



Adventures at sea

At the end of June, seven lucky Year 10 boys went on a fantastic sailing trip for a week on board the recently restored sailing boat Moosk, of the Island Trust fleet. St Illtyd's are very grateful to the Island Trust and the Reardon Smith Nautical Trust for funding the majority of our trip and making it possible.

Owain Jones, Joshua Boalch, James Ramsay, Liam Buckley, Tyrone Cristo, Ben McAuliffe and I (Adam Shore) met Mr Healey at the school on Sunday 26th June - all really excited about embarking on our adventure at sea. After a three hour journey on the mini bus we arrived at Plymouth and met our skipper Becky and the ship's mate Aidan. They both made us feel extremely welcome on board Moosk... our new home for the next six days and nights.

Moosk is such an impressive looking boat. She was built over 100 years ago and is older than the other two vessels in the fleet - Pegasus and Tectona.

Each day we learnt so many new skills and were able to also use the skills we had gained during our day sailing trips on board Challenge Wales. We all took turns to hoist the sails and turn the tiller and to tack. Joshua even climbed the mast!



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Even though the weather was fine, some of us got seasick the first few days. However, we soon got our sea legs and made the most of every minute.

As well as helping to sail Moosk, we visited many places along the coast of Devon and Cornwall. When we anchored down at Falmouth we used the inflatable dinghy to take us ashore. Aidan, the ship's mate was born in Falmouth and recommended we try the local fish and chips shop... he was right - they were the best we had ever had! We had many

adventures including a treasure hunt challenge at Looe, barbeques on the beach and jumping off the boat for a swim!

The six days went far too quickly and we all wished we could stay aboard Moosk for more adventures at sea. It was great working as a team and we all hope to go sailing again in the near future!

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HEAD'S MESSAGE • NEGES Y PENNAETH

After all time record results this summer for the school, we have enjoyed a tremendously successful start to the year and as we come to the end of this long term, the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest.

It has indeed been a busy year so far and both staff and pupils have worked harder than ever before, working together to continue to build on the success achieved by the school to date! I feel incredibly proud of everything we have accomplished at the school and of the distance we have travelled together, but I am particularly proud of our pupils who are talented, interesting, energetic young people, developing into wonderful young adults ready to make a difference to the world beyond the gates at St Illtyd's.

Y11 have completed the newly revised maths examinations this November and we look forward to their results in January, which I am sure will be very pleasing. The pupils will also be busy preparing for their English Literature exam over the holidays and as we move towards the options period, we are getting ready to prepare the next generation of key stage



four pupils for their GCSEs.

At key stage three we now have an enhanced student voice established at the school with pupils from a wide range of classes actively involved in our ongoing review of outcomes and standards across the school.

Our 2016 reporting day was also a huge success, with more families than ever taking part in our discussions around achievement and success, as well as accessing the full suite of onsite support and information made available on the day. It was a real community event with Archbishop George Stack also in attendance.

These are references to just a few aspects of the school that deserve celebration, but there is too much to mention in this brief message. Please do read on and see for yourself what a fantastic school we have.

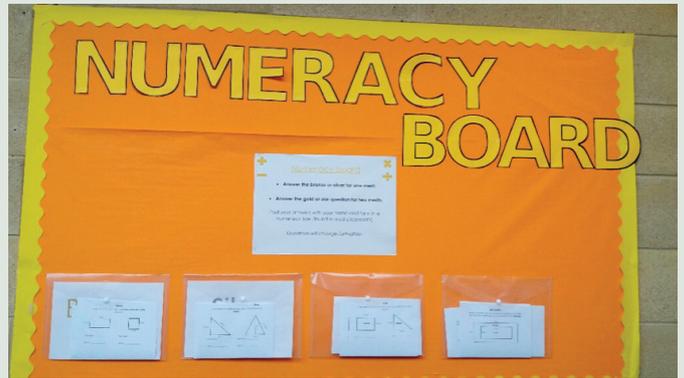
Finally, I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at St Illtyd's Catholic High School for their continued hard work and commitment to the pupils of the school during the year. On behalf of everybody at St Illtyd's Catholic High School, we wish you, your family and the pupils a fantastic Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

MRS TRACEY JARVIS, ACTING HEAD TEACHER

Numeracy at St Illtyd's

Numeracy boards

Numeracy boards are now in the Maths department, Science department, PE department and RE department. Questions will change fortnightly and must be posted in a numeracy board box (located in EM10, Science prep room, Miss James' RE room and the PE department). Answers must include full name and form. Merits will be rewarded for correct answers!



