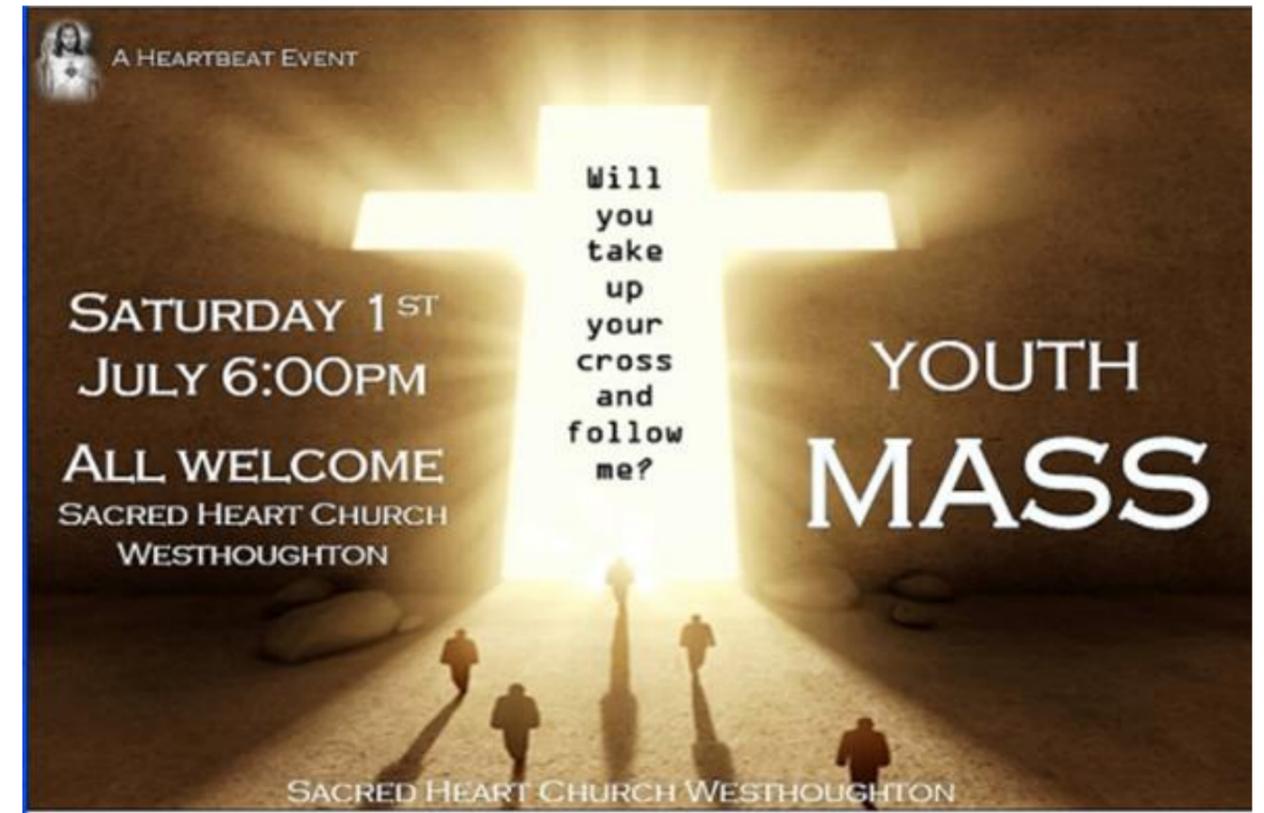
Well done to the squad below:

Year 8: Louis Greenhalgh, Tom Swindells, Matthew Myers, Taz Cheema, Ben McCabe, Joseph Ramwell, Daniel Holliday and Zach Holliday.

Year 7: George Gilmore, Dhrunal Pindoria and Oliver Ball.



## Youth Mass



## Year 7 POP UK

On 6 June, Year 7 pupils spent a day with POP UK learning a set of vibrant, catchy, current sounding pop songs. The lyrics to each song provided vitally important learning for children's emotional wellbeing, exploring key life-affirming values and encouraging children to live their passions and discover their purpose.

All pupils showed great enthusiasm and participation throughout the day - well done! You can listen to the songs from the following link: <http://bit.do/StJosephsRCHighSchool>

