



University Inspiration Day

At the start of April, a group of 13 Year 10s went to a University Inspiration Day at Cardiff Metropolitan University. The day was organised by the Higher Education Roadshow which is a collaboration between Cardiff University, Cardiff Metropolitan University and First Campus.

During the day, students attended workshops based on subjects they had expressed an interest in.

Students also had the opportunity to talk to current university students at a subject fair. The day proved to be very inspirational for our students, helped them make their minds up about going to university and gave them a clearer idea of what they might want to study.

MRS L MAY, COMMUNITY FOCUSED SCHOOL'S CO-ORDINATOR

Fashion Marketing Taster Day

This term, our Year 10 Textiles students had the opportunity to visit Cardiff Metropolitan University for a Fashion Marketing Taster Day. The students learnt how to use "augmented reality" which is a method companies employ to help promote a product.

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HEAD'S MESSAGE | NEGES Y PENNAETH

It's been an extremely busy, but very successful year here at St Illtyd's Catholic High School. A huge thank you needs to go out to all the staff at the school for all of their work during this academic year.

The pupils have also had a very productive year with many opportunities and experiences provided for them. Our Y11 pupils have recently completed their GCSE examinations and we are all looking forward to the



results this summer and wish them the very best. I don't doubt their hard work will pay off!

Thank you also to parents and governors for their help and support.

As a school, we have made fantastic progress and we look forward to continuing with the success achieved to date as we move forward into the next academic year in September.

This means we are increasing our expectations of the pupils in terms of academic results,

effort, behaviour and uniform and I am sure that you share these aspirations for your children and will support us in this endeavour.

Please ensure that all pupils return next year in correct full uniform, fully equipped and ready to work. Anything other than this will be an unnecessary distraction.

I hope that everyone connected with the school has a safe, happy and relaxing break and I look forward to seeing all pupils back in September.

**MRS TRACEY JARVIS
ACTING HEAD TEACHER**



Design and Construction Challenge

At the end of the spring term, St Illtyd's sent a team of nine Year 10 students to the Cardiff and Vale College Design and Construction Challenge at their Construction Centre campus in the city centre. The challenge consisted of training and then a competition against three other schools. Our team was divided into a brickwork team, carpentry team and tiling team, under the watchful eye of project manager Carl Evangelista. The team had to design and build a hardscape that included laying brickwork paving, constructing wooden picket fencing and designing and creating a mosaic.

Our team worked brilliantly together, supporting each other throughout and coming to the aid of the carpentry team as the clock was ticking down. It was amazing to witness what our team had achieved by the end of the day, considering that none of them had any experience in these areas when we started the day. The competition was extremely tight and St Illtyd's came a very close second to Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr. Pictured are the sub-teams and the whole team with their design. A big thank you to Joanne Gower, Leo James and all of the tutors at Cardiff and Vale College Construction Centre for inviting St Illtyd's to be part of this fantastic event.

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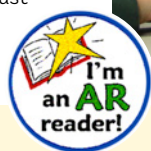
Literacy – Let's get reading

Accelerated Reader is coming to St Illtyd's Catholic School

We at St Illtyd's are proud to be part of this new initiative, to promote reading to all students. Our focus to begin with will be our new Year 7s in September. We have a new reading area situated in the pod, whereby students can come break and lunch times to read quietly and use the laptops to take the online quizzes.

St Illtyd's literacy focus is to make reading a pleasure not just for the curriculum.

SO LET'S GIVE IT A GO!



What is it you may ask?

A student reads a book, takes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback. Students respond to regular feedback and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills. Students can earn merits and prizes.

What will my child gain from this?

Students who use Accelerated Reader tend to enjoy reading more, do it more often and think more positively about reading. Students are also more likely to see a link between reading and their successes.

