



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SHELL BRIGHT IDEAS FINALISTS AND WINNER OF MARKETABILITY AWARD

For the third consecutive year, St. Clare's Year 9 scientists were **Welsh Regional Winners!** The pupils won £2,500 prize money for the school, individual prizes and went to London in July to compete against the other regional winners with the chance to win another £2,500.



Team SOS (Straight Outta Science) recognized the energy potential in hot waste from baths, showers and cleaning dishes. Building on the idea of heat recovery systems, the team proposed a simple scheme of pipes made from iron and copper running from offices, hotels, restaurants and residential properties. These pipes would capture the waste heat energy from hot waste water and convert it into a useful voltage, creating a sustainable energy source to power the building.

As well as being regional finalists (Wales), SOS were singled out as winners of the **Marketability Award**. Their solution, whether implemented at a small or large scale, could be developed and sold to residential, commercial or industrial customers. The quality of the experimentation supporting their work was particularly impressive.

Izzabel W, Susmita D, Dr Emily Grossman, Dylan B and Jaynee W-G (team captain)



As one of the five finalist teams Team SOS showcased their ideas as prototypes at Make the Future Live, Shell's festival of ideas and innovation, which took place on July 5-8, 2018.

The team met Shell Bright Ideas Challenge 2018 Ambassadors Rachel Riley, Bobby Seagull and Dr Emily Grossman.

Dr Emily Grossman joined the winners of The Bright Ideas Challenge to deliver a science communication workshop, to help them prepare to exhibit their bright ideas to the public at Make the Future Live.



'It's so important that we show young students the wide range of careers available to people with STEM qualifications, and that these careers need people with all sorts of different qualities. Science isn't just about brains and logic, it's also about creativity, collaboration and compassion too. Young people should see people just like them being happy and successful in STEM careers. The Bright Ideas Challenge builds students' confidence in STEM subjects by giving them the opportunity to work together and find innovative solutions, while developing the skills required to succinctly communicate their ideas too. Whether it's at school, during the communications workshop or at Make the Future Live, I hope our winners find their STEM role model.'

Team SOS meet Shell Bright Ideas Challenge Ambassador and TV personality Rachel Riley



The winning team show their prototype to Headteacher, Mrs Hier

Staffing news

New Appointments

Miss Davies joins as a PE teacher. She has a BSC Sports Science from Swansea university and PGCE. She joins us from St Illtyd's Catholic High School.

Mrs Cheverton stays on as a permanent teacher of Spanish. She has taught to A-level at Bryn Celynnog and Lliswerry Schools. She has a BA (Hons) in French and Hispanic Studies from the University of Nottingham. She is an ex-pupil of St. Clare's and also a parent.

Mrs Butler joins as the peripatetic piano teacher.

New roles

Head of Sixth Form is Mr Cole

Head of Key Stage 3 (Y7-9) and Key Stage 4 (Y10-11) is Mr Martin

MAT Coordinator is Mrs Burns

Data Champion is Mr Evans

SIMS Champion is Mr Yemm

PSE Coordinators are Mrs Trenoweth and Dr Rathkey

Leaving staff

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Reohorn, Mrs Ward and Mrs Barnard who leave St Clare's this summer. We wish them all the very best for the next academic year and hope they will remain friends of St Clare's.

We said au revoir to Mrs Jennings who is taking a year out to look after her new grandchild.

Wedding bells for Miss Parrish

Miss Parrish was married at the end of July. We wish her and her new husband Rhys much happiness in their new lives together. Miss Parrish will now be Mrs Morgan.



