



The New Illtydian

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Year 8 Honours Pupils take part in mock trial

To prepare for the mock trial we spent several breaks, lunch times and afterschool sessions ahead of the competition going over our case. When we arrived at the Crown Court in Newport, we had a little introduction to the competition and then were straight in with the first case of the day. We were playing the role of defence against the prosecution team, St Albans Catholic High School. We won the case and our defendant was found not guilty. After that we had a little break before we stood for the prosecution role against Wydean School. Again, the defendant was found not guilty.

The case was about a nurse who had had their phone stolen from them by someone on a speeding moped. The defendant was the owner of the moped however could not be found guilty as there was no facial identification in the robbery. In the end the team that won was St. Albans and we were a runner-up. The day was a great experience, we learnt a lot and we all really enjoyed it. We hope to go again next year.

THE YEAR 8 HONOURS GROUP



HEAD'S MESSAGE | NEGES Y PENNAETH

Welcome to the Easter edition of the New Illtydian! We started the new calendar year with a bang as on the first day back in January we were notified that we were to be inspected at the end of that month. The inspection outcomes were very reassuring. The Inspectors found lots of areas of good practice and where improvements were identified these agreed with our own self-evaluation of the school.

I can assure you that I, the staff and governors are determined to ensure we provide the best



education possible for the young people in our care as we go forward with a clear blueprint for the future. With pupils, parents and staff working together the school will go on to greater success. It is an exciting time.

Once again, we are oversubscribed as a school – in fact we had more applications than ever before with every single place being chased here for September. There are many reasons for this but one is our determination to provide a Catholic education for the whole

person and for their future.

We are of course in the midst of examination preparations for Year 11 and Year 10. Revision is on every night Monday through Thursday and there are also study sessions available throughout the holidays. The timetable shows once again how dedicated staff are to pupils doing well; with our work and your support in school, after school and even in the holidays, I know that our young people will make you and us proud!

I wish all our pupils and their families a happy and holy Easter. School returns Monday April 29th, which is a week one.

DAVID THOMAS, HEAD TEACHER

Apprenticeships Work Careers event

A group of Year 11 pupils recently attended the Apprenticeships Work careers event at Cardiff City Stadium organised by Careers Wales. Pupils were able to browse stalls from over 60 exhibitors, all providing advice and guidance on apprenticeships at all levels from Foundation Apprenticeships to Higher/ Degree Level Apprenticeships. Our pupils spent time talking to the exhibitors and gained a lot of useful information. Our thanks go to Adrian Cole and all at Careers Wales for organising such an informative and engaging event.

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



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GE Aviation – partnership success

Our partnership with our Business Class partners, GE Aviation, is going from strength to strength. Business Class is a programme run by Business in the Community and Careers Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government, and brings together secondary schools and businesses across Wales.

This Spring term, a group of 16 Year 9 girls have taken part in a STEM programme with David Hoare, PR & Communications Leader from GE Aviation. The programme involved the girls taking part in weekly sessions in which they had to design and make paper aeroplanes. The girls had to consider data capture and profit and loss in their planning, as well as deliver a final pitch. All of the girls got thoroughly involved and engaged with all aspects of the programme, making it a real success. The programme was

completed with a visit to the GE Aviation site in Nantgarw.

Another project that GE Aviation have delivered at St Illtyd's this term is a CV writing and interview skills workshop for 20 of our Year 11s. The session was really well received by the pupils that took part. The participation in the CV writing and interview skills workshop with GE Aviation has undoubtedly had a positive impact on decision making, employability skills and educational outcomes for the group that took part.

We would like to say a huge thank you to David Hoare and Scott Daniell from GE Aviation for all their hard work in putting this programme together. We look forward to working with GE Aviation on more projects in the near future and to developing our partnership further.

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





St Illtyd's crowned champions!

As part of National Science and Engineering Week 2019, St Illtyd's were once again invited to enter teams into the Cardiff and Vale College's inter-school challenges.

At the Aeronautical Challenge which took part at CAVC's ICAT campus (International Centre for Aerospace Training), our pupils took part in a series of challenges that tested their teamwork and communication skills, their quick thinking and mental agility. Our pupils worked brilliantly together as a team, scoring highly on the day and

narrowly missing out on winning "Team of the Week". Just one point separated Team St Illtyd's and the winning team – Pencoedre High School.

