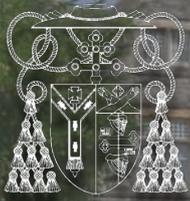


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Dear Parents,

I hope you all made the most of our delightful summer and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, and your children, back to school. I would like to offer a very special welcome to all our new pupils and parents in R8 and to those who are new to R9, R10 and R11. I would also like to welcome two new staff. Miss Taylor, who will be teaching Mathematics and Science, as well as supporting Mrs Burleton with R9B, and Miss Moody who is a new teaching assistant.

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the new start to term. The two days of activities in their form groups, year groups and Houses enabled our new pupils to mix and settle easily into their new school environment. I am particularly pleased that the pupils appear to be coping well with our new two-week timetable as well. I am sure this is also thanks to the support of their teachers and yourselves. Some of the new R8 pupils told me how much they are enjoying the Junior School especially eating in the Dining Room and the merit and marble awards.

It has been a super start to the academic year. Thank you for all your support in our first few weeks at School.

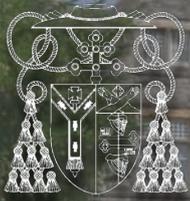
Best Wishes
Rebecca Thompson
Head of Junior School



Meet the Teacher

We will be having our Meet the Teacher at the beginning of October but would like to reassure you that you can speak to your child's Form Tutor prior to these meetings by making an appointment via the diary or office, or briefly at the start or end of the school day. Form Tutors are always your first point of contact and are happy to resolve any questions you may have about your child's learning and well-being.





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R8 and R9 Wild Place Project

Children from R8 and R9 enjoyed a great end of year trip to the Wild Place Project near Bristol on their last day of term. We were very lucky with the weather and were able to easily spend the whole day outside walking around the pathways of the project, learning about the animals such as the river warthogs, cheetahs, wolves, lemurs, zebras and Miss Pugh's favourites, the beautiful giraffes. We ate lunch and had a break in the fantastic space of Tower Meadow. Other highlights of the day included studying the Gelada baboons, climbing the rocks and seeing how many children can fit inside an old Land Rover! We explored the Cameroon-inspired market village and the Madagascar School! After enjoying a delicious ice lolly we headed back to the coach to return to school. A lovely way to end a super year!



Mrs Clint

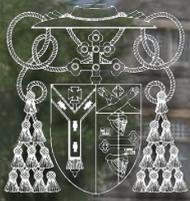
R10 Go Ape

On 12th July, R10 went to Go Ape Junior in the Forest of Dean. It was a jam-packed adventure of wobbly bridges, intricate crossings, and an awesome zip wire finale. The children overcame their fears and all children wanted to go on the course more than once some choosing to do the extra tricky course. It was the perfect high ropes course for the children it was a fun fuelled trip, where the pupils challenged each other to see who could cross the treetops in style. I was very impressed with the wonderful R10 Tarzans they really embraced and enjoyed this action-packed experience. Well done, R10 2018



Miss Nirenberg





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R11 Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

R11 celebrated their last day in the Junior School with a visit to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. It is a hands-on zoo and working farm just outside Bristol set in over 100 acres of beautiful countryside.

R11 enjoyed a packed day getting close to many zoo animals like rhinos, chimpanzees and giraffes. They fed less exotic animals like hens and goats. Their favourite activities were the indoor and outdoor adventure playgrounds and navigating in the Monster Maze. It was a lovely end to their Junior School experience. We wish them every success as they move into the Senior School.



Mrs Taylor

Eco Day



All the Juniors enjoyed a day re-using and recycling different materials that would have gone to waste. We made rugs by weaving old textiles, a mosaic using bottle tops and a bug hotel for our learning garden. During the afternoon everyone enjoyed playing some playground games including skittles, skipping, hopscotch and many more.

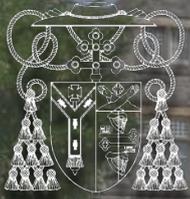
Mrs Howells

Induction Day Sports

Our Junior pupils started the year with a morning of sports activities at Began Road. There were 8 pitches and 16 teams all engaged in sport. Along with the sports department, the Junior School team took the roles of coaches, referees, umpires and managers. It was a fantastic morning with pupils playing both football and an adapted version of netball. Well done everyone!



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Book Week

Our annual Book Week is imminent. This year, our pupils will have a visit from a Welsh Storyteller who will regale our pupils with Welsh folk stories. The pupils will be able to view the books from Scholastic prior to the book sales on Wednesday to Friday at 4.00pm in the Junior Library. We are also looking forward to seeing lots of photos of our pupils reading in interesting places!

Enterprise

On Tuesday 16th October, R11 are going to begin planning for Enterprise week that takes place in November. They will be put into groups for team building activities. They will listen to a variety of talks about developing a business, design logos with Mrs Crowley-Davies and very importantly decide which products they are going to produce as a team.

Cardiff Games

Congratulations to Adam F came 2nd in the final of the single canoe race at the Cardiff Games White Water Rafting competition.



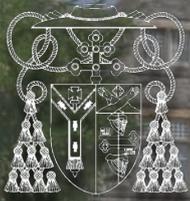
Our pupils are excited to share with you their recent achievements:

Musical achievements:

Ashmit S , James A (voice); Nell D, Maya H, Nia S, Nazneen A-H, Gala S, Selina H-E, Katie O'F, Siyona N (violin); Maya H, Nazneen A-H, Alfie J, Aryan M, Selina H-E, Anya S (piano); Ethan Z, Benjamin J, Kundi M (cello); James A, Anchitha K (music theory); Caitlin H (flute), Benjamin H (drums). John H-B has started playing the drums.



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Sporting achievements:

Brandon D, Kyran H, Lowri J, Natasha K, Lalya M, Sophia M, Prajna M, Nia S, Arya B, Aakanksh K, Matilda D, Johsua H, Joanne S, Kundi M, Ved N, Aoife P (next level in swimming); Iwan M, Samarth S, Neal G, Noah D, Finlay B (achieved a new belt); Emma K, Mandhira N, Aryan N (moved up a level in tennis);

Brandon D and Iwan M both won a trophy in rugby; Manu D has been selected for tennis county training; Aramis J has gone up a level in football; Aimee R came first in a horse riding competition; Charlotte S was awarded the Jaffa trophy in the Wales South and South West Regatta; Aditya A was selected for cricket; Max E has been selected for European Tae Kwando championship in Spain; Rhys M started climbing at Boulders; Kofi W has trialled for Cardiff swimming; Joe M has been selected for the U11a's Cardiff Junior Devils ice hockey team; Reece M was player of year in football; Ayush S has been selected for Cardiff cricket; Harri P has been selected for the welsh development squad for table tennis and Swansea football academy; Katie O'F was selected U11 Hockey player of the year for Penarth; Benedict L has been selected for Cardiff Met Tennis squad; George S won his first Optimist racing sailing event and came 2nd in Wales South and South West Regatta (see photos) and Reuben S has started playing squash.



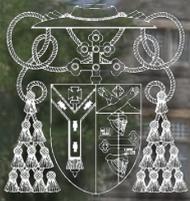
Other achievements:

John H-B was awarded a certificate for Welsh; Prajna M moved up a level in her Indian language class; Sharanya M moved up a level in chess; Robert S won 2.5 points in a chess giga final; Rithvika B and Joanne S achieved grade 2 in Tamil language lessons; Annabelle G moved up a dance class; Selina L came 2nd in a dance competition; Ashika P gained a distinction in her dance exam; Ethan C came 2nd in European chess.

Well done to one and all!



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Please note:

Please check your child's uniform has a name tag. We have many items of unnamed uniform and lunch items with no names on. We would dearly like to match lost items with their owners.

Please remember that Form Tutors are always your first point of contact for any query. They are happy to resolve any questions you may have about your child's learning and well-being.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for the diary:

October

Mon 1st	Welsh storyteller
Wed 3rd	R11 River Trip (8.30am-5.00pm)
Wed 3rd	Peer to Peer reading
Wed 3rd	Book sale (4.00pm-4.30pm)
Thurs 4th	R11 River Trip (8.30am-5.00pm)
Thurs 4th	Book sale (4.00pm-4.30pm)
Fri 5th	Peer to Peer reading
Fri 5th	Book sale (4.00pm-4.30pm)
Mon 8th	R8 St Fagan's
Tues 9th	Meet the Teacher (4.30-6.00pm)
Wed 10th	R10/R11 Hockey
Thurs 11th	Meet the Teacher (4.30-6.00pm)
Fri 12th	R10 Cilfynydd Waterworks
Mon 15th	R8 Brecon Beacons
Tues 16th	R11 Enterprise Day
Tues 16th	R8 Multi-sports
Wed 17th	R11 Cardiff Castle
Fri 19th	Grandparents' day

Half term: Monday 22nd October – Friday 2nd November (We will start back on Week A)