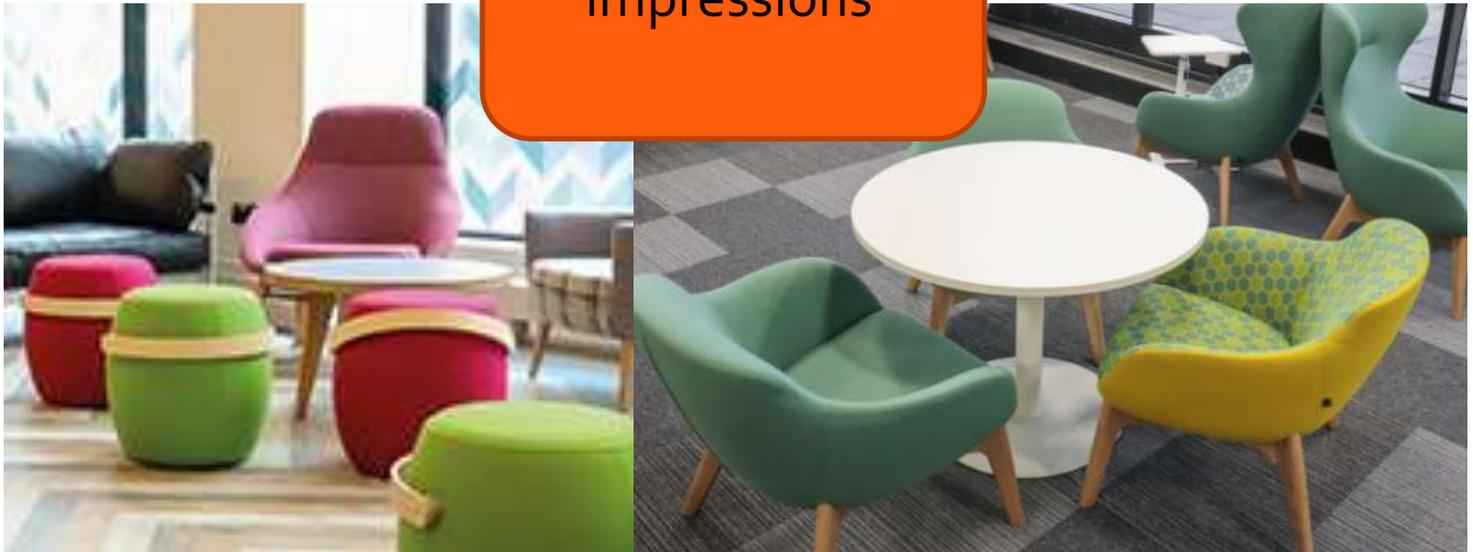
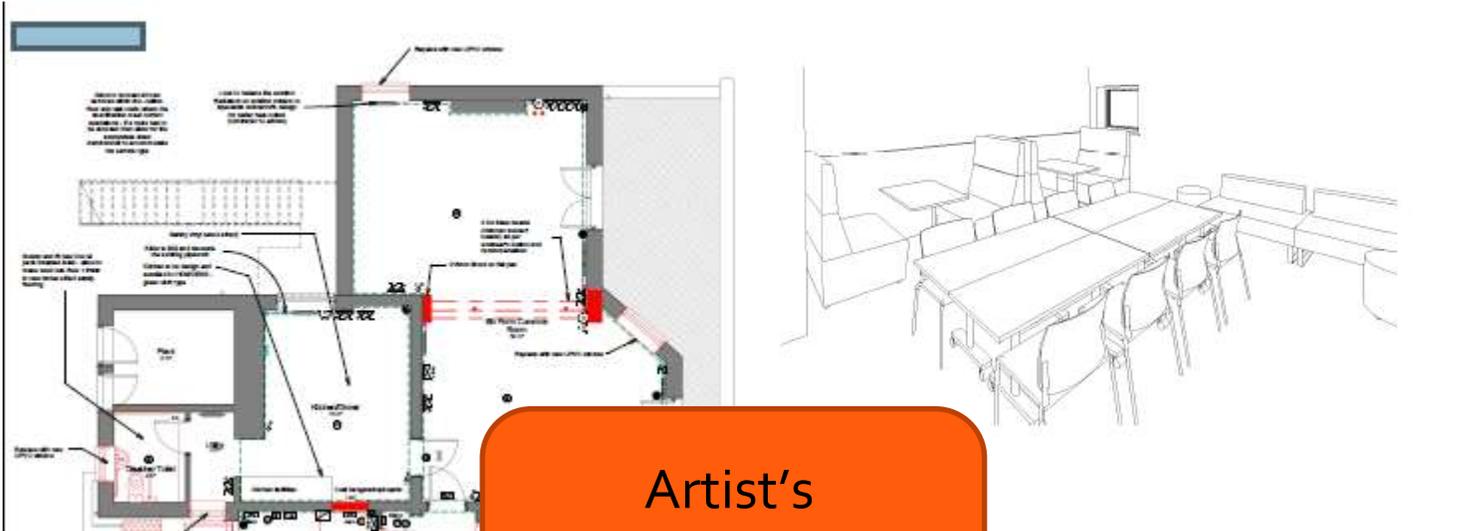
St. Clare's is an Award-Winning Nursery