The Design and Construction Challenge held at CAVC's Barry campus involved our team building a hardscape. Pupils were split into sub-teams – bricklayers, carpenters, tilers and painter & decorators. These sub-teams were then each responsible for laying brickwork, constructing a wooden picket fence, designing & creating a mosaic and preparing and undertaking painting

tasks. Each sub-team worked diligently and effectively led by a project manager to create the finished piece of work. We are delighted to announce that Team St Illtyd's won the challenge, fighting off competition from four other secondary schools. We are so proud of our pupils – they were deserving winners on the day. A huge congratulations to all members of the winning team!

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



BAE Systems STEM Roadshow

In early December, Year 7 and 8 all got to watch the BAE Systems STEM Roadshow. 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 show was entitled "It's a Numbers Game." Throughout the show pupils were introduced to a series of fun and fascinating ways in which Maths is used in everyday life, including examples of the practical application of mathematical techniques within BAE Systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy. The presentation included the most up to date technologies to demonstrate the importance of Maths in the future of Engineering. Pupils were invited to participate in some of the demonstrations and problem-solving games. All pupils thoroughly engaged with the show and thoroughly enjoyed it.

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



BAE SYSTEMS
INSPIRED WORK



St Illtyd's gets its defibrillator

As a result of fund raising activities on St Illtyd's Day 2018 on the 6th November, a grand total of £2,060.98 was raised. This has not only allowed the school to purchase a defibrillator, but also two evacuation chairs that will be kept at each end of the school for their wheelchair users.

David Thomas, Head Teacher, said "We could not be prouder of our school and community for coming together and putting on such an amazing event. Our school has always strived towards purchasing a defibrillator but due to a lack of funds have not been able to until now. The fact that we were able to not only purchase a defibrillator but also two evacuation chairs due to the generosity and hard work of our students, staff and community is truly amazing."

"We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr David Richards, Miss Alex Briscoe and all of the Honours pupils for their fantastic work, and also to all those who donated and supported our cause."

David Richards, Head of Honours Programme, said "The amount of time Honours programme pupils spent on researching, preparing, and delivering



the event was significant and the pupils demonstrated great commitment, reliance, and creativity during the whole process. The whole experience not only brought a much-needed and lifesaving piece of equipment in to the school but also demonstrated to the pupils what they can achieve by putting

their unique talents to work."

Pictured with the new defibrillator are some of our Honours pupils, Head of Honours Mr David Richards and Honours Teacher, Miss Alex Briscoe.



St Illtyd's Transition Programme 2019

St Illtyd's Catholic High School strives for improvement on a daily basis and our transition programme is no exception. This year, we have expanded our transition programme to include all of the Key Stage 2 classes in our feeder primary schools. So far this academic year, Year 6 pupils have come up to St Illtyd's for a science lesson, Year 5 have attended the Google Education Learning Festival and most recently Year 3 have come up for a music lesson. St Peter's Year 3 enjoyed learning about pitch and dynamics. Pupils from Year 3 in St John Lloyd learnt all about the structure of a violin and how to play it. They also learnt single notes, chords, rolls and glissandos which are the four musical colours.

Our extended maths programme has continued this year with Year 6 pupils from St Cadocs, St Albans and St Peters attending once a fortnight for a maths lesson with Mrs Jordan.

We strongly feel that the more opportunities pupils have to visit their feeder high school, the more confident and less intimidated they will feel when it is time to take that step to high school. We are delighted to report that our transition programme has received strong praise from parents who feel that their children were fully prepared when they started with us last September. A big well done to Mr Price – our Head of Transition!





Open Your Eyes Week 2019

In February, Year 7 listened to a week-long series of presentations from different employers. The week was called "Open Your Eyes Week" and was designed to show pupils the array of different careers in different industries that are available to them. Year 7 received presentations from Net Savvy UK, Eversheds Sutherland, the Royal Air Force, the Army, the Royal Navy, Cardiff Blues, Amber Energy, Cardiff Council Economic Development Team, HMRC, Bad Wolf Productions, Microsoft and CMB Engineering. Pupils from Years 5 and 6 in our feeder Catholic primary schools also took part in the "Open Your Eyes Week" and had presentations in their respective schools making this a cluster wide event. The presentations gave our pupils a lot of information and helped them in their decisions on their future careers.

