



St Joseph's Catholic High School Newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025



What a Year!

As the school year comes to a close, we want to thank our incredible students, dedicated teachers and amazing support staff for making it such a memorable one. Your hard work, resilience and enthusiasm have made a lasting impact. Wishing everyone a restful, safe and joyful summer break – see you next year!

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I hope you are all safe and well. Please click on the image below to be directed to this week's Head Teacher Message.



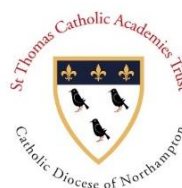
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St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton

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"The glory of God is a
human being fully alive!"

The Good Portion

Weekly Reflections
20th July 2025
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time



From the Gospel of Luke (10:38-42)

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,

In the busyness of life, we may stray and prioritize other things that are not as important as sitting at your feet. Allow us to be more like Mary, in being attentive and discerning to your Word.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen





Pupil Nominations of the Week

<p>Year 7</p> <p>Carl Lacsamana and Eliana Menezes for excellent weeks.</p>
<p>Year 8</p> <p>All students in Year 8!</p>
<p>Year 12</p> <p>Miguel de Jesus for his positive points and Sandra Kszczot for achieving the highest number of positive points in her last week at St Joseph's – she will be missed, as will all the students moving on to other things in September.</p>

Year 7 News

This is the last message from me for Year 7. It has been a pleasure to be Head of this Year Group. **They have all done incredibly.** Mrs Viegas will be taking over as Head of Year 8 from September. You will get the chance to meet her at Welcome Evening, which will take place in early September. Please keep an eye out for that notice.

Have a lovely summer everyone!

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

What a fantastic year it has been working with Year 8. It's been a real privilege to watch each and every student grow, learn and thrive at St Joseph's. **I'm incredibly proud of all of you.**

This final week has been no exception. **Well done to everyone who took part in Mufti Day on Tuesday** and an **extra congratulations to those who were recognised for their excellent behaviour, application in lessons and strong attendance by attending the Rewards trips on Wednesday.** I thoroughly enjoyed the paintballing myself!

Now that the summer break is here, take the time to rest and recharge. Make sure to look after those close to you, and don't forget to keep up with your summer homework so you're ready to hit the ground running in Year 9.

Enjoy the holidays.

Mr Hunt – Head of Year 8

Year 10 News

What a fantastic way to round off the year! Our final week has been full of memorable moments, well-deserved celebrations, and time to reflect on the incredible progress everyone has made. **A huge well done to all those who took part in our Rewards trips this week!** It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying a fun day out as recognition for your hard work, great behaviour, and commitment throughout the year.

Congratulations to all the students who were nominated by their Form Tutors during our end of year assembly. Your contributions, attitude and effort have not gone unnoticed. **We're proud of each and every one of you!**

We closed our school year together on Friday with a thoughtful and meaningful end of year Mass. It was a lovely opportunity to come together in reflection and gratitude for all we've achieved and experienced.

Thank you for a brilliant year, Year 10. I hope you have a restful, safe and fun summer holiday. Enjoy your break – you've earned it!

See you in September!

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 10



Year 12 News

Our Year 12 students have been involved in a diverse range of activities during the last week of term. A small group of students, including **Cameron Fyfe, Nikhill Wight, Camila Molenda, Oliwia Mroz and Isabelle Pace** are still in the midst of a two-week trip to Panama with Challenges Abroad.

A number of students have been engaged in Work Experience days and on Thursday, we held our annual Rewards trips to Thorpe Park, Paintballing, Guildford Spectrum and London Zoo.

Special Congratulations goes, this week, to Isabelle Pace from 12J who recently won a national prize in the 16-year-old category of the Eurekas competition, run by the Institute of Physics. Isabelle has been featured in the Maidenhead Observer for her achievements and will appear on BBC Radio in August. **Well done, Isabelle!**

Miss Stevens – Head of Year 12

Celebrating Success: Rewards Trips for St Joseph's Students

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, many students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 were rewarded for their positive attitude to learning, excellent attendance and exemplary behaviour with a series of exciting trips.

They enjoyed action-packed outings to Thorpe Park, Chessington World of Adventures, Guildford Spectrum, Velocity Paintballing and London Zoo.

Students had a wonderful time and created some fantastic memories as a celebration of their efforts this year. A **huge thank you** to Mr Walsh for organising the trips, our Office Team for their support with logistics and to all the Staff who accompanied and supervised the trips – your time and dedication made it all possible!







Free Summer Swim Sessions for Teens (Ages 13-17)

As part of our River Safety Campaign, Leisure Focus is offering **FREE** supervised swim sessions to help teenagers stay active and safe this summer.

Dates: Friday 25 July to Friday 30 August 2025

Days: Monday – Friday only

Time:

- Braywick Leisure Centre 10am – 11am
- Newlands Leisure Centre 12pm – 1pm
- Windsor Leisure Centre 2pm – 3pm

Spaces: 40 public spaces available.

Venue: Windsor, Braywick & Newlands pools.

How to Book: Book online in advance at www.leisurefocus.org.uk. Or walk in and book at reception (subject to availability).

These sessions are designed to promote water safety awareness while giving young people a chance to enjoy swimming in a safe, supervised environment. We kindly ask all participants to be booked in and marked as attended at reception to help us track the success of the programme.





#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

D As $PQ = PR$, $\angle PRQ = \angle PQR = x^\circ$. Also, as $PR = PS$, $\angle PRS = \angle PSR = x^\circ$. Therefore, $\angle QRS = (2x)^\circ$. The sum of the interior angles of quadrilateral $PQRS$ is 360° . Therefore $x + x + 2x + x = 360$, so $5x = 360$. Hence $x = 72$.



Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

E The difference of two squares $a^2 - b^2$ factorises to $(a + b)(a - b)$. Therefore for it to be possible to express an integer as the difference of two squares, it must be possible to factorise the integer in the form $(a + b)(a - b)$, where a and b are both integers. Note that $5 = (3 + 2)(3 - 2)$; $7 = (4 + 3)(4 - 3)$; $8 = (3 + 1)(3 - 1)$; $9 = (5 + 4)(5 - 4)$. So 5, 7, 8, 9 can all be written as the difference of two squares. (It is left to the reader to show that 10 cannot be the difference of two squares as it cannot be written in the form $(a + b)(a - b)$ where a and b are both integers.)

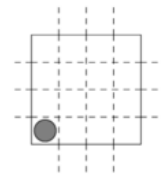
Puzzler of the week

The game of *Rorrim2* is played on a 4×4 board, starting with a counter in one corner, as shown.

At each turn, the player moves the counter to a cell that is the reflection of its current cell in one of the six dashed lines.

How many cells could the counter occupy after precisely three turns?

A 4 B 6 C 8 D 12 E 16



Break-Time Teaser

Megan writes down a list of five numbers. The mean of her first three numbers is -3 . The mean of her first four numbers is 4. The mean of her first five numbers is -5 .

What is the difference between her fourth number and her fifth number?

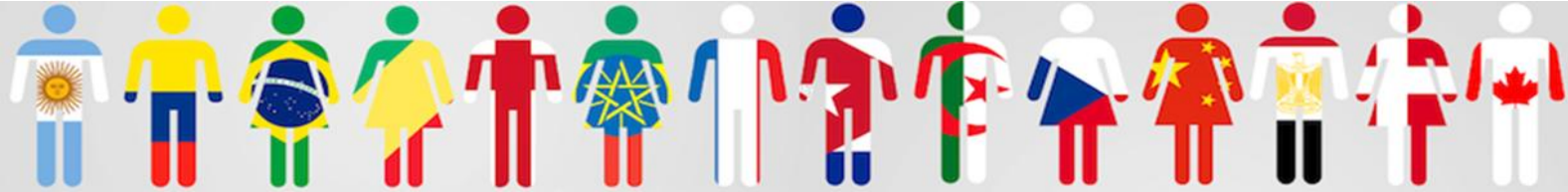
A 66 B 55 C 44 D 33 E 22

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. Complete answers will get positive points on Class Charts.

Menu – September (Week 1)

<div>WEEKLY MENU</div> <div>St Josephs Catholic High School - Week One</div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Szechuan Chicken served with Rice	Minced Beef Enchilada	Chicken & Vegetable Pie served with New Potatoes	Spicy Beef Nachos served with Sour Cream & Cheese	Battered Fish served with Chips & a Lemon Wedge
Cauliflower Cheese Stuffed Jacket Potato	Mixed Bean Stroganoff served with Rice	Quorn Bolognese served with Pasta	Quorn Sausage & Mash served with Caramelised Onion Gravy	Mediterranean Vegetable & Feta Frittata
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad
Pasta with a Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pesto Pasta	Pasta with Garlic & Parmesan	Pasta with a Cheese Sauce	-
Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	-
Apple & Cherry Crumble served with Custard	Iced Lemon Cake	Iced Carrot Cake	Chocolate Chip Flapjack	Rice Crispy Cake

Available daily:
Sandwiches, Wraps & Baguettes, Panini, Jacket Potatoes, Cold Desserts & Fruit




EAL NEWS


(English as an Additional Languages)


Food for thought over the summer


As we come to the end of the school year, we want to thank you for your continued support in helping your child grow and succeed in learning English. Your encouragement at home makes a real difference!


Over the summer, your child has a great opportunity to continue developing their English skills in simple and fun ways. Here are a few ideas to keep them engaged:

 **Practice Speaking:** Encourage your child to speak English at home, with friends, or even by recording themselves talking about their day or interests.

 **Read Together:** Whether it's short stories, news articles, or books they enjoy, reading helps build vocabulary and confidence. Your local library may have free reading programmes for teens.

 **Keep a Summer Journal:** Just a few lines each day in English can help them practise sentence structure and express their thoughts.

 **Watch English Media:** Films, shows, or YouTube videos with English subtitles can be a fun and natural way to improve listening skills.

 **Learn Key Vocabulary:** Help them revise common words and phrases used in subjects like Science, Maths, and History—it will give them a head start in September!

Remember, every little bit of practice counts. We're proud of how far your child has come and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow next year.

Have a safe, restful, and happy summer!