Numeracy activities in form

Every Key Stage 3 form will be starting numeracy activities in form this half term. These activities will help students understand how LNF questions look in the exams in May. Working through these basic skills every week will build mathematical confidence and allow students to access Mathematics easier. If students are getting 100% in these activities they will gain two merits. If students are getting 75% of the activity correct they will earn one merit.

MISS E. LOVE, NUMERACY CO-ORDINATOR



ASDAN problem solving

This term the Year 11 ASDAN COPE pupils have been completing the problem solving aspect of their qualification. Whether improving their fitness, gaining essential experience for future college courses or teaching a foreign language, all of the students have succeeded in their chosen challenge.

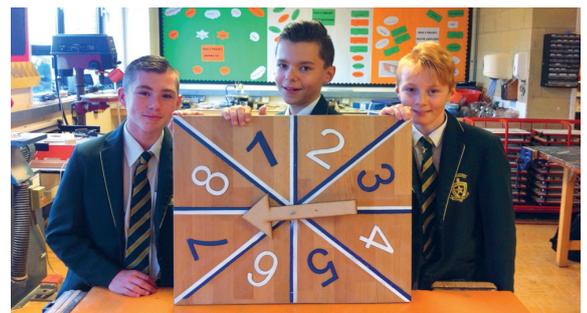
However a special mention must go to Dionne Mullins and Regan Lawrence who opted to raise money for charity. Dionne raised £38.50 for the Dogs Trust by doing a sponsored silence and Regan swam a whopping 100 lengths to raise £67.90 for WaterAid! An outstanding effort from both!

MISS H. HINSLEY, HLTA/ASDAN TEACHER

DT Department helps Blessed Sacrament Parish

Joel Hexter, Joshua Jones and Jim McAllister proudly display their DT skills! The boys, together with Mr Foley (Head of DT), gave up their break times to design and make a spin-a-wheel for Blessed Sacrament Parish. The community of Blessed Sacrament is grateful for the time and effort the boys have given to produce the spin-a-wheel which will be used in fund raising activities for church renovations.

ALLISON RIDOUT, BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISHIONER



Lab in a Lorry

Year 9 pupils had a great time when they went to visit "Lab in a Lorry" at the University of South Wales. They were able to take part in interactive experiments using light, sound and optoelectronics. A highlight of the day was using a camera to find foreign bodies that had been swallowed by our dummy human being! The day was completed with activities in the department of Photonics/Optoelectronics and a campus tour, making for a very aspirational day.

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

Community Christmas Market 2016

St Illtyd's once again threw open its doors and warmly welcomed our local community into our school in our annual Community Christmas Market. The school became transformed into a wonderful place with festive music provided by RAF St Athan Voluntary Brass Band, a magical Santa's Grotto organised by Rumney Youth Club and over 40 stalls selling an array of Christmas gifts. Completing the festive picture and new for this year, dog sled rides were provided by the Dog Sled Society of Wales.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the stall holders, our great team of Community Prefects, our Head Boy Rafael Fernandes & Head Girl Halle Meddick, our canteen staff for putting on refreshments, Jump for providing balloon modelling and face painting, RAF St Athan Voluntary Brass Band, our partners - Rumney Youth Club & Communities First ECLP for their support and generosity with this event and a big thank you to Dominos Pizga for sponsoring the event. Finally a huge thank you to everyone that came along to the event, making it another hugely successful event in the school's calendar.