We would like to thank all of the employers that took the time out to come and speak to our pupils. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Vicky Poole from the Cardiff Commitment for organising the week for our cluster.

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

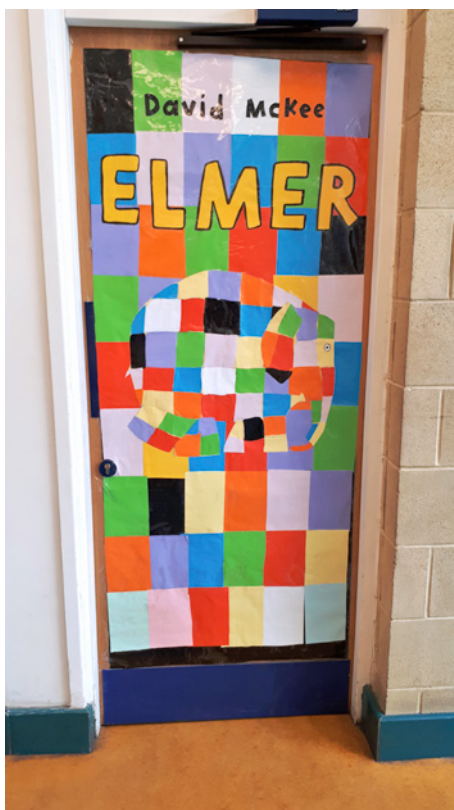
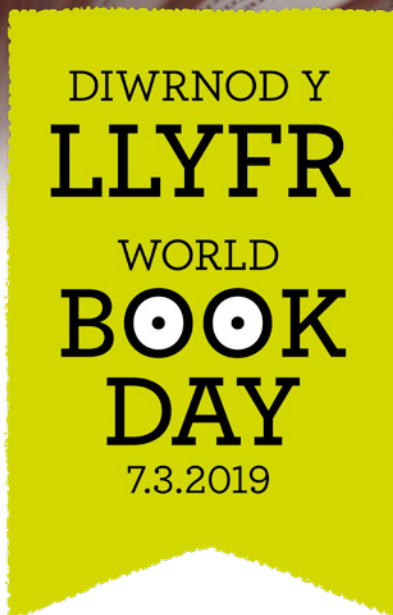


World Book Day 2019

World Book Day 2019 was celebrated in style at St Illtyd's this year! Pupils and staff had the opportunity to dress up as a literary character or to show their support for literature by wearing something green. (Green was chosen by Miss Cooper in support of her House – Slytherin from the Harry Potter series!) Pupils paid £1 and all money raised will be used to buy new books and for trips that further promote literature. Doors were decorated and you can see some of the fantastic efforts in our photos. Pupils took part in a World Book Day quiz during registration and all pupils received a World Book Day token.

There was a really positive atmosphere around the school all day. Lots of pupils commented on the doors and the characters that staff transformed themselves into, and this became the start of quite a lot of discussions about books, which is exactly what we wanted from the day. A huge well done to everyone for your efforts in decorating your doors and dressing up

and a huge thank you to Miss Cooper, Teacher of English for organising and co-ordinating the whole day.



Tim Peake Spacecraft Programme – VR Bus

St Illtyd's have been extremely lucky to be one of only six schools in Wales to have been invited to take part in the Tim Peake Spacecraft Programme. In the last issue we featured the Soyuz Rocket Show that the whole of Year 9 watched and the museum trip that 69 Year 9 pupils attended.

The final part of the programme was a visit to our school from the Space Descent with Tim Peake VR Bus Tour. The tour is a partnership between Samsung CSR and the Science Museum Group, bringing to life the excitement and learnings from Tim Peake's space mission.

