



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

What a wonderful week it has been this week; beautiful weather (and uniforms to match!), excellent performances at the athletics events in Marlborough and at South Wilts on Wednesday and Thursday, a great virtual parents' evening on Wednesday and the fabulous Skills Day today!

Year 7 & 8 Reports

These are printed and ready for distribution – we held back from sending them home with the children today due to it being Skills Day and many pupils not having their bags etc. They will be distributed on Monday.

Athletics

Wednesday and Thursday have been excellent days for the school's athletes as we took part in area sports competitions. We selected pupils from all year groups (bar Year 11) to take part in a variety of disciplines. We were competing against many schools from across the county and certainly held our own! Highlight included:

- **Year 10:** Charlie 1st place in discus, Jacob 2nd in shotput
- **Year 9:** Darcie – excellent student leadership! Tom 1st in 1500m (won by a distance of 40m and beat his PB by 4 seconds!), Curtis 1st in long jump, Seth and Olly 2nd and 3rd in triple jump
- **Year 7:** Archie 2nd in long jump, Immy 2nd in javelin

Well done to all who participated and represented the school! All were an absolute credit to the school!

Uniform

Uniform continues to be of an excellent standard – many thanks once again for your support on this. It is a real sense of pride to see all the pupils looking so smart for school and I'm a firm believer in the phrase 'look smart, be smart!' We will continue with line-up checks over the coming weeks.

Skills Day

It was a real pleasure to welcome the army, so many employers and higher education providers to school today as part of our inaugural Skills Day. We made the decision to host Skills Day as over the

last two years we haven't been able to run work experience and many of the enrichment opportunities that we'd normally provide.

We believed that having a day with institutions such as Boeing, DSTL, Babcock International, Careers at Sea, ExxonMobil, NATS, RAF, the Army, Andover College, Wiltshire College, S6C, Arts University Bournemouth, Five Rivers, Go Green, New Forest Education, Haddon Training, RACPD, Salisbury Museum, Sarum Academy, Wessex Archaeology, Salisbury Museum, Wiltshire Council, Totally Living Care, Sodexo and New Forest Education would give our pupils a great insight into different careers but also the skills needed in the workplace.

The event didn't disappoint and was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to network and gain real life experiences in several sectors. It was also brilliant in building their communication, team-working and problem-solving skills! Most importantly, we hope that it has provided a spark that shows the children the link between their learning now and their future possibilities!

Upcoming Events

Queens Platinum Jubilee

We are planning on running a number of initiatives as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and one of the highlights will be our inaugural Year 11 vs Staff football match (complete with national anthem before kick-off!). More will follow in the next couple of weeks on how we will mark the Platinum Jubilee.

Enrichment Days

Towards the end of the summer term in July, we will be running enrichment experiences for Year 7-10 pupils. The pandemic stripped away our ability to run our normal enrichment experiences and now that we are 'living with Covid', we wanted to ensure that this summer there will be a range of activities both run internally and externally; there will be trips and opportunities for the pupils to enrich their learning across many curriculum areas. A booklet will be produced outlining the options available to pupils. It promises to be a real treat towards the end of the summer term!

Achievement Points Race

- 1st Place: Margaret with 44,205 points
- 2nd Place: Vincent with 40,672 points
- 3rd Place: Teresa with 40,516 points
- 4th Place: Francis with 35,778 points

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Rooney