



Sacred Heart School

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Friday 25 th October	Viewing for auction - Time to be confirmed
Saturday 26 th October	The Auction in the Sports Hall -Time to be confirmed
Monday 26 th November	7.00pm Year 11 & 12 Prizegiving

GCSE Results

Congratulations to Year 11 for their excellent GCSE results. Despite the difficult and unusual situation at the school, both pupils and staff excelled themselves in keeping on target and focusing on their exams.

Besides this they organised events in school and were fully part of a working school.

{Statistics and tables separate below }

Prizegiving for Years 11 and 12 is on Monday 26th November at 7.00pm

News about the school

The new VA School is up and running with 70 pupils and growing. Thank you to all the parents who kept their nerve and continued with the new school. All the staff who asked for a position at the new school are now teaching or supporting the classes. We pray that the school will grow and continue for the next 100 years. Interestingly the lease is for 99 years, so we are expecting a lasting school!

Executive Head – Mr Aiden McGovern

Assistant Head – Mrs Irene Henden

Year 5 & 6 - Mrs Henden, Mrs Calvert, Miss Hart

Years 3 & 4 - Mr Smith, Miss Navarre

Years 1 & 2 - Miss Lewis, Miss Liridona

Reception / LP - Miss Scrafield, Mrs Bogusiewicz and Mrs Cockman

Office Staff – Mrs Angie Hastings, Mrs Gloria Boulton

Kitchen Staff - Mrs McInnes and Miss Matthews

It is wonderful and nothing short of a miracle that having given the final decision to close the Senior school (with a proviso that if it is God's will it will still happen) on 5th October 2018, the new Sacred Heart VA school opened on 2nd September.

Second hand uniform

Thanks to all those who donated uniform to the second hand uniform department. This is now available to the new school and is served from the Lower School. Bird's of Dereham sold all their stock to us and we would also like to sell these items. Senior stock, particularly blazers will go into the Auction.

We wish all pupils who have moved on to other schools every success, particularly Year 11 and Year 6 who are moving on to the next Key Stage. A few of Year 10 are being home educated at the school by the staff they know. Mr Dark is responsible for the group and is teaching Maths, Chemistry and Physics, Mrs Ahrenfelt continues with the French, Mrs Childerhouse with Geography, Mr Glenister with the Biology, Mr Hodges with the PE, and Mrs Wilson with History. The five pupils have the use of the Prep Room which comes with an area for a Common Room. We wish them well as they concentrate on getting good GCSE results and learn new social skills in their small compact friendly group.

Past pupils doing well

Emily Ringwood starred in 'Daisy Pulls It Off' as Daisy. We all know what a beautiful singing voice she has, but we discovered that she was also a very convincing actress. The show was well worth seeing as it was all about life in a Boarding School.

The History of the School

Mrs Phillips is in school every week compiling Book 3. If anyone wishes to feature, please send in your document to srfrancis8@hotmail.co.uk and shmovingforward@gmail.com

Most of the older pupils contributed and staff's contributions are coming in slowly. It is a marathon task, so please help us to produce a fitting memorial to our Independent School.

Sponsor a page

Donations of £5 would be most welcome to sponsor a page of the book and to have your name recorded on the Sponsor page.

Miss Niamh, Miss Jola and Miss Jenny (who few of you knew) became postulants on 8th September. This is the second stage of becoming Sisters. They will be going to Manchester to help in Catholic Schools and Parishes for a year before they become Novices. They will be back in Swaffham from time to time and definitely to help with the Auction We wish them every blessing and perseverance in the vocations. Please pray for them. It is quite a step in this materialistic world to give up freedom, and

family life and to serve God in a radical way. Hey will pray for you.

Sr Danuta is now the new Provincial Superior. We congratulate her and wish her well in this important office

Fr Gordon has retired and is hoping to follow a few of his special interests and one of those is to visit Japan again. Everyone knows how interested he is in the philosophy of Zen Buddhism. We wish him every blessing in his retirement.

**The Auction – Sacred Heart Sports Hall
Auction - Saturday 26th October
viewing 25th October**

There are a lot of items from the Senior School that need to be sold, so an Auction will take place in October. Chris Nash, former parent, and professional is going to be the Auctioneer. He is both skilful and witty so it is a form of entertainment.

If anyone can offer any help on the day or the day before, please let me know (direct to my email). We need people who are prepared to help on the day and also the previous day. Refreshments will also be served, so there will be a task for all volunteers.

Times will be notified later, as it depends on how many lots we will have and that depends on what is not required by the new school. There is also an opportunity to dispose of some of your own items and we will take 15% commission. Chris works for free and the opportunity to tease me relentlessly.

Items for auction - Vintage school furniture, Sports and PE equipment, Catering Equipment, Exam tables, General school goods, Toys, games, books, and ICT equipment and cabling, and miscellaneous items.

**Sacred Heart School
Sports Hall Swaffham PE37 7QW**

Auction of goods due to the closure of
the Senior School

Saturday 26th October

Viewing 25th October

Vintage school furniture

Sports and PE equipment

Catering Equipment

Examination tables

General school goods

Toys, games, books

Miscellaneous items,

ICT equipment and cabling

More details / times later

Will sell other goods 15% commission

Please inform as many people as possible

The sisters are thinking of organising a Festival of Cribs in the Lower school. If you have any unusual cribs i.e. from other parts