



St Brigid's News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school year and we hope you had a restful summer. Many of you will have seen our examinations results and we were very proud of our young people once again this year.

100% of our grades at A2 (A level) were A* - E and every pupil achieved the Level 3 threshold of 2 A levels. We wish our outgoing Year 13 success in the next stage of their lives whether it be University, apprenticeships, employment or a gap year.

The GCSEs results were also positive in a year of uncertainty. New specifications for English Language, Mathematics and Numeracy made it harder for us to accurately know what grades would look like, but 73% of our pupils achieved 5A* -C grades or more including Maths or Numeracy and English Language. We have also welcomed lots of the GCSE students back to school for A level study.

We are pleased to welcome new pupils to both secondary and primary and will be making them feel part of the St Brigid's family in these first (and sometime nervous) few weeks.

We are looking forward to a positive year with all pupils following our new behaviour code:

- Prepared for lesson – line up, stand behind chairs and ready
- Respect for self and others – keep hands and feet to yourself
- Instructions – listen and follow, stay on task
- Discipline – one respectful voice at a time
- Engagement – always do your best

Thank you for your support again this year and please encourage your children to 'live' by these rules in school.

Kind regards

Rona Jones
Pennaeth/Headteacher

DATES FOR DIARY

Friday 8th September

DofE Bronze Practice Expedition, Anglesey

Saturday 10th September

DofE Bronze Practice Expedition, Anglesey

Wednesday 13th September

Denbighshire Netball Trials - U14 Girls



New School Year

We thank God for the energy we have gained during our summer break, for each other and for new teachers and students whom we welcome here in St Brigid's.

Guide us with your spirit as we begin our new school year. May we be excited about experiencing and learning all that is new to us and help us to be mindful of each other; and thankful of the gifts and talents of each one.

Let our light shine in this coming year and help us share the love, kindness and compassion so needed in our world today. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Youcat will commence next Friday September 15th.

Pope's tweet Aug 31st. If you pay attention to the heart, you will find you are close to the Lord and to others.



CCF News

One of our Sixth Form cadets, Cadet Sergeant Jessie Pugh-Hanson was selected as part of a 30-strong contingent of Welsh cadets to take part in an exchange with the cadets of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

The youth summer camp is held annually in the Baltic states and is to strengthen regional identity as well as develop youth leadership skills. After meeting up in South Wales, the group flew out via Finland and had a great time.



All the cadets were selected from their experience and ability and, after a few lessons in fieldcraft skills, it was quickly obvious that our young people were as good as the Estonian adult instructors. They had a great time trying to teach lessons across the language barriers, and learned new skills and made new friends. The final part was a two-day "air-soft" exercise, including acting as secret agents. Jessie said "the trip was one of the most rewarding challenges I've faced. I really enjoyed the opportunity to teach Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian cadets. Overall the best experience I've had." They also managed a bit of sightseeing in the Tallinn area (the capital of Estonia) and took part in some Estonian games and dances.



We also had the Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions out last weekend for their assessment and all pupils managed to complete the arduous activities which are part of the assessment. Pictures and more details to come next week.

Year 10 pupils are out today on their Bronze D of E practice. Hopefully they will be successful, and if they don't get too miserable (the forecast is for rain), they will complete the Assessment Expedition over Sun 17 Sep/Mon 18 Sep

RAF cadet Richard Henderson also got the opportunity to fly in a chinook with No2 Welsh wing, Air Training corps in the summer holidays. You may well have heard them flying over your house!