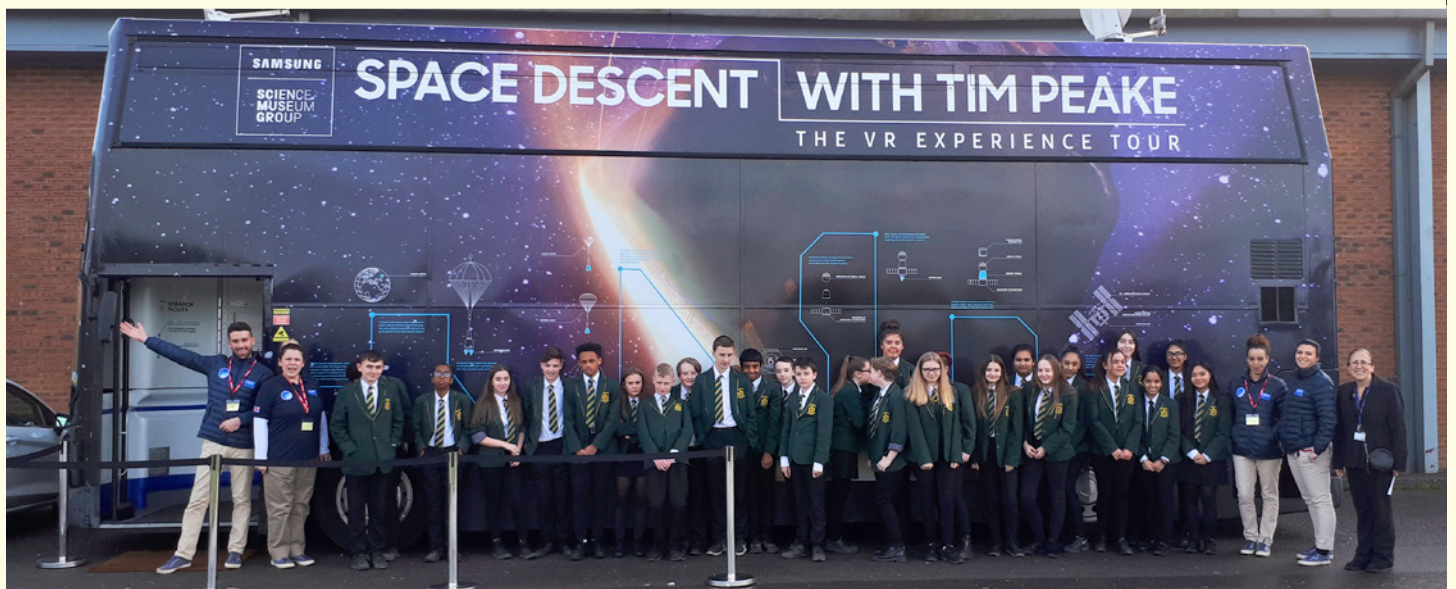
Five classes were able to experience the bus on the day. The experience involved a 360 degree Virtual Reality Experience in which pupils experienced Tim Peake's space descent to Earth. They also took part in interactive space training and games to give them an idea of what it takes to be an astronaut. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils.

We would like to thank Samsung CSR and the Science Museum Group for inviting us to be a part of this programme.

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



**SCIENCE
MUSEUM
GROUP**



Welsh Baccalaureate

Our Welsh Baccalaureate programme continues to provide our students with purposeful activities and challenges. The primary aim of the Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate is to enable learners to develop and demonstrate an understanding of and proficiency in essential and employability skills: Communication, Numeracy, Digital Literacy, Planning and Organisation, Creativity and Innovation, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, and Personal Effectiveness. The emphasis is on applied and purposeful learning and to provide opportunities



for assessment in a range of real life context through three Challenge Briefs and an Individual Project. In this edition of the 'New Illtydian', I am delighted to share a selection of the incredible experiences our students have undertaken as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate programme. In addition to this we share with you the story and journey of a past student, Crystal Yellen, who is using the experiences gained during our Welsh Baccalaureate to assist her in further education.

MR LLOYD ROWE, HEAD OF WELSH BACCALAUREATE





Key Stage 4 Enterprise & Employability Challenge – Velindre Dragons’ Den Grand Final

Following the incredible success of our Dragons’ Den heat stages back in December, teams of Year 10 students who made it through to our Grand Final went head to head and pitched their business ideas to a live audience and panel of judges consisting of parents, school staff, our Head teacher, governors, and the Velindre Fundraising team. The evening was a great success with over 50 of our students taking part inside a packed hall. The students were tasked with developing a new product which could be used to raise important funds for the incredibly important local charity. During the Challenge all of our Year 10 students learned how to run a small business and in doing so develop important skills with a focus on personal effectiveness, planning and organisation, creativity and innovation.