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



BBC NOW & Super Furry Animals broadcast

Our Year 11 music students had a fantastic opportunity to attend the BBC National Orchestra of Wales's debut performance of Rhys & Meir. The concert was broadcast live on BBC Radio Cymru and filmed for S4C.

Rhys & Meir is a composition by the keyboard player Cian Ciaran from the Super Furry Animals (see photo with student Robyn Pearce) and is based on a story of love and romance, explored through ancient Welsh folklore, performed by a full 84 piece orchestra.

The event included narration by Rhys Ifans and a 'Question and Answer' session with the composer and Alastair King the conductor of the orchestra who also composes music for Doctor Who. The pupils had the opportunity to find out about the performance and speak with the two composers about the compositional process, their experience with music and the music industry. The experience left our students inspired and moved by the orchestra.

MRS JULIE SMITH, HEAD OF MUSIC



Orchestra in Residence at St David's Hall, Cardiff



Spirituality at St Illtyd's

A Catholic school's 'ethos' may be understood to be the outward signs and the personal experiences of the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church in the totality of daily life in a Catholic school; and this has certainly been the case this Autumn Term at St Illtyd's!

Archbishop George

Stack – Archdiocese of Cardiff All Teachers Mass - We began the Term with the honour of having been chosen by the Archbishop to host the annual all teachers mass on September 27th. The venue was the school barn with refreshments in the school hall following the Mass. The Mass is an opportunity for all teachers serving the Archdiocese to come together and reflect on the role we have in serving God through educating our young People. The fact that St Illtyd's had been chosen reflects just how far we have come as a school and is something we should all feel very proud of. The Barn was decorated with banners of all Archbishops of Cardiff and with a banner of St Illtyd looking proudly down at the congregation. Over 200 colleagues made the journey to our school and were led to seats by Year 11 prefects Adam Shore, Nikita Greedy, Nicole Yellen, Caitlin Burr, Dina Landicho. Bethan Grant and Deputy Head Girl Jessica Lloyd Burke. They looked immaculate in their school uniforms and served the school proudly by being polite and helpful. After the Mass our canteen staff produced a wonderful buffet that was remarked upon by the Archbishop himself! All in all it was a wonderful evening that allowed teachers of the Archdiocese to see what St Illtyd's has to offer and we did not let ourselves down.

Daily Act of Worship - Every week, during registration time, pupils gather to reflect for five minutes in a daily act worship. They begin with the sign of the cross and look at a moment of history that reflects an event that happened on the day in question. Pupils then link the message of the event to their daily lives, maybe it was the birthday of a famous



artist who overcame great obstacles to achieve success, such as Claude Monet. The idea is that our pupils understand that with God's help there is nothing they cannot accomplish. This is a positive start to the school day!

Monday Morning Prayer – As part of the ethos of a Catholic School time is set aside each Monday Morning for short prayer and reflection. The RE Department offer this time to all staff for support and guidance in ensuring they fulfil their teaching role to the best of their ability with God's guidance.

Bible Study – Mr. Green from the RE department has been offering Bible Study every Tuesday lunchtime in RS4. During this time the pupils who voluntarily attend this session have been looking at small passages from the Bible and linking them to their daily lives. It has proved to be very popular and is one way that the Word of God is reaching the young people in St Illtyd's.

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Charity Group – During the Spring and Summer terms St Illtyd's opened its gates for one Saturday morning each month for a car boot sale. Mrs. Shanahan our Community Engagement Officer began the car boot sales to show all within our community that St Illtyd's is a "Community School". The School Charity Group attended each car boot sale with a stall of items that have been kindly donated by staff and pupils. This involved pupils and Mrs. James, a member of the RE department giving up their time so that funds can be raised for Charity. St Illtyd's has always supported charity and this year will be no exception. As I write pupils have donated money to the British Legion Poppy Appeal and plans are under way for the collection of items for the Christmas Hampers that St Illtyd's donates to those in need within our community every year. When it comes to Charity both staff and Pupils believe strongly in helping others and in this way the school mission statement "Together in Christ, we make a difference" really comes alive!