Maths is your future

A group of ten Year 10s recently attended a maths conference for more able maths students at the University of South Wales, Treforest. The event was organised by the Further Mathematics Support Programme Wales in partnership with the University of South Wales. The emphasis of the day was that mathematics can be both fun and challenging, and its study in the sixth form is a gateway to exciting university courses and a variety of careers. Students took part in a series of workshops on fun and challenging mathematics topics including one on the probability of winning the lottery and Monopoly and another on how to produce the optimum number of products whilst working with limited resources. All students agreed that the day had been both enjoyable and informative. The day ended well with two of our students, Sam Robertson and Kornel Krzyskow winning a £50 Amazon voucher each for coming top in the maths quiz.

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Spirituality at St Illtyd's

It has been another busy term for the R.E. department at St Illtyd's. Spirituality has been a real focus with all pupils and staff taking the words of Jesus to, "Love thy Neighbour," to their hearts.



One People One World (1)

We are many faiths in St Illtyd's but we are one people who all follow the same common values of love and respect for all cultures and nationalities. In the R.E. corridor there is a new display reflecting this belief. Mrs James and Mrs Pocknell would like to thank Year 8 pupils for their help with this display.

Operation Hatch (2/3)

Last term our charity representatives Miss Macintosh and Miss Price collected Easter eggs, cuddly toys and books from our pupils to donate to the children at Tŷ Hafan. On the last week of the Easter term, they took the donated items to Tŷ Hafan. The items filled the mini bus and were greatly appreciated. We hope to run this event each year and we thank you for your kind generosity. As Jesus said "Suffer little children to come unto me for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven". (Matthew 19)

Soul Box and Vital Signs (4)

Over the course of the last term, we have been lucky enough to host both of these acts at St. Illtyd's. Soul Box are a pair of singers/rap artists who are Christians who reflect on the challenges in their lives. They came into school and gave their testimony to Year 9 explaining how their Christian faith helped them overcome these challenges. Vital Signs are two young men who sing and beat box. They came into school and gave their testimony to Year 8. Every pupil who saw these acts were touched by their honesty and their faith. It made a lasting impression and helped our pupils understand that faith is relevant and important in people's lives. The Catholic Church recognises the importance of all Christian faiths joining in worship and sharing common beliefs. Chloe Daniels in 9TW said, "Vital Signs were great, we were told a story about his old life. He was addicted to drugs and had a life that was upside down but he then found a love in God and his life turned around."



Confirmation Service at St John Lloyd Catholic Church (5)

On Friday 9th June, three pupils and one ex-pupil from St Illtyd's made their Sacrament of Confirmation at St John Lloyd Catholic Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final initiation ceremony in which young people make their decision to follow the Catholic faith. During the service, the Archbishop placed his hands on to the Confirmandi to call down the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to give young people the strength and courage they need to be Catholics in the world today. These gifts are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The Archbishop also anointed the Confirmandi with chrism (oil) and each candidate chose a Confirmation name, based on a Saint that has inspired them in life. Pictured with His Grace are (l to r) Eve Jones, ex-pupil Agelynn Lester, Dara Moule and Priya Vino.

Eden Bus (6)

Year 7 had the opportunity to attend the Eden Bus last term. Mike Thomas from the local Christian chaplaincy provided the Eden Bus. When on the bus pupils are involved in workshops that allow them to discuss issues that are important to them. Year 7 discussed issues such as self-worth, forgiveness and love of neighbour. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we look forward to hosting the Eden Bus again.



Velindre Chick Appeal

Once again, St Illtyd's have supported the Easter Velindre Chick appeal. The Easter Chicks are knitted by volunteers for Velindre and our pupils can buy the chick with a chocolate egg inside for £1. This year we raised £200 which is fantastic.



Mass and Year 7

Every Wednesday Year 7 have been attending Mass in the Pastoral Resource Centre Chapel. Father Brian, the school priest and Chair of Governors, has celebrated Mass for our pupils. The behaviour of the pupils in Year 7 during Mass is excellent with strong singing and reverent respect. Mr. Moriarty, Deputy Head teacher, has been in every Mass and is extremely impressed with the standard of behaviour he has seen. Thank you to Fr Brian for his commitment to this important part of our school life.

