



# News

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## Message from Miss Kennedy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday.

## Reading Books: all students to have a reading book in Years 7-10.

To encourage your child to read more, we would recommend giving students a book for Christmas. Students who read regularly make better progress in school. We have lots of students who use our library and read widely and others, not so much. Please consider buying a book for Christmas. We have reading lists on our website. **In January, we will expect all students in years 10-11 to have a reading book on them at all times.**

## Last Day December 21<sup>st</sup>. School finishes at 12pm.

Our last day of term is a normal school day with lessons and an early finish. We have made a real improvement on attendance this term so please ensure that students attend until the holidays begin. It is normal lessons on the last day. At school, every day counts.

## First Day Back January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019: School starts at 9.50am.

School starts at 9.50am on 7 January with Registration. This is a late start to allow a staff meeting to take place. We have 25 places in our library for parents who would like their students supervised from 8.15. Please ring Reception to book a place, otherwise doors for school will not open until 9.30am.

## Year of the Eucharist

It has been a great pleasure to welcome our primary schools into St Joseph's for our Year of the Eucharist Celebrations. Students in Year 10 have led our Advent sessions with Year 7 and primary students. The last session involved ten minutes of prayer and adoration in Our Lady and St Michael's. Thank you to all the students involved and to the 6<sup>th</sup> form students from St Benedict's who helped plan and supervise the sessions.



## Top Ten Achievement Points for Half Term 1

Place	Name	Year	Pts	Place	Name	Year	Pts
1	Lucy B	7	53		Sophie B	8	46
2	Emilie H	8	49		Andrew K	9	45
3	Luke R	8	47		James B	10	44
4	Kieran S	8	46		Kacper W	8	44
5	Nuria T	10	46		Annalise – Jo K	8	43

## Sporting Achievements: Mr Redhead

### Pupil Sporting Profile - Robbie Park



Robbie is a very passionate sportsman who shines in many popular sports such as Rugby League, football and basketball, but he has an extra special passion. Robbie races in Motocross. He rides an 85cc Husqvarna Motocross bike in the 10-16 class and has had many successes this year alone. Robbie has been champion of East Cumbria,

West Cumbria, North of England, and Central England for the last 6 years and has also had a second-place finish at the Northern Cumbrian Championships. Robbie has also represented Team Cumbria in the past and was champion in two consecutive seasons, beating many other competitors from around the country. He has also received the Allerdale Junior Sports Award in 2016.

### Year 7 Boys Allerdale 5 a side Football Tournament

Unfortunately, two schools dropped out of the competition at the last minute and our only opposition for the day were the hosts, Workington Academy. St Joseph's faced a difficult Workington Academy side who did not make it easy for us to finish the game off. The boys managed to have a comfortable 2-0 lead, but within a minute of half time, Workington Academy were awarded a penalty because of a defender entering the box. Half time, 2-1. The 2-goal lead was soon restored at the start of the second half when the 4<sup>th</sup> goal of the game was put away into the back of the Workington Academy goal. The game finished 3-1 with the boys going through to the next round at Carlisle to face the winners of each district.



## Events from Half Term 2

### Now That's What I Call St Joseph's

We are selling a CD featuring some of the best musical talent from our school. This compilation has been put together by Beniah Todd in Year 11. CDs are on sale now in the Performing Arts Department £4. Digital copies are also available via email or USB. Featured on the CD are Sophie Bowman (Y11), Logan Murphy (Y8), Luke Elliot (Y10), Brandon Crook (Y10), Eva Mason (Y10), Katie McAvoy (Y10) & Leah Bowman (Y8)

### Remembrance Day Event at Helena Thompson Museum

We were treated with an evening of singing, poetry and acting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November commemorating 100 years since the end of World War II. Thank you to all the audience members who came and took part in the singalong and to our Year 9, 10 and 11 Performing Arts students.



### Well-being Sessions for Year 11

36 Year 11 students have elected to attend a series of Wellbeing sessions with the company, "Together We." These sessions have been organised weekly to give students the strategies to cope with the pressures of Year 11 and teenage life. We would like to thank the students for coming forward and to the company for giving them the techniques to get through such a busy year.

### The scholar programme -The brilliant club: Miss Mason

Selected students from years 9 and 10 pupils are currently taking part in a scholars programme named 'the Brilliant Club.' Holly Scott, Olivia Hazel, Amelia Charters, Kazandra Palmer, Jack Dolan, Eve Graham, Nuria Tunstall, Caysie Ray, Esme Ashnrooke, Lucy Thompson, Bethany Cross.

This is a programme designed to support students to develop skills and knowledge to make ambitious and successful applications to universities, should that be what they decide to do. At the same time, students will be developing great academic skills to support their work day to day. UCAS found taking part made it "significantly more likely" students would progress to a highly selective university compared to a control group of pupils with matched characteristics. Students enrolled on the programme work with a PhD researcher on a university style module. They also attend two leading universities to get a taste of university life and to launch and graduate from the programme.

The project is designed to develop written and verbal communication, critical thinking and metacognition, through exciting, supra-curricular content. The programme will run throughout the school year and the students will formally graduate in March. All students are doing extremely well and it is wonderful to see their increased focus, work ethic and determination.

## **Year 10 English students excel in Live regeneration project. Winning lunch celebration.**

A local organisation BEC (a property, development and regeneration company) based in West Cumbria operate a unique profit for purpose model. All profit they make is reinvested back into Allerdale and Copeland.

The company were invited into school to collaborate on a project to entice our Year 10 students to present in a public platform. The company made the students aware of concepts such commerciality, sustainability and renewable energy; outlining that all proposed ideas should be realistic. On the 20th December the students will prepare a proposal and formally present to Allerdale council and BEC business team. This is to support how they would regenerate their local area.

All winning teams will attend a lunch at the Washington central hotel to celebrate their achievement.

This is an exciting opportunity for many of our year 10 students.

The winners of the first round:

**Team 1-** Keiran Stephenson, Casey Lee Minshaw, Luke Whalen, Oliver Mcgee,

**Team 2-** Kai Simmons and Regan Jackson

The winners of the second round:

Lia Challenger, Adam Porter, Olivia Hornakova, Nadia Penn.

This collaboration did not only allow a platform for public speaking, but also offered insight into the world of work; enabling the students to have a voice and opinion regarding the development of their local area. It was very evident that this topic was very important to all.

Well done to all of our Year 10 winners.

## **Year 7 Settling in Evening**

We would like to thank our parent and student of Year 7 for attending our settling-in evening. Over 120 parents came into school to hear about their sons' and daughters' achievements.

## **Success in the British Maths Olympiad**

The Maths department would like to congratulate Naomi Gray, who participated in the British Maths Olympiad for Girls. Naomi was invited to participate given her recent successes in the UKMT and British Olympiad and attendance at Maths workshops and lectures at the University of Leeds. Naomi performed brilliantly in this competition and achieved a Distinction.

## **All Saints Mass**

Mass took place on November 1 to celebrate All Saints Day with our parish. Thank you to Father Paul who said Mass for our school.

## **Year 10 and 11 Boys: Elite Motivator**

December 4th 2018, Cameron Parker, a professional motivator joined Year 10 and Year 11 boys for an hour to inspire the students to have ambition and to work hard to achieve their goals. It was an entertaining hour in which the boys were made to think carefully about their futures and how they can achieve their dreams. Thank you to Mrs Sessford for organising this.

## Future Events

**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.

### **Important Events: Please refer to our website for regular updates.**

Maths external speaker	Friday 18th January 2019
Intermediate Maths Challenge	Thursday 7th Feb 2019
Junior Maths Challenge	Tuesday 30th April 2019
Year 8 Option/Careers Evening	Thursday 7th March 2019
St. Joseph's Day	Tuesday 19th March 2019
Year 10 Work Experience week	Monday 10th June 2019
Induction Evening	Thursday 20th June 2019
Prize Evening Years 7 -10	Thursday 4th July 2019

### **Progress Evenings**

Year 11	Thursday 10th January 2019
Year 10	Thursday 24th January 2019
Year 9	Thursday 14th February 2019
Year 8	Thursday 9th May 2019
Year 7	Thursday 11th July 2019