Remembrance Day Assembly – During the week 7-11th November 2016 Mr. Dan Hill (Head of History) led the school assemblies leading up to Remembrance day. Within the assemblies our pupils gained an understanding as to why we remember those who died for us and Mr. Hill, in particular, focused on one young man from Cardiff who was the youngest person to die in the Great War, the young man had run away to fight for his country at just 15 years old. At the end of the prayerful and moving assemblies Mr Ted John, Music teacher, played 'The Last Post'. On Sunday 13th November some of our own pupils who are part of the

Cadets and the Scout movement, walked in the memorial service from The British Legion in Llanrumney to the War Memorial on Wentlloog Road where they laid wreaths and crosses to honour the fallen. Among one of the names on the crosses was Captain Stephen Healey, a former head boy of St Illtyd's who was tragically killed during service in 2012, he was 29 years old. Captain Healey served his nation with the ultimate sacrifice and is an ex pupil that we should be proud of. On November 13th our pupils represented themselves and our school with pride!



Captain Stephen Healey

School Chaplain – St Illtyd's is very lucky to have a past pupil kindly volunteer his time to come into school in a chaplaincy role. Rhys Payne is a name I am sure most of you will know since he was a positive influence in our school, during his career at St Illtyd's he raised a lot of money for Charity and completed a parachute jump with Mrs. Hill, the head of Welsh, with the proceeds going to the leuan the Lion memorial fund. They raised over £1,200 and managed to fund a holiday for a week in Kiln Park, Tenby for a terminally ill child and their family. Rhys is very excited about this new role and the RE department is lucky that he has kindly volunteered his time to come into school in a chaplaincy role. His main aim is to be around at lunchtimes chatting to our pupils and acting in a supportive role if and when you need him. When you see Rhys in school make sure you say "Hello!"



Rhys Payne

Holy Year of Mercy – As we enter Advent and the last few months of the Holy Year of Mercy let us reflect on what this has meant for us as a school. The aim of the Year of Mercy was to experience the Love of God through his Mercy and to offer us the chance to reflect on our lives and to repair our relationship with God. Each and every day within St Illtyd's our pupils show loyalty, respect and care towards each other and for others. Within these pages we have read about our pupils going the extra mile and making a difference in the lives of others. I am sure



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that as we enter 2017 our pupils' will continue to show those values that we hold dear to St Illtyd's so that "Together in Christ" we will continue to make a difference to all people. The RE department wishes you and your families a peaceful Christmas.

Wishing you every blessing and happiness.

MRS POCKNELL (ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT), MRS JAMES, MISS WILLIAMS, MR PRICE, MISS YELLEN, MISS HINSLEY AND MR GREEN – YOUR RE DEPARTMENT

First Campus Residential Project 2016



In July, ten of our Year 9 pupils were extremely lucky to be chosen by Mr Fleet to experience university life in three days as part of the First Campus Residential Project. The aim of the residential was to inspire pupils to consider a future at university. Our pupils were accompanied by Mrs May and Mr Fleet. Over the course of three days, pupils experienced studying a chosen subject at degree level, working and socialising with other students and developing confidence in their own abilities. The three days proved to be not only inspiring, but also a lot of fun. By the end of the residential, all of our pupils said that they had been inspired to consider a future at university.

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



Welsh Baccalaureate news

In the last edition of the New Illtydian we were delighted to announce that St Illtyd's Catholic High School had just been confirmed as one of four Welsh Baccalaureate curriculum hubs. This is a testament to all staff and students for embracing this newly reformed programme across the school. As a hub school we are providing training opportunities to just under 100 schools on the new Welsh Bacc e-portfolio over the course of the next year. It is a requirement that all schools across Wales submit and assess students Skills Challenge work using the e-portfolio system from September 2017, therefore as expected there has been a strong uptake for our training programme.

It is a huge accolade to have the opportunity to invite such a wide range of representatives to our school and we look forward to giving them all an extremely valuable experience while they are with us. We are also delighted to have secured a grant of £20,000 from Qualifications Wales, and have subsequently been able to install a brand new Welsh Baccalaureate classroom this term. As you can see in the photographs this new learning environment has all the equipment we need to develop our learners for

their successful futures. The Welsh Baccalaureate performance measure will replace existing measures from 2018 and will be used to measure each school's progress at KS4 and Post 16.