Finally...

As we reach the end of a school year, it is a time to reflect on all that has been achieved in the name of spirituality in St. Illtyd's. Our pupils have given their time, donated to worthy causes and pulled together as a community all in the name of Jesus. Jesus said, "All things are possible with God", and

together in God's name we have allowed spirituality to grow and blossom. Have a restful summer and we look forward to what the next school year brings us.



MR. MORIARTY - DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER (SPIRITUALITY/CATHOLICITY)
RE DEPARTMENT: MRS POCKNELL, MRS JAMES, MRS WILLAMS,
MR GREEN, MISS YELLEN, MISS HINSLEY AND MR PRICE.



CHALLENGE WALES
Her Cymru

Sailing success

On Saturday 13th May, a group of Year 10s went on Challenge Wales to join in on an incredible experience. During the day we all had the chance to do different jobs on the boat. The first thing we did was learn all of the safety needed on board. We then all learned how to put up certain sails and then we went into two groups to put the sails up.

Throughout the day we all had a turn steering the boat! Personally, this was my favourite thing out of all of the activities because it was really fun and interesting to do. For lunch some of us helped make the food. Both the crew and us students sat and ate together getting involved in interesting conversations and then learning how to tie knots. Our voyage route took us to Flat Holm and past Barry. We then all got involved with getting the sails down and getting ready to go back to bay. Overall the day was a great experience, one that I would do again and that I highly recommend for others to do. Everyone had so much fun and I myself really loved this experience.

BETH STRONACH, 10LJ

"So very appreciated and it will stay with me forever.....I live with my Nan and she is my sole carer. She is in a wheelchair so this was a very good opportunity for me. When I got home, I showed my Nan the knots I'd learned. She was so proud of me. Thank you to Challenge Wales and all involved for my special day."

MOLLIE CALAFATO



Problem solving for charity

Three of our Year 10 ASDAN COPE students spent the summer term raising money for a charity of their choice as part of their problem solving challenge. The boys did a sponsored run to raise money. Jan Beles decided to raise money for the Dogs Trust (£78.50), Alex Squire for the RNLI (£75.50) and Ben Donovan for the RSPCA (£52.00). A huge well done to all three boys for your fund raising efforts.

MISS H HINSLEY, HLTA

"I would like to thank the Challenge Wales members as it was a fantastic day... I would like to say it's a great experience and anyone should try it. It's helped me to communicate with others and meet new people."

NADINE JOHNSON



Girls into STEM – BT & Sony visits

A small number of our Year 8 and 9 girls were very lucky to be invited to visit either BT International Data Centre in Cardiff Bay or Sony UK in Bridgend.

The two visits, organised by Engineering Education Scheme Wales, were designed to give our students an insight into the careers available in the STEM industry (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The girls took part in a number of activities to highlight technical and engineering principles in a fun way. This was followed by a tour of the site. The girls all thoroughly enjoyed the two days and felt that they had gained a better understanding of the careers available within STEM.

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Top: Coding activities at the Waterton Centre, Bridgend (part of Sony UK Visit)
Above: BT Visit

Year 9 STEM Day

In May, 56 of our Year 9 pupils took part in a Smallpiece Trust STEM Day - an interactive workshop to introduce young people to the exciting world of engineering - bringing science, technology, engineering and maths to life. The day was designed to complement the national curriculum by demonstrating the link between the wider world and enhancing our pupils' understanding and aptitude for problem solving, creativity and engineering. Pupils worked together in small groups on a 'design and make' project to improve their creative thinking, problem solving and team working skills. The day proved to be both educational and enjoyable.