WINNING TEAMS

1st – Laura Viggers, Ffion Morris, Emily Crawford, Alana Green, Holly Tee

2nd – Charlotte Janes, Charlie Kertin, Sydnee Smith

3rd – Paige Phillips, Tyanna James, Jacob Bond, Callum Fling, Maisy Goodfellow, Nagek Siddiq, Rebeka Boghani

4th – Faith Cole, Emily Cole

HIGHLY COMMENDED – Patrick Houlston, Connor Sinclair, Connor Crawford, Harry Bell, Luke Howells



Spotlight on past pupil – Crystal Yellen

Hello, my name is Crystal Yellen and I am currently in college studying health and social care and criminology. I left St Illtyd’s a year ago. Without my GCSE in Welsh Baccalaureate I would not be able to sit these courses in college. I am also doing Welsh Baccalaureate in college as this is a requirement. The sections are the same in college as they are in high school, however, the requirements in these areas are higher.

As I completed the KS4 level Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge while at St Illtyd’s Catholic High School, it gave me a huge insight into what I needed for college. I have been able to use my skills from high school and put them into my college courses. My confidence has grown through taking part in this qualification as I have had the opportunity to deliver presentations. It has also prepared me for the world of work by ensuring I am taking part in team building exercises and using problem solving skills. It has taught me how to write a detailed CV, a skill that will enable me to get a job in the future.

CRYSTAL YELLEN, PAST ST ILLTYD’S PUPIL

It was an honour to attend WE Day again this March at the SSE Wembley Arena, London with a group of 30 Year 10 students.

WE Day is an annual charity event that has been organized by the WE Movement since 2007. Following the message of WE Movement, the event seeks to end child labour, support international development, and encourage social activism among young people. Our students brushed with fame at the event and met the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Harry and Meghan; former prime minister of Australia, Julia Gillard and international performers such as Liam Payne, Pixie Lott, Nicole Scherzinger, Naomi Campbell, Jack & Jack and Tom Walker, to name just a few! Our students were invited to meet the WE day performers at the event’s Blue Carpet. I am sure that the day will be remembered by the students for many years to come and inspire them to make positive change through social action.



Velindre prize raffle



Our team consists of Year 10 pupils Nevaeh Chambers, Lisa Malunga, Nazeek Siddiq and Rebeka Boghani and we are known as "The Velindre NNLR". We are raising awareness for Velindre by raising money and giving a presentation.

We wanted to organise an indoor/outdoor cinema but first we had to raise money. We decided to hold a raffle to raise money for Velindre. The raffle was successful as we raised over £100 and our local shops were amazing at donating prizes towards it.

Tesco in St Mellons donated wine, beauty care, gift sets and a range of food. The Co-op in Llanrummney donated chocolates, wine, food and much more. Cards Lffs and Gifts in Llanrummney donated books and wine bags. We had so many donations from different shops and we are so very grateful for all their support.

We also are very grateful to everyone who supported us or bought a ticket for the raffle. Through this you have helped us to reach our goals of an indoor/outdoor cinema.

In Welsh Baccalaureate we are taking part in 'Dragon's Den' and our group has got through to the finals. We have all worked really hard for this and we would love to win.

NAZEK SIDDIQ, YEAR 10 PUPIL



Spirituality & Chapl

Chaplaincy Captains (1)

We began this term by being "Eloquent and Truthful" and nominating a Chaplaincy Captain for each form. Their role is to support staff in promoting the Catholic ethos of our school and encourage pupils to explore what it truly means to be part of a Catholic community. They have taken leading roles in liturgies and prayer time and will be taking part in a spirituality audit next term.

Lent (2)

Lent is being observed in many ways by the community of St Illtyd's. It began with staff and pupils taking part in a reflective service on Ash Wednesday, there are visual displays around school and in the hall to remind us of the season and pupils consider different questions daily about how they can personally become closer to God. Some pupils will be attending trips to St Cadoc's Lenten Lunch and the Shroud of Turin exhibition in Nazareth House.

Our Chaplaincy Captains are encouraging their forms to raise money for CAFOD as we did during Advent. Each form will choose the specific 'CAFOD World Gift' that they would like to donate. They will also be supporting Mrs Hurley by taking part in the 'Walking with Jesus through Holy Week' lessons for Years 7-9.

HCPT Lourdes pilgrimage (3)

During January, we were delighted to learn that our Year 7 pupil Karson Fury was chosen to travel on pilgrimage with the HCPT, Group 73, to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France at Easter this year. We look forward to hearing all about it on his return.