We are well on our way to developing a Welsh Baccalaureate skills curriculum to bring our students closer to employers, colleges and make them better equipped for life's demands. We continue to develop strong links with many local charities and organisations to give our students real life opportunities within each of the Welsh Baccalaureate Challenges that learners undertake.

If you would like more information on our Welsh Baccalaureate programme please visit our Twitter page @StilltydsWBDept or contact us using the email address below.

MR. L. ROWE, HEAD OF WELSH BACCALAUREATE
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Welsh Baccalaureate Dragon's Den final

We witnessed incredible presentations from our Year 11 students in our Dragon's Den final last week. The challenge involved students designing products and a business concept for the charity Velindre. We really were blown away with the quality of work and dedication to the Welsh Baccalaureate Velindre Enterprise Challenge. Andrew and Kylie from Velindre took time out of their busy schedule with the Welsh Rugby Team to come into St Illtyd's and sit on the panel and were extremely impressed.

The results were as follows:

- 1st – Hama Bead Keyrings:** Laura Swain, Cerys Lenahan, Charlie Williams
- 2nd – Tand_funk Chocolates:** Thando Mpofu, Olivia Evans
- 3rd – Earphone Wraps:** Liam Buckley, Wiktor Kryjak, Ali Al Fihry, Chris Berganio

Well done to all our winners!

MR L. ROWE, HEAD OF WELSH BACCALAUREATE



Make Your Mark!



In early July, two of our pupils, Ffion Morris and Carys Edwards, accompanied by Mrs May, attended a Grand Council Event in the City Hall. The theme for the day was the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) national initiative called 'Make Your Mark'. In 2015 this initiative enabled 1 million 11-18 year olds from across the UK to identify their top issues which were then debated by MYP's (Members of Youth Parliament) in the House of Commons. This then sets the priorities and campaigns for the coming year both here in Cardiff and the UK.

At the Grand Council Event Ffion and Carys received information and training to be able to take 'Make Your Mark' back to St Illtyd's to enable our pupils to take part in Europe's biggest youth consultation. During September, all pupils were able to 'vote' on the issues that matter most to them. 512 St Illtyd's pupils voted in total and the top issues that were voted on at our school were that pupils wanted a "Curriculum to prepare us for life" and "First Aid Education for All Young People". The top issues that were voted for nationwide were discussed in the House of Commons in November.

As a school, we are addressing the issue of "First Aid Education for All Young People" by organising a "First Aid Awareness" session for every pupil in Key Stage 3 this academic year. We are delighted to announce that as a result of such a high return of ballot forms from our pupils, St Illtyd's were awarded a "Silver Award" in recognition of the "Make Your Mark" Campaign 2016.

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



Ffion Morris and Carys Edwards, attending the Grand Council Event in the City Hall, Cardiff

Luisa May and Ffion Morris receiving the Silver Award from Cardiff Youth Council



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STARTING 6TH JANUARY 2017

Year 9 sailing long weekend



In the beginning of October, a small group of Year 9s were selected to go on a sailing trip with a company called Challenge Wales. The experience was both thrilling and fun and everyone had a great time, even though some people felt a little homesick as the trip was nearing its end.

Whilst on the trip, we all learned many valuable things, such as team-building and communication skills. We also learned how to raise and set down three different sails, and even how to put them on in the first place. We did so much on this trip, and one of the group's favourite part was when we got to explore a small island called 'Lundy'. One of the things that many people did while we were out sailing was practice making different knots that were taught at the beginning of our trip. Every single one of us was at the wheel for at least one point during the trip too.

It was definitely an experience that none of us will ever forget.
JODIE MOTT, 9DJA



Youth Summit

On the 11th and 12th November, four students from Year 10 attended the first ever South Wales Youth Summit, accompanied by Mrs Hill. Each person was given a country to research, including debate topics such as democracy, poverty and wellbeing in their allocated country.