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Welsh Baccalaureate

News from the Welsh Baccalaureate department

During the summer term of 2016 we were identified as a curriculum hub for Welsh Baccalaureate by the regional education consortia of Central South (CSC) and Education Achievement Service (EAS). As a lead school we created a professional support programme to support schools across both the South Wales based regions with a focus on preparing teachers to implement the new WJEC e-Portfolio system. The programme was offered to 96 schools in the form of live



training sessions hosted at St Illtyd's. I am delighted that 76 of these schools have taken part in our support programme this year and we have received excellent feedback from the hundreds of delegates who have attended the sessions.

Running the programme has been an extremely valuable experience for us as a school and has raised the profile of the incredibly hard work staff and students are putting in to make our Welsh Baccalaureate

programmes one of the best in Wales.

In this issue of the Illtydian we have included reports from some of the extremely valuable learning opportunities within our Welsh Baccalaureate Programme. Our programme gives our students real life experiences and challenges with a strong focus on developing the essential and employability skills they will require to make the correct choices later on in life. If you would like to see more details of our programme then please head to our Twitter page @StilltydsWBDept
MR ROWE, HEAD OF WELSH BACCALAUREATE

First Give programme

Our Year 9 students have been linking with the charity 'First Give' in their tutor time studies this year. The culmination of this inspirational programme sees small teams of young people presenting in a school competition to win three grants, totalling £1,500 for their chosen charities. First Give's vision is to build a generation of engaged and skilled young people who enjoy giving their time and



talent to make the lives of others better; this programme is supporting our key stage three students and providing them with the citizenship, PSE and Welsh Baccalaureate skills they will require as they move into the key stage four Welsh Baccalaureate. We look forward to hosting our inaugural First Give final at school on 18th July, good luck to all of our Year 9 students who are involved.



Dragons' Den final 2017 – Velindre fundraising

Our link with Velindre fundraising continues to go from strength to strength. Earlier this term all of our Year 10 students took part in our Velindre Enterprise and Employability Challenge as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate. The students developed important essential and employability skills with a focus on personal effectiveness, creativity and innovation through the creation of a very detailed business proposal which the small teams went on to present in our Dragons' Den. Our winning team designed coasters incorporating inspirational quotes to raise awareness of cancer and the work that Velindre is doing to support families. The coaster concept is going to be used by Velindre fundraising for years to come in their fundraising coffee mornings. The MP for Cardiff South and Penarth was invited to our Dragons' Den final alongside Melissa Haggett from Velindre Fundraising, both were incredibly impressed at the detail the students had put into their presentations.



Dragons' Den final 2017 Winners – (L-R) Stephen Doughty MP, Kelsea Ann Stockwell, Jaymie Whittaker, Ellie Tannetta, Melissa Haggett, Velindre Fundraising – "Curing Cancer one coaster at a time."



Virgin Atlantic “Be The Change” Volunteer Trip Scholarship

One of our Year 10 students, Beth Stronach, has been successful in her application for the 'Virgin Atlantic Scholarship,' taking place in India for three weeks this summer. The trip will allow Beth to 'experience the culture, history and way of life in a vibrant and dynamic country and volunteer in a rural village, helping build a school or a well and also to participate in interactive workshops to explore global issues.' The Welsh Baccalaureate has been designed to develop essential and employability skills within our students and give them the real life experiences necessary to equip them for later in their lives, the trip really encompasses this.

I would like to thank all staff who have supported our Year 10 students with their applications for the scholarship which included creating a raising awareness pack on an issue they are passionate about, writing a personal statement and putting together a reference. We look forward to hearing from Beth during her visit to India this summer, and the many experiences she will encounter.



Welsh Baccalaureate

WE Day UK

On 22nd March, 14 lucky Year 10 students went to WE Day UK at Wembley

Arena as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge.

The WE Movement is a movement for social change, empowering young people around the world to inspire change. The WE Movement brings people together and gives them the tools to change the world. WE Day is a powerful, life-changing experience with world-renowned speakers and performers, mixed with real inspirational stories of change. Our students enjoyed performances from artists such as Fleur East and Conor Maynard, as well as hearing inspirational speakers and stories.