Rosary Group (4)

This term, our Rosary Group have celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and taken part in the '40 Days of Life Campaign' where they prayed for all unborn babies and their mothers. They are now preparing to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima in May.

Feeder Primary School Retreats (5)

In February and March, our focus changed to being "Learned and Wise". Year 6 Pupils from St John Lloyd and St Cadoc's Primary Schools spent a day in the Retreat and found 'Peace in their Hearts' by meditating, praying and building up each other's self-esteem by exchanging compliments.

Kites not drones

On March 21st, our Aspire classes took part in a peaceful protest called 'Fly kites not killer drones'. This is to discourage the use of armed drones that have turned the skies above children in certain countries into a reminder that they are in a state of perpetual war. Pupils made and flew their own kites, on which they wrote messages of support.



Raising awareness of refugees

Having had the opportunity to 'share the journey' of some refugees during their retreat last term, our Year 7 pupils wrote directly to the Prime Minister Theresa May, requesting that the British Government address the plight of these refugees and encourage other world leaders to do the same. They were delighted that their request was taken seriously and proud to receive official correspondence from 10 Downing Street, assuring them that their efforts had not been in vain.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING "ACTIVE AND CURIOUS" AS A SCHOOL NEXT TERM.

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From St Illtyd's to Westminster

It is with sadness that we note the passing of former pupil and Newport West MP, Paul Flynn. Paul attended St Illtyd's College in Splott in the late nineteen forties where amongst other subjects, he learned to speak Welsh.

On leaving St Illtyd's, Paul studied science at University College Cardiff. He then became an industrial chemist. Involved in local politics, he was eventually elected as Labour MP for Newport West in 1987, a position he held for over thirty years until his death in February. Any student interested in a parliamentary future would be well advised to read Paul's book, 'How to be an MP'.

In his blog, Paul recorded meeting another Old Illtydian, actor Anthony O'Donnell, who played him in the 2017 production 'COMMITTEE'. "Meeting Anthony and singing our old school song was an unexpected pleasure." (For you Old Illtydians, Paul was referring to the song 'Green and Gold')

In recent years, Paul kept up to date with events at St Illtyd's through reading this publication 'The New Illtydian' which he was always pleased to receive.

Paul Flynn 1935-2019

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ALLISON RIDOUT, RETIRED TEACHER OF RE AT ST ILLTYD'S





Scribblers Tour 2019

In February, pupils from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 attended two Hay Festival Scribblers Tour events, held at Cardiff Metropolitan University's Cyncoed Campus. During both events, pupils listened to authors and got to explore the many ways in which to build stories, express ideas and inspire empathy and creativity through the power of writing. Years 7 and 8 got to listen to Emma Carroll, award-winning writer of historical fiction and to Karl Nova, award-winning wordsmith, Hip Hop artist and poet. Years 9 and 10 were inspired by Alex Wheatle, who has been awarded an MBE for services to literature and award-winning author and activist Nicky Singer. Both events were compered by award-winning young adult author and teen champion Jenny Valentine. Following the author workshops, pupils had a tour of the campus.

Pupils were thoroughly inspired by the Scribblers

Tour. They took part in workshops in which some fantastic ideas were created. As a result of ideas generated in one of the workshops, one pupil has gone on to enter the Radio 2 500 Words writing competition. A number of pupils from Years 7 and 8 were interviewed by BBC Wales reporter Huw Thomas about their experiences of the day.

We would like to thank everyone involved with the Hay Festival Scribblers Tour and to First Campus and Cardiff Metropolitan University for hosting the event. We are extremely grateful to the Arts Council of Wales "Go and See" fund that funded the coaches for both events, making this trip possible.

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



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ALN (Additional Learning Needs) reform

“Once in a generation” changes to the way children and young people (0-25) with Additional Learning Needs are supported are being implemented between 2020 and 2023.

Welsh Government is currently consulting with as wide a range of people as possible on the code that will inform the creation of the ALN Statutory framework. Please see Welsh Government website, www.gov.wales, where you will find easy to read information and child-friendly details.

MRS D JENKINS, ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER – INCLUSION



Welsh Department visit Disneyland Paris

At the beginning of March, the Welsh department organised a trip for Year 7 pupils to Disneyland Paris to celebrate St David's Day and to see the annual St David's Day parade.