Lewis Tyrrell, Holly Shortis, Alissa Parsons and myself had the privilege to listen to Simon Weston speak eloquently about his experiences in the war. Along with this, we learnt about countries in the Commonwealth and of their global and local issues.

ELISE DAVIES, 10RH



R:A:P Tour - Revise:Aspire:Perform



During the Autumn term, 60 of our Year 10 students were very fortunate to spend a day experiencing the R:A:P Tour – a day to prepare them for their future exams. The day ran over five lessons with all participants together for the introductory session, which included learning styles, procrastination and the teenage brain. The students then split into two groups for a carousel of activities: revision techniques where different ways to remember information were practiced, exam techniques that looked at how to find the clues examiners have left behind and revision diaries where students had a go at making their own diary.

The day was completed in a unique way with a Rap Science session delivered by Jon Chase, a rapper, who consolidated learning and raising aspirations through raps. Jon's session was a highlight of the day and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. At the end of the R:A:P Tour, all of our students felt that the day had been really useful and felt more confident about exams and revision.

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

BAE Systems Science Roadshows 2016

Years 7 and 8 were very lucky this term to have a science roadshow delivered by BAE Systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy. The roadshow was devised in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country and by capturing the interest of young people aged 10-13, we can hopefully increase the numbers that take STEM subjects and ultimately increase the pool of talent in years to come. The roadshow explored the world of waves – not just waves on water, but light and sound waves too. Pupils learnt how engineers and scientists use their understanding of the different kinds of waves to create sophisticated communications systems, optical devices and ships

and submarines that can withstand the crushing pressures of the waves in the sea.

Pupils were invited to participate in some of the experiments making for a real interactive experience; they made some strange sounds using unconventional instruments and discovered how light waves can actually make objects disappear. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the roadshow.

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



90,000 children will see the Science and Engineering Roadshow this year
2 March 2016

A unique partnership between business and the military is tackling the UK's shortage of scientists and engineers in the largest ever schools programme of its kind.

BAE Systems, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force have joined forces to launch a nationwide schools engineering and science roadshow, which is set to reach a record 420 schools and 90,000 students this year.

With the Royal Navy joining the programme in 2016, the schools roadshow has additional resources to visit schools in Edinburgh, Nottingham, Scarborough, Middlesbrough, Salisbury, Swindon, Ipswich, Hastings and Plymouth. Since its inception in 2005, the Royal Air Force and BAE Systems have brought the roadshow to more than 365,000 young people at 2,200 schools.

The roadshow, which launched at the St. Marylebone Church of England School in London, marks the eleventh year of the initiative and provides a highly visual, educational and interactive theatre presentation for primary and secondary school children. The theme of this year's roadshow focuses on the science of 'waves' – highlighting three key forms – sound, light and water. The practical demonstrations used in the show will help pupils understand how the physics of waves and engineering are used in the real world by civil and royal engineers – assisting teachers in tackling a difficult part of the national curriculum for



My Year 6 Transition Diary

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Today I went to St Illtyd's Catholic High School to have a Science lesson with Mr Halliday. This lesson was part of St John Lloyd's transition programme with St Illtyd's. In our lesson, we investigated the amount of energy in different crisps. I really enjoyed our visit to St Illtyd's and the chance to do some work in one of their science labs.

Thursday 3rd November 2016

This evening my family and I went to St Illtyd's Open Evening. I looked around all the different departments and took part in lots of activities. The school looks brilliant and I would love to go there. I hope I get a space there in September - fingers crossed!

EWAN MAY, YEAR 6, ST JOHN LLOYD RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Plan UK Youth Action Festival

In October, Year 10 students Holly Shortis, Alissa Parsons and Erika Mae Arimbuyutan went to London for the Plan UK Youth Action Festival, an event which educates people on the issues girls face around the world.