You can't buy a ticket to WE Day. Students earn their event tickets by taking one local and one global action through WE Schools, the WE Movement's educational



programme that engages and empowers young people to become compassionate leaders and active citizens. Some students collect food for homeless shelters. Others

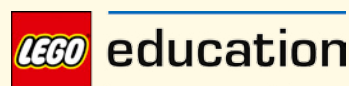
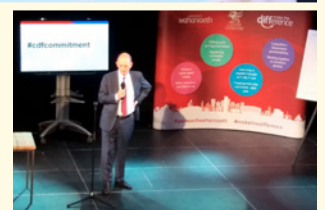
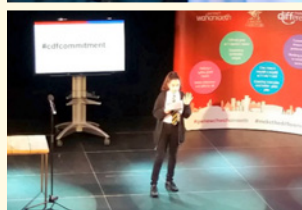
raise money to build classrooms overseas. Every young person makes their own journey to WE Day, but together, they discover their power to change the world.

THE CARDIFF COMMITMENT

At the end of March, our Key Stage 3 Student Council members attended the latest Grand Council youth conference. The theme for the day was "The Cardiff Commitment" and was introduced by the Director of Education, Nick Batchelar. The ultimate goal of the Cardiff Commitment is to ensure that all young people in the city secure a job that allows them to be the best that they can be.

Through interactive workshops led by Google and the Big Learning Company and practical engagement sessions using LEGO Education EV3 and BBC Microbit, our pupils were able to share their views and ideas and actively participate in shaping service improvement plans within the city. The event was hosted by Year 8 pupil Ffion Morris, who did a fantastic job and did St Illtyd's proud!

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Strengthening Families 2017

For six Wednesday evenings in May and June, nine families came together at St Illtyd's for the Strengthening Families Programme. The programme provides an excellent opportunity for parents and children to work independently and jointly on a range of typical issues that affect all families with youth in the pre-teen stages. Parents were

taught how to build parental strengths, show love, set limits and increase their confidence in setting boundaries. Young people learnt how to cope with peer pressure and how to set goals to ensure their future success. At the end of the programme, all families were better prepared for their child's progression into adolescence. This was a fantastic project

and thoroughly enjoyed by all of the families that took part. Our heartfelt thanks go to Emma Davies, Senior Co-ordinator of the Strengthening Families programme and her team of facilitators – Michelle Davis, Jessica Mansell and Llinos Nelson.

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Sports/Chwaraeon

Our football experience with Sport Cardiff

The Welsh Football Trust contacted Sport Cardiff to invite 12 girls to play on the floating pitch as part of the Ladies Champions League "We Play Strong" celebration and the "Girls Together" programme. Our team consisted of 12 players, 11 of which are from St Illtyd's High School: Megan, Julia, Naysa, Latesha, Beth, Jess, Izzy, Ellie, Layla, Gabby, Kaylee and Jade.

Football is more than just fun. It's what makes us stronger and more confident. And that comes from being with one another, on and off the pitch. UEFA wants every girl to feel welcome to come play, because Together #WePlayStrong.

The day started with a lot of excitement and nerves from all the girls and parents and nans!!! We all met at the Sport Cardiff inflatables and we started the day by playing table football. We all looked like a proper team in our football shirts.

We went to the #We Play Strong tent to meet the organisers and have official UEFA photos then went down to the floating pitch. We were introduced to the UEFA VIPS.

The players were: Alex Scott MBE – Arsenal and England, Liv Cooke – freestyler, Astrid – a singer, Lisa Zamouche – Freestyler, Nadine Kessler – UEFA Balon D'Or winner (female Ronaldo), Lara Dickenmann – Switzerland and Wolfsburg, Nilla Fischer-Sweden and Wolfsburg, Manon Melis – Holland and Seattle Reign.

