

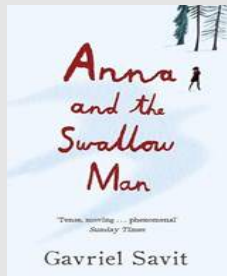
Message from the Head

All year groups have now returned to school and it is wonderful to hear the excited chatter of keen learners and hear the laughter and merriment in the corridors and classrooms once again. Our phenomenal testing team have risen to the challenge set by the government and all consented tests are now complete. Students have settled back into their routines of lessons and timetables comfortably and have re-established their good working and classroom habits. Year 11 and year 13 are working hard in lessons, being resilient and determined to achieve their potential. The P.E. department are preparing to offer extra-curricular activities for year groups, in-line with government regulations, to provide an extra opportunity for our students in addition to music, art, English and maths. We have two weeks left until the Easter break and I recommend for all our students to keep up their high standards, to grasp all opportunities and learning moments with both hands. Take care and stay safe, Mr Mitchell.

This week's book recommendation:

Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit

When Anna's life is turned upside down by the Nazi invasion in 1939 Poland, Anna meets a man who endeavours to save her life, namely the Swallow man. Together, Anna and the Swallow man must traverse the forests, villages and wetlands of Poland and Eastern Europe avoiding the clashing German and Russian Armies, surviving amidst the chaos and finding the ever-present beauty of nature amidst a society intent on destruction. How will they survive? Read this gripping book to find out more.



Pope Francis' prayer for the 'Year of St. Joseph'

In December 2020, Pope Francis dedicated the current liturgical year as the 'Year of St. Joseph'. During this year Pope Francis invites us all to say this prayer daily with him:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

Quote for the Week:

*"Be kind whenever possible. It is
always possible" -*

The Dalai Lama



SAFEGUARDING:

Safeguarding Leads in school are: Mr Price Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Lewis-Dale Deputy Headteacher. Also your child's Head of House as first point of contact.

This Week in



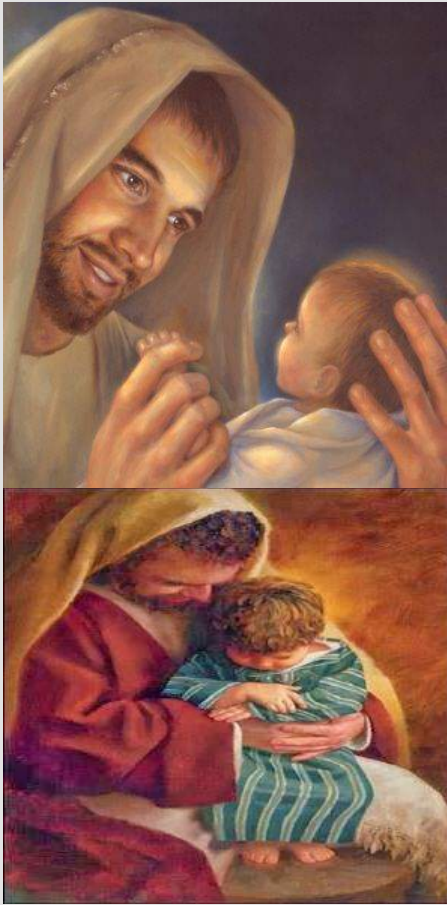
18/03/1940 – One of the most important days in World War Two, Alan Turing watched as his code breaking machine, the 'Bombe' was installed at the top-secret Bletchley Park. A vital part in the breaking of the German Enigma codes, each machine contained 12 miles of wiring and nearly 100,000 parts!

23/03/1933 – Following an attack on the Reichstag, Adolf Hitler passed a law turning Germany into a dictatorship. 'The Enabling Act', asked Parliament to vote itself into irrelevance and with hindsight, was a deeply significant moment. One of the main events in Hitler's surge to power, this event has recently been studied as part of the year 9 course.

25/03/1944 – The Great Escape. A massive breakout of Allied prisoners of war, months in the planning, took place and seventy-seven men managed to escape through 102-metre-long tunnel. Sadly, one escapee was spotted and the tunnel was filled with sewage and debris. Only three men made it out of Nazi Germany.

St. Joe's Journal

Ethos Reflection



The Feast of St. Joseph

Happy St. Joseph's Day everyone!

Friday 19th March marks the feast day of our school's patron saint, St. Joseph. Today, we remember a remarkable man called by God to a unique vocation, namely raising the Son of God.

At that time, raising someone else's child was a dangerous thing to do and could have led to the death penalty for himself and the Virgin Mary but Joseph said 'yes' to God's call, showed immense faith and courage and gave Jesus the best earthly upbringing that he could.

Just after Jesus' birth, Joseph saved his life by listening to God's Angel's message and fleeing to Egypt as refugees to save him from King Herod's genocide of all baby boys born at that time.

St. Joseph also worked tirelessly hard as a humble carpenter, a trade that he also taught to his son Jesus. Joseph gave what little money he had to spare to ensure Jesus was taught the scriptures of the Torah, something which cost a lot and was reserved for the sons of the Jewish leaders. Joseph was willing to sacrifice whatever he could to give his son the best upbringing that he could. Joseph enveloped Jesus in love, kindness, care and protection. He was a devoted father and steadfast in his commitment to fulfilling God's call. Joseph is the patron Saint of Fathers, workers, carpenters and unborn babies. This week, we ask St. Joseph to pray for each and everyone of you! God bless you all.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



This week we have 'Saint Mania' as we also have the privilege of celebrating the patron Saint of Ireland's day, St. Patrick on Wednesday 17th March. St. Patrick was kidnapped as a child by pirates and forced to work as a slave for 6 years doing back breaking work in Ireland. After 6 years he managed to escape and sail home to Britain.



Whilst in Britain, Patrick had a vision from Jesus telling him to go and make 'disciples of all nations' in Ireland. He did just that, deciding to become a priest, sail back to the land where he had once been held a slave and convert pagans. He built churches, set up monasteries and faith schools and brought Jesus' love and teachings to the hearts of the Irish people. Patrick was an inspirational teacher who used 'the ordinary' like the shamrock to teach people about God's love and God's nature. Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all!



Competition Time

Using any resources you have available at home build a 3D model to show **why St. Joseph is so important to you.**

Think about his character, his values and his fantastic example for Jesus.

Once you have built your model, take a picture of it and send it to Mr. Young on YoungA@stjosephs.uk.net

Competition deadline is Sunday 21st March 2021 at 12pm.

Easter egg prize for the winners in each Key Stage. Good luck and God bless.

Dates for your



Key dates for your diaries

- Friday 19th March 2021—The Feast of St. Joseph.
- Thursday 1st April 2021—Spirituality Day: Maundy Thursday. Students will engage liturgies, spiritual development challenges and reflections as part of our Lenten celebrations. School ends at 12:30pm.
- Easter holidays—Fri 2nd April until Sunday 18th April.
- Y10/12 mock exams after easter: Dates to follow—revise!

This week we would just like to give a massive shout out to the incredible team of COVID-testers who have worked incredibly hard to ensure that every student registered has been tested regularly, efficiently and effectively. They have all given an absolutely phenomenal effort and co-ordinated this enormous operation meticulously with care, love and compassion.



Regular testing is the best way to identify cases and stop the spread of COVID-19. Thanks to our fabulous team of staff, they have ensured that St. Joseph's is as safe as can be during this pandemic. A massive thank you to Mrs. Phippen, Mr. Horncastle, Miss Cairns, Mr. Mitchell, Chaplain Adam and all the incredible testing team for your herculean efforts. God bless you all!



Hebburn Helps



Hebburn Helps Lenten Appeal

Firstly, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your amazing, generous and selfless support for our previous Hebburn Helps foodbank drives. In December, we collected over 1,880 meals for Hebburn Helps which made a fantastic difference to people in greatest need in our local community.

This Lent, we are asking students and parents to support our Hebburn Helps foodbank Lenten appeal once again. With your help, we can all make an amazing difference!

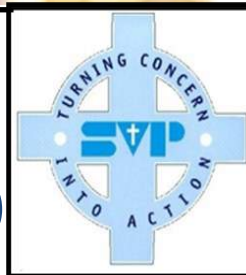


We would be really grateful if you could send in any tins, packeted foods (pastas, rice, noodles, sauces), cereals, biscuits, long life milks etc. We would also greatly receive any baby formulas and nappies too as these are always in great demand at the Foodbank also. Boxes are located at each student entrance in school, so students can drop these in here as they enter the building.

Once again, thank you so much for your amazing and continuous support in all of our social action appeals. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing community. The deadline for items is Maundy Thursday, 1st April 2021. Thank you and God bless.



Year 7s - Do you fancy an amazing trip to Holy Island?



Are you currently in year 7 and fancy an amazing week's holiday on the beautiful Holy Island in Northumberland with other young people from across our diocese? If so, the SVP are running their annual summer holiday programme to Holy Island which is a once in a lifetime opportunity and will give you life-long memories, amazing friends and skills for life.



You get to stay at the Youth Hostel ran by the SVP and will enjoy trips to the beautiful beach, sports, camp fires, discos, competitions, arts and crafts and much much more.

For more information either see Chaplain Adam or Mr. Young for more details. The cost is £135 for the week however, funding may be available through the SVP if this is an issue. Please see Chaplain Adam or Mr. Young asap for more details on this diocesan trip.

**SPOT
LIGHT**

Subject Spotlight

Welcome to our new regular feature called 'Subject Spotlight'.

In each edition teachers from different subjects will give you a snapshot of what it is like to study their subject at GCSE/A-Level in order to give you a flavour of what you pick for your options in Y9 and for Sixth Form. A big thank you to the fantastic Team History this week for their contribution to the St. Joseph's Journal.



Why study GCSE History?

Are you interested in how the world works? If so, History is the subject for you! You will cover four fascinating topics, none more timely than the History of medicine! Your studies will take you on a journey across History, honing transferable skills suitable to an incredible number of careers. You will develop your ability to analyse, compare and evaluate information, equipping you with vital skills for any walk of life. You will learn about significant events which have changed the course of History, such as the how the world has learned to deal with pandemics and the Cold War, when the world came inches away from nuclear annihilation! If you have any questions please speak to a member of the History department.

"Meet the staff"

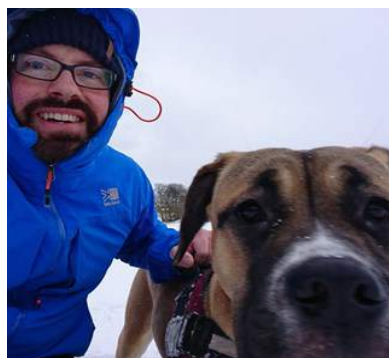
This week, the team at the St. Joseph's Journal are also pleased to announce the launch of another new feature called 'Meet the staff'. In this column you will get to know some of our amazing teachers a little bit more. This week we thank Mr. Salkild for sharing his journey to teaching and fascinating information about his life.



Name: Mr. Salkild.

Subject: Science.

What did you do before you became a teacher? I was an ecological consultant for 13 years. This included surveying for protected species including bats, badgers, bugs, newts and reptiles. I worked all around the country from Portsmouth to the Scottish Highlands and managed lots of different projects including large housing developments and wind farms. The work included climbing trees to look for bats, catching and relocating reptiles and protected newts and using CCTV to monitor badger setts. It's an awesome job if you love animals and working outdoors!



What is your favourite thing about teaching? Getting to know the students and seeing their curiosity about the world we live in.

What are your hobbies and interests? Doing fun stuff with my 4 boys, reading comic books and watching movies!

Can you share some fun facts about yourself? At home we currently keep a range of exotic pets including snakes, tarantulas, giant millipedes and ferrets as well as a big slobbery dog!

Student Poetry Corner: *I grit my teeth*

I grit my teeth, rage consumes me
 For a while I have not possessed glee
 All caught up in my feelings I will never be free
 Chains wrap around my torso
 Like getting shot with a bow and arrow
 The annoying squawk of the crow
 The pessimistic things stopping me grow
 The manipulating laughs of my foe
 Making rage consume me
 Nobody will ever be on my page
 Feeling trapped in a microscopic cage
 My face Red
 Tears bled
 Go ahead
 And never listen to a word I have said
 I will never shred my skin
 Like the fact I never win
 Feeling rubbish I should be kept in a bin
 I am always defined
 Nobody will look my way are they blind
 My friendship they have declined
 Do they notice I can help mankind
 I hate them, they hate me
 When will they finish the debate
 On my bad trait

By Emily Booth



Coming soon in the PE department

After Easter, our fantastic PE department will be re-launching a range of exciting extra-curricular sports clubs and opportunities for you to get involved with.

Watch out for notices about new clubs starting or speak to your PE teachers after Easter for further details.

GET INVOLVED!

Sporting Success



Former student Dan Neil, was part of the Sunderland football team that won their first trophy match at Wembley for almost 50 years at the weekend.

Dan Neil, an amazing midfielder and phenomenally talented young man, helped Sunderland beat Tranmere Rovers to claim their very first EFL Trophy.

We are really proud of Dan and we keep him in our prayers for his future sporting career.



Puzzle Corner

Each week you will find a new Numeracy puzzle. The solutions will be provided in the next newsletter.

Table Puzzle

In the multiplication table below, the row and column headings are all missing, and only some of the products in the table are filled in. All the numbers in the table are positive integers.

What is the value of $A+B+C+D+E$?

x					
	A	10		20	
	15	B	40		
	18		C	60	
		20		D	24
			56		E

Last week's answer

Missing Digits

$K = 1$ $L = 0$ $M = 2$
 $N = 5$ $P = 6$



St. Joseph's Shout Outs!

The Art Department Celebrating St. Joseph's Week

Week of the 15th March 2021



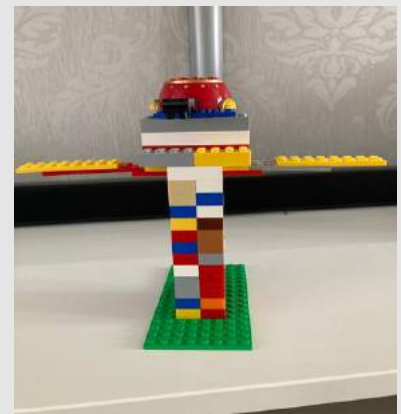
A selection of images depicting Saint Joseph created in the art department.



Emily Angus



Adele Fraser



Oliver Kirby

Morgan Thom



Grace Arthur



Tyler Cooke



Poem of the Week: Success by Ralph Waldo Emerson

To laugh often and love much;
To win the respect of intelligent persons
And the affection of children;
To earn the approbation of honest critics
And to endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To give of one's self;
To leave the world a little better,
Whether by a healthy child,
A garden patch
Or a redeemed social condition;
To have played and laughed with enthusiasm
And sung with exultation;
To know that even one life has breathed easier
Because you have lived
This is to have succeeded



Riddles to Entertain

Last week's answers are: 1. the letter m; 2. none. Moses never went on the ark, it was Noah 3. your tongue; 4. a pillow ; 5. all of them

This week's riddles to tease your brain:

1. You answer me although I never ask any questions. What am I?
2. A black dog is sleeping in the middle of a black road that has no streetlights and there is no moon. A car coming down the road with its lights off steers around the dog. How did the driver know the dog was there?
3. What is it that everybody does at the same time?
4. Apples, ice, and flowers can do it.
Pears, stones, and coins can't.
5. What turns everything around but doesn't move?



Could you be one of our new student journalists?



Are you interested in a career in journalism or media?
Do you enjoy creative writing, reporting or photography?
Would you like to make an amazing difference to your school?
If this sounds like you, volunteer to become one of our new team of talented student journalists.

We are looking for student reporters to report on all the amazing and exciting events going on at St. Joseph's. If you want to make a difference, have your work published and do something that looks amazing on your CV then watch out for more details after Easter or see Mr. Young for further details.