Leading up to this event, the three girls were joined by Jasmine Rowlands and went on a trip to Birmingham to meet likeminded girls and prepare for London. The girls learnt about using social media, issues girls face and creative ways to campaign. This was a great experience as they developed their skills and met some great people which helped them to publicise the problems.

Using these skills, they are planning a careers fayre in March to highlight jobs that young girls usually aren't encouraged to have.

To hear more about this event, follow us on Instagram and Twitter: @unify_cardiff

HOLLY SHORTIS, ALISSA PARSONS, ERIKA MAE ARIMBUYUTAN & JASMINE ROWLANDS (YEAR 10)



Story time at St John Lloyd



On Friday 21st October, a small group of Year 11 students visited the nursery at St John Lloyd RC Primary School to read stories that they had written and illustrated to the children. This formed part of their work for the ASDAN communication module. The experience was a real confidence builder for our students and their teacher, Mrs Sally Ball, was very impressed by the pace and clarity of their reading, particularly as two of the students are EAL students (English as an Additional Language).



Community Engagement Drop in

MONDAYS | 8:30-11am | ST ILLTYD'S FOYER



Call in for a coffee and a chat about:

- Uniform
- Attendance
- Period 6
- Homework
- Pastoral
- Revision
- Curriculum
- Volunteering
- Spirituality
- Wellbeing
- Parent Forum
- Family activities
- Events

For every visit, you will receive a raffle ticket for a **luxury Christmas Hamper** to be drawn in December.

St Illtyd's Annual Carol Service

You are cordially invited to our Annual Carol Service in the school on **Wednesday 14th December**.

The service will commence at 7.00pm and, as always, will include a selection of carols, bible readings and poetry.

Groups involved will include the school choir, orchestra and jazz group, as well as congregational carol singing. There will be mince pies and mulled wine in the foyer after the service.

We look forward to you joining us for what is always a wonderful evening.



2016/17

Please note the following dates for the academic year:

TERM DATES

Autumn Term ends:
Friday 16/12/16

Spring Term starts:
Tuesday 03/01/17

Spring Half Term:
Monday 20/02/17 -
Friday 24/02/17

Spring Term ends:
Friday 07/04/17

Summer Term starts:
Monday 24/04/17

Summer Half Term:
Monday 29/5/17 -
Friday 02/06/17

Summer Term ends:
Friday 21/07/17

INSET days:
Friday 17/3/17
Monday 5/6/17

The school will be closed on Monday 1/5/17 for the May Day bank holiday

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@StilltydsPEdept

Sports/Chwaraeon

Football & Rugby results

- Year 7 football team (gold shirts) beat Cathays 6-2 at home.
- Year 8 rugby team (green shirts) lost to Corpus Christi 22-19 (away) in the Cardiff Cup.
- Year 9 football lost 4-2 against Cathays High School (away).
- Year 10 football team beat Stanwell School (away) on penalties. A special mention should go to both Owain Govier and Connor Hill. Owain made some tremendous saves to keep us in the match and Connor Hill scored the winning penalty. An excellent all round team performance to put us into the quarter finals.

A huge well done to all of our sporting teams - keep up the great work!



Year 9B County Netball Tournament

The Year 9 netball team attended the County Netball Tournament at Talybont. They played five games in total and improved their game vastly as the tournament progressed. Results were as follows: a win against St John's College 3-0, a draw with St Teilo's 1-1 and losing to Bryn Hafren 6-0, Bro Morgannwg 2-0 and Cardiff High 4-1. The result did not reflect the effort and possession during the tournament. Unlucky and well done girls!

Sports Awards 2016

At the start of term the PE department held the annual Sports Awards Evening, celebrating all of the successes in the PE department and the fantastic sporting achievements of our students from across the previous year. We were privileged to be joined by local boy and Paralympic athlete Jordan Howe as our guest speaker, who was fresh off the plane from Rio and gave a very motivational speech to inspire our students. The evening was bigger and better than before and was a great success. It is lovely to celebrate and build on the sporting achievements of our students from both inside and outside of the school environment. We thank all parents and students for their continued support and commitment and look forward to the continued success of our students over the forthcoming year.