All the girls talked to us about their football career and then they showed us a small warm up, we couldn't believe how lucky we were. This really was the best day ever! We played a 6v6 game and the time went so fast, we

even played with an official ball from the ladies game. The game ended way too soon and we didn't want to leave the pitch. "This was an amazing opportunity for me and my team mates to play football on such a special occasion". It ended up 3-3 but we were all winners.

We were all given tickets to see the Ladies Champions League Final match in the evening at Cardiff City Stadium. Part of a surprise was four of us were selected to go to the game early and meet the UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin and Nadine Kessler on the pitch before the game and get We Play Strong T-shirts and goodies. The security was really high and we all had to wear big passes and go into the stadium. After the presentation we were given two of the actual match balls, of which only 30 were made.

We would all like to say a big thank you to We Play Strong, Girls Together and Sport Cardiff for this once in a life time experience.

Together #we play strong #GirlsTogether #sportcardiff

Girls' football takes place every Thursday at St Illtyd's from 3.00-4.00pm and is organised by Sport Cardiff/Cardiff Metropolitan University.

BY KAYLEE, GABBY AND ISABEL



2017/18

Please note the following dates for the academic year:

TERM DATES**Autumn Term starts:**

Monday 04/09/17

Autumn Half Term:

Monday 30/10/17 -

Friday 03/11/17

Autumn Term ends:

Friday 22/12/17

Spring Term starts:

Monday 08/01/2018

Spring Half Term:

Monday 19/02/2018 -

Friday 23/02/2018

Spring Term ends:

Thursday 29/03/2018

Summer Term starts:

Monday 16/04/18

Summer Half Term:

Monday 28/5/2018 -

Friday 01/06/2018

Summer Term ends:

Tuesday 24/07/2018

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September. A further three INSET days to be arranged.

The school will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 7th May 2018

Did you know we're on Twitter?

Follow us on Twitter for all the latest match results, news, fixtures and 5x60 activities.
@StilltydsPEDept

Sports/Chwaraeon

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Rugby Success!

The Year 7 rugby team performed exceptionally well to reach the Plate Final at Cardiff Arms Park. They lost to Cantonian in what was a great team effort on the day. Well done on reaching the Plate Final and good luck in the competition next year.

The Year 9 rugby team put in some brave performances to reach the Plate Final at Cardiff Arms Park, where they played Western Federation. The game was highly entertaining as both teams played with flair and determination. After leading for most of the game, Western Federation scored a very late try to level the scores, resulting in a draw. Both teams shared the Plate. Congratulations and good luck in next year's competition.



Year 7 Rugby Team



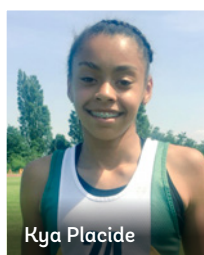
Year 9 Rugby Team

Athletics News

The Year 7 boys athletics team attended the annual Cardiff and Vale Athletics Competition at Cardiff International Stadium. All pupils represented the school exceptionally well. Meshach Taylor put in a fantastic performance to finish 3rd in the 100m Final. Well done Meshach!

U13's Girls County Athletics

The Year 7 athletics team attended the County competition at Cardiff International Sports Stadium at the start of June, in the blistering heat and all performed exceptionally as team. There were also outstanding personal performances from Kya Placide, who came 4th in the 100m A final and 4th in the 200m A Final and Elisa Costa who came 5th in the B final 75m hurdles. The girls were excellent ambassadors for the school and their attitude was excellent whilst performing in a competition of a very high standard. Very well done girls!



Kya Placide



Year 7 Boys Athletics Team



Year 7 Girls Athletics Team

St John Lloyd's Sports Day

Pupils from St John Lloyd RC Primary School were very lucky to have their sports day this year at the National Indoor Athletics Centre at Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cyncoed. A group of Year 9 pupils went along to help run the event. Thank you from everyone at St John Lloyd.



Year 9 pupils helping at NIAC