

WJEC chief Examiner for Art & Design officially opens our fabulous new Art facility



St Clare's held a celebration event at the end of January to mark the official opening of our fabulous new art facility and pupils from Year 5 to Year 13 took part.

The newly refurbished building was officially opened by VIP, Mr Steven Knapik in a rather unique way! Mr Knapik is a former teacher at Pen-Y-Dre High school, and received an MBE for services to young people in Merthyr Tydfil and Poland. Mr Knapik set up [Blue Balloon](#), a children's charity, which has helped raise more than £60,000 in the last 12 years.

Mr Knapik is also the WJEC Chief Examiner for **Art and Design**. Headteacher, Mrs Helen Hier said, "We are very fortunate and lucky to have Mr Knapik here with us today, opening this fantastic new art block, which all you future artists will work in when you come up to the [Senior School](#)."

Mr Knapik recently awarded one of St Clare's Year 10 pupils an art prize, recognising endeavour and achievement in art against all the odds. This is a prize that Mr. Knapick has started, to support pupils across South Wales. St Clare's offers Art and Graphics at [GCSE](#) with Art, Graphics and Textiles at [A-Level](#).

Year 13 student Olivia Woodward planned and filmed the event as part of her A-Level studies.

In 2019, 100% of Art GCSE grades achieved were 4+ (A*-C).

37.5% achieved a Grade 9 in Art vs the UK national average of 5.8%. The new Grade 9 is equivalent to an A.**





St. Clare's Junior Cross-Country

A rare dry day for the runners who attended Porthcawl Comprehensive for the 4th Cross-Country event of the season.

In blustery conditions the teams competed really well, and we had a record turnout in some age groups. The Year 3 and 4 boys ran superbly, finishing as follows:- Rowan Green 3rd Zac Williams 16th and Alexander Cheverton 27th. The boys achieved a 4th place finish in the team event, which is their best score so far.



The Year 3 and 4 girls were buzzing at the start and really eager to get going. They finished as follows:- Delyth Dickson 1st Olivia Butler 6th Bella Cole 13th Emily Tregear 26th Evie Spence 31st Emily Parkes 33rd Amelia Stephens-David 34th Martha Phillips 39th Amalie Howe James 53rd Niamh Burke 56th and Louisa Prime 57th. Well done to all the girls who took part. A great turnout, and the first time that we have ever won an individual race. Amazing effort, Delyth. The girls also finished 1st in the team competition!

The Year 5 and 6 boys also had a really good event, finishing 1st in their team event as well. That's now four 1st place finishes in a row! The boys finished the race in the following positions: - Joe Pritchard 4th Max Johns 10th Lucas Crawley 15th Iolo James 31st Presley Badman 35th and Oscar Johns 45th. Great effort, boys.

The Year 5 and 6 girls were bolstered with some new runners taking part in their first event. This helped them achieve a 5th place finish in the team competition. The results were:- Elin Dickson 4th Martha Green 35th Evie Nelson 37th Poppy Anderson 53rd Hafsa Ashraf 62nd and Emilie De Burgh 70th.

Well done to our first time runners: Amelia, Martha, Poppy and Hafsa and also Evie Nelson in Year 4 who ran for the Year 5 and 6 team.



The next event is on Saturday, 29th of February at Pencoed Comprehensive School. This is the final scoring event of the season and we are in a strong position in the Bridgend schools' league table.

Many thanks for your support.

Race report by Mr Lewis & Mr Gatt

We are also extremely proud of our Year 7 boys team who achieved third place in the Cross Country Championships in Margam Park (pictured left).

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Nursery Coffee Morning

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Year 2 visit Porthcawl Fire & Rescue

Year 2 have been studying The Great Fire of London and thoroughly they enjoyed their visit to Porthcawl Fire & Rescue where they watched a mock up of the Pudding Lane buildings destroyed unbelievably quickly.



Our next Open Morning starts at 9am on Friday, 28th February. Book now.

Senior Transition Day

Year 6 pupils from St Clare's and other primaries thoroughly enjoyed their second Senior Transition Day and loved all the inspiring lessons including a Stop-Go animation workshop.



Business & Cultural Trip to Paris

Our Sixth Form students thoroughly enjoyed their Business & Cultural trip to Paris



Why choose St. Clare's Sixth Form

- ✓ Newly refurbished state of the art Sixth Form Centre
- ✓ Consistently excellent A-Level results. St Clare's results outperform all other schools in area
- ✓ Small, tutorial style classes
- ✓ Experienced and dedicated subject specialists
- ✓ Six lessons taught per subject per week
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- ✓ Friendly and supportive environment
- ✓ Top destinations in 2019 included Oxford, Exeter and Cardiff



**Don't miss our A-Level Options Evening
Wednesday, 11th March at 4:00pm**

Year 6 Enterprise Group working hard

Year 6 pupils worked hard to produce beautifully woven hearts and goody bags for Valentine's Day.



Coronavirus Precautions

Following on from our letter about the Coronavirus epidemic earlier this week, please be assured that we are continuing to monitor the situation very closely in order to give the greatest protection, and reassurance, to all our parents, pupils and staff. Safeguarding your children and the wider school community is our highest priority. Although the risk to individuals in the UK is considered to be low, in light of the developing situation, Cognita have decided to implement further measures for all our schools, which we hope you will appreciate and understand in the current circumstances.

These measures are as follows:

- It is recommended that you do not travel to any of the following countries in the next two months unless essential – China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau.
- If you, your children, or any close relatives living with you, do intend to travel to any of the above, we respectfully ask you to let us know immediately by contacting nicola.mcginley@stclares-school.co.uk with details of the country and location of the visit, those on the trip and the expected arrival and return dates.
- Upon your return, please contact us before sending your child back to school, so we can review whether it is appropriate for your child to return immediately or not, based on the latest information available.
- If any pupils are in close proximity with people who have been to any of these same countries recently, please also let us know so we may take this into consideration.

We hope that you will understand the need for these increased measures. For information, please also note that we are deferring any visits to the school where the attendees have come from any of the countries identified above, to be reviewed subject to the latest developments in a month's time.

If you have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Disneyneyland Paris trip in June 2020

Our June 2020 trip for **current** Year 6 to Year 10 pupils to Disneyland Paris is now fully booked.



Cognita Borneo 2021

Thank you to all Senior and Sixth Form parents who recently attended the Borneo 2021 information evening. Eye-opening, challenging and truly life-changing; students will experience different cultures and environments whilst developing an array of life skills.



Dates for your diary

Date	
Thursday, 27 th February	GCSE Options/Careers/Year 9 Parents Evening 4-6pm
Friday, 28 th February	Open Morning 9am
Monday, 2 nd March	Nursery Coffee Morning 9am
Tuesday, 3 rd March	St David's Day Celebrations in the Prep School (Welsh costume)
Thursday, 5 th March	World Book Day in the Prep School - dress as character from a book
Wednesday, 11 th March	Year 11 Parents Evening and A-Level Options Evening 4-6pm
Thursday, 19 th March	Year 8 Parents Evening 4-6pm
Friday, 27 th March	"School in Action" morning 9am
Thursday, 2 nd April	End of Spring Term
Friday, 3 rd April	INSET #4
Monday, 20 th April	Summer Term begins
Wednesday, 22 nd April	Sixth Form & Senior School Open Evening 5-7pm
Friday, 8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday, 25 th to Friday, 29 th May	Summer half-term
Friday, 10 th July	End of summer term
Monday, 13 th July	INSET # 5

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 September 2020, **written notice** must be received in school before Monday, 20th April 2020.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ If you take your child on holiday during term time, please contact the School Secretary for a Leave of Absence form which needs to be submitted to Mrs Hier in advance for authorisation.
- ✚ Don't forget to let us know if your son or daughter has achieved something outside school. Just email holly.fowlkes@st-clares-school.co.uk