St. Clare's School Nursery was awarded a 'Top 20 Recommended Nursery (Wales) 2018'

You can read the reviews at www.daynurseries.co.uk

St. Clare's Sixth Form Centre

A huge amount of work has been going on since the first day of the holidays to make sure that our newly refurbished Sixth Form Centre is ready for September. This isn't just a lick of paint. As you can see from the photos, walls have been demolished and our new Sixth Form is going to be fabulous with its own kitchen/dining area and state of the art furniture for study and socialising.



Why St. Clare's Sixth Form?

- Small, tutorial type classes
- Regular feedback on individual progress
- Friendly and supportive environment
- Newly refurbished state of the art Sixth Form Centre
- Fulfilling your maximum potential at the end of Year 13
- Exceed your expectations. Last year St Clare's outperformed a huge 78% of schools in adding value to a student's performance with an Average Standard Residual of +0.2!

Exam Results Days

We should like to congratulate our Year 11, 12 and 13 students on getting through their extensive exam diets this summer. Our thanks also to parents for supporting their children with cups of tea, lifts, moral support and much more! Results days will soon be upon us:

A2 and AS: Thursday August 16th

GCSE: Thursday August 23rd

The school will be open from 9:00am for pupils wishing to collect their exam results from the Dining Hall.

Mrs Hier, Mrs Parker, Mrs Smart, Mr Cole, other senior leaders and Mrs Murphy will be around to advise and assist where required with higher / further education issues or curriculum discussions for new Year 12 students.

Best of luck to everyone!

Please sponsor the St. Clare's Team who walked 60 miles to raise money for GFC



We are super proud of the St. Clare's team (Mr Gatt, Mrs Phillips, Mr Yemm and Miss Milling) who walked 60 miles of the Coastal Walk from Milford Haven to St Davids at the start of the holidays. They couldn't have achieved this without Miss Rolls their driver and support.

The team is raising money for Global Fund for Children.



Please show your support and donate at their JustGiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stclaresporthcawl>

Year 3 visit Cardiff Castle

Year 3 went to Cardiff castle for their school trip to support their History topic..... the Romans. They were able to try on replica armour and had a great time



Infants trip end of term trip

At the end of term, all the Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2) went to Greenmeadow Farm.



Did you know that Spanish is taught from the Nursery onwards?

Mrs Cheverton comes over from the Senior School to teach Spanish to the Rising 3s in the Nursery all the way up to Year 6.

Every where she goes, she is greeted with, "Hola!"



Senior Transition Day

Pupils and staff were shocked to find crime scene tape everywhere as they arrived at school and there was a total of 3 dead bodies scattered across the school's beautiful grounds.



But it all turned out to be the handiwork of Jon Williams from Crime Solvers who'd set up the crime scenes early that morning. A real life Senior Investigator, Jon guided St Clare's team of Trainee Investigators through the maze of a criminal investigation.

Dressed in protective CSI suits and masks, Y5 and Y6 were split up into 3 teams of **CSI Miami**, **CSI Vegas** and **CSI New York** before Jon took them on a crime investigation 'field trip' within the school's beautiful grounds which are close to Newton Beach.



The budding CSIs had a really great day following the evidence and solving the crime but it more importantly it was a really great opportunity for Year 6 and Year 5 pupils from St Clare's and other schools to spend a day in St Clare's Senior School.

We hold a total of 3 Senior Transition Days every year.

Jessica Lawrence - alumna success

We are so proud of our past pupil Jessica Lawrence who has completed a degree in woven textiles from the Winchester School of Art and can be seen here showcasing her beautiful weaves at the New Designers Exhibition in London.



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St Clare's Art
Department



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Oxford Open Day by Mrs Smart

On June 27th, I took a group of our More Able & Talented (“MAT”) pupils to Oxford for an Open Day. We visited 3 colleges – Brasenose, Balliol and Trinity, as well as attend a Faculty of Law lecture. It was a beautiful day to see Oxford and it hopefully gave the pupils a glimpse of the potential future that could lie ahead.



