



News

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A message from Miss Kennedy for Half Term 1.

Year 11 Results 2018

Our return to school this year has been a real pleasure. Students have started with a real sense of purpose and are demonstrating our core values of our new Mission Statement. Thank you to all our families who support us each day and without whom we would not be so successful. Our Year 11 students deserve particular credit for the attitude and focus they are already showing as we move towards the second half term and their mock exams.

Our Results Highlights were:

56.4% of students gained a Grade 5 in English, up by 10% on the previous year

49.6% of students gained a Grade 5 in Maths up by 15% on the previous year.

39% of students gained a strong pass (Grade 5 or above) in English and Maths combined, an increase of 12% on the previous year.

64.1% of students gained a standard pass (Grade 4 or above) in English and Maths combined, an increase of 5% on the previous year.

Our Provisional Progress Grading, for the students who studied at St Joseph's, is above the national average for schools in England and Wales and we are delighted. When we take all the students into account our Progress 8 is - 0.07 which is at national average. This is a significant increase from last year's -0.24. Well done to all our staff and students.

Applications for September 2019

The closing date for applications was October 31st. If parents would still like to discuss their child's application or tour the school, please telephone: 01900 873290

Top Ten Achievement Points for Half Term 1

Place	Name	Year	Pts	Place	Name	Year	Pts
1	Harry N	8	71	6	Kacper W	8	61
2	Will P	8	66	7	Karmen Mck	8	59
3	Luke R	8	65	8	Lewis H	8	59
4	Chloe S	8	65	9	Denni- Jo N	8	58
5	Megan L	9	63	10	Lucy F	9	57

Sporting Achievements: Mr Redhead

Football – Our Year 7 football team were crowned Champions of Allerdale. They beat Keswick 3-0 in the final at



Cockermouth school. To get to the final, they beat Workington Academy 5-1 and Netherhall 3-1. The team gained a comfortable 2-0 lead at half time with one more goal in the second half. Every single boy in the squad gave 100%. They have made the school very proud.

Netball – The girls have played three fixtures so far this year. The interest in Netball has significantly increased this year with at least 30 girls training to try and get into the teams. The girls are improving each game and as the teams' skills improve, we are hoping for lots of success in the future.

Hannah Kurzyk, Year 11, recently trialled for the Under 17 North East Netball team. She was up against over 80 girls for a place and she performed so well that the selectors chose her for the Under 19 squad. Hannah is the only 15-year-old and the only Cumbrian to be in this team. Well done, Hannah!

Sports Leaders – This year's Tennis Leaders are an excellent bunch of young people who have been chosen for their leadership abilities as well as their polite and helpful nature. Having completed their first event, the leaders were praised by the different primary school for doing so well. Those leaders are Rebecca Fox, Annie-Mae Lea, Chloe Smith, Yasmin Melville, Brooke Taylor, Evie Dixon, Demi-Lee Wilkinson, Jessica Irving, Joseph Askew, Sam Bates, James Graham, Josh Murphy, Kieran Wallace, Robbie Park, Michael Thompson and Logan Richardson. They have also volunteered to give up their own time during the holidays to assist in Mr Wise's holiday sports camps and evening sessions.

Classcharts

We use Classcharts to track achievement and behavior. In Half Term one over 10,000 achievement points were awarded to students. Classcharts also is used to post homework tasks. All parents and students have been sent their logins. You can use Classcharts on your phones via an app. It is a very useful way to track your son or daughter's progress via your phone or online. Please contact us via Reception if you wish us to re send the details.

Events from Half Term 1

The annual **React Science Show** for Years 7 and 8 took place on October 4th and involved visitors demonstrating the application of science in the wider world. Students enjoyed listening and taking part in live and very loud Science experiments in our hall.

Our **Mc Millan Coffee Morning** took place on Thursday 27th September raising £201.97. Thank you to all who took part and baked cakes.

The **St Joseph's Talent Show** took place on Thursday 18th October was a super evening. The students who took part were a really talented group of young people from Year 10 to Year 7. Thank you to all the students who competed. Our winner was Logan Murphy from Year 8 who sang and played guitar to 'All of Me' by John Legend. The runner up was Katie McAvoy from Year 10 who sang and played piano to 'Human' by Christina Perri. Well done to our two winners.

The Maths department would like to congratulate Naomi Gray for her participation in the British Mathematical Olympiad for Girls – we are currently awaiting the results. Her participation follows on from her successes last year including a top 100 place in the **British Mathematical Olympiad**; her mathematical performances earned her a place in a Summer School run by the University of Leeds.

Living, Loving and Learning through Christ

The **Year 8 and 9 Knitting Team** are making teddies for the police to give to small children caught up in traumatic events. It's a national and local initiative called 'Bobby Buddies'.

Future events

Ski Trip: The 2020 trip to Wildkogel, Austria has still got a few places left. All details can be found on the school website.

Netball World Cup: We have 40 tickets for the Netball World Cup in Liverpool in July. If anyone is interested in attending, please come to the PE office for a letter.

Events next term

Thursday 1st November – All Saints Mass

Thursday 8th November – Year 7 Settling- in Evening

Monday 12th November – Enterprise Week – employer seminars in school

Thursday 15th November – Certificates Evening for Class of 2018 GCSE students

Monday 19th November – Mock Exams

Thursday 13th December – Mock Results Day

Friday 21st December – Carol Service and end of Term

Please refer to our website for regular updates.

Picking up and dropping off students at the beginning and end of the day

The car park situated behind our Astro Turf is on private property. This car park serves David Allen Accountants and other businesses.

It has become very difficult for those who work in the building on the corner of Harrington Road to arrive or leave at the beginning and end of the day, due to cars waiting or dropping off students. It is important that we act with courtesy towards our neighbours.