We visited the Welsh market and watched some Welsh musical performances. All pupils had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the cultural experience.

MRS GWYNNE-CARROLL, TEACHER OF WELSH



Reporting Day 2018

In December we hosted our fourth annual Reporting Day – our parents evening in a day for the parents and carers of all year groups. As well as appointments with their child's form tutor, visitors were able to browse further education information from St David's Sixth Form College & Cardiff and Vale College and careers information from the Careers Wales stall. In addition to this, we offered an array of activities and community information stalls including learning first aid skills with St John Cymru and finding out how to apply to be a Parent Governor. We achieved a fantastic attendance of 87% on the day. We would like to thank the choirs from our feeder schools – St John Lloyd RC Primary School and St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School who entertained our visitors with their beautiful singing.

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



University Inspiration Day

A group of Year 11 pupils attended the University Inspiration Day at Cardiff University in December. Pupils were able to browse the subject fair and then attend a variety of workshops covering a variety of subjects available to study at Higher Education level. Pupils gained an excellent insight into university life and were inspired along their future study path. Our thanks go to all the staff and student ambassadors from Cardiff University for a very well organised event.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019

Please note the following dates for the academic year:

TERM DATES**Spring Term****Ends:** Friday 12/04/19**Summer Term Starts:**

Monday 29/04/19

Half term:

Monday 27/05/19 –

Friday 31/05/19

Ends: Monday 22/07/18**INSET DAYS**

Monday 22/07/19

The school will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May 2019

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Sports/Chwaraeon

**Rugby**

The Year 10 rugby team played in the semi-final of the Cardiff Schools Plate Competition, against a physical Western Federation team. The boys played extremely well and I am so proud of their sportsmanship and determination throughout the game. They played hard all the way to the final whistle and won 44-15. They will now play in the final against Eastern High School on Monday 1st April, at Cardiff Arms Park. Thank you to Miss Jones and Mr Healey who helped out on the day!

The Year 11 rugby team are also playing in the final of the Cardiff Schools Plate Competition against Bishop of Llandaff on Monday 1st April. We wish both teams the best of luck in their respective finals.

Football

The Year 8 football team put in a resilient effort against tough opposition in the quarter finals of the Cardiff and Vale Schools Cup competition. We hosted Whitchurch High School (previous winners) in what were very heavy conditions. The match was played to a high standard and all players should be proud of their achievements this year. We now look forward to playing in the competition again next year!

The Year 9 football team put in a dogged performance against exceptionally physical opposition in the quarter finals of the Cardiff and Vale Schools Cup competition. We played away to Whitmore, who took an early lead and went on to control the match. The match was played in good spirits and all players should be proud of their performances. We now look forward to playing in the competition again next year!



Year 10

Year 11 moderation

The Year 11 GCSE Students completed their Moderation with many students over achieving in many of their events. It was a fantastic two days. Students now have a final Moderation on Thursday 4th April and this will be their last chance to impress the external moderator.

Year 7 girls netball

The Year 7 Girls represented the school at the County Netball Tournament at Whitchurch High School where they played fantastically, overall coming 3rd in their pool on the day.

Girls baseball notice

Notice for baseball clubs after half term- these will begin straight after Easter and will take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.



Year 8



Year 9



FOUNDATION



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Premier League Enterprise Challenge

Having won the regional round of the Premier League Enterprise Challenge, the Year 10 team went on to represent Cardiff City at the next round, which was held at Wolves FC. Again, the boys impressed the judges with their presentation and delivered it with confidence and maturity. The judging panel deliberated for a long time trying to decide who would go onto the final round out of the six teams. It was a very close call between Cardiff City and Swansea City, but they edged it into the finals.

The boys were rewarded with tickets to a Cardiff City match, where they were presented with their certificates at half time and earned a write up in the match programme. Dean

Pymble (Cardiff City Foundation) said "The boys were fantastic, their engagement from start to finish was second to none and they created some fantastic well thought out ideas for their project. They were the stand out team during the club heats and were extremely unlucky not to progress further. The Premier League, Jason Mohammad and the judging panel all commented on their resilience and quality of presentation skills through the competition."

Well done to Ntando, Gabrielle, Joel, Geremiah and Jalil for all of their hard work throughout the challenge. They have been a real credit to St Illtyd's throughout this experience.

MRS R FRY, HEAD OF YEAR 10