Prep Sports Day



Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to watch this year's Prep Sports Day. What a lovely event with all the pupils from Nursery to Year 6 involved, and senior pupils in a supporting role.



UCAS week

This year many of our Year 12 students visited Cardiff University as part of our annual UCAS week. The students were able to be involved in lectures about a multitude of courses, from Healthcare to Earth and Ocean Science to English Literature. The students will return hitting the ground running in September as they work on their personal statements and formalise their university applications for places in September 2019. Mrs Rehorn, Mr Davies and Mr Cole were extremely proud of the students and how well they represented the school.



TR Pattern cutting workshop

In June we had the pleasure of having past pupil **Christian Prescott** to lead an innovative pattern cutting technique to our Year 12 students; the technique is called 'TR cutting'.

Chris is studying BA (hons) in Fashion Design at the University of South Wales, Cardiff and has been lucky enough to spend some time in Japan this year.

Thank you for passing on your talent and enthusiasm for fashion and textiles to our younger generation.





Winter Uniform



All pupils should be wearing winter uniform after the summer holidays.

Please make sure you allow enough time to order your winter uniform from www.perryuniform.co.uk

All the uniform lists are on our website <https://www.stclares-school.co.uk/parents/uniform/>

Share the Secret -get £500 off your fees*

As valued parents, we know that you already recognise the importance of a first class education and the benefits that this can bring for your child both today and in the future.



For many parents, choosing a school is one of the most important decisions that they will make for their children and by choosing the right one, the benefits can last a lifetime. Many parents who come to St Clare's School tell us that they first heard about us from a friend who already has a child at our school. We very much value and appreciate the recommendations that our existing parents give and believe that such positive reinforcement deserves recognition.

With this in mind, we would like to remind you that we will reward any introductions from our existing parents that result in a new pupil joining St Clare's School at the start of the Autumn Term 2018.

How it works: If you refer a friend or colleague to St Clare's School and their child is admitted by the start of Autumn Term 2018, we will give you a reward of £500 for each pupil introduced. The new pupil will need to satisfy the normal entrance requirements and stay for at least three whole terms until the end of the next school year. The 'reward' will be given to the recommending parent at the end of the school year by including the reward as a credit against the **following** Autumn Term's fees. There is no limit to the number of introductions you can make.

Making an introduction: If you would like to introduce a pupil to and benefit from this reward, simply contact Holly Fowlkes, our Registrar & Marketing Manager directly holly.fowlkes@stclares-school.co.uk or (01656) 789966 and tell her that you will be making a referral. Please make sure that the person you are referring also tells Holly that they have been introduced by you. For a copy of the referral scheme please contact Holly Fowlkes, as above.

* **Subject to terms and conditions**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	
Thursday, 16 th August	A-Level Results Dining Hall open from 9:00am
Thursday, 23 rd August	GCSE Results Dining Hall open from 9:00am
Monday, 3 rd September	INSET #1
Tuesday, 4 th September	INSET #2
Wednesday, 5 th September	Autumn Term starts
Thursday, 6 th September	Parents of new pupils & Y7 pupils Cheese & Wine Engagement Evening 5-6pm
Wednesday, 12 th September	Y12 & Y13 Pupils & Parents Cheese & Wine Engagement Evening 5-6pm
Monday, 24 th September	Y12 & 13 Pupils and Parents UCAS Evening 5-6pm
Tuesday, 9 th October	Y11 Parents Evening 4-6pm
Monday, 22 nd October	Y10 Parents Evening 4-6pm
Wednesday, 24 th October	INSET #3
Thursday, 25 th October to Friday, 2 nd November	Autumn half-term
Monday, 5 th November	School re-opens
Wednesday, 14 th November	Y12 & Y13 Parents Evening 4-6pm
Friday, 14 th December	Last day of term

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✚ As per Section 9 of the Parent Contract (Terms & Conditions), **the School requires a full Term's Written Notice.** For example, if your child is not going to be returning to the School in January 2019, **written notice** must be received in school on or **before Wednesday, 5th September 2018.**
- ✚ If you change your details, please inform the School Secretary immediately.
- ✚ If your child suffers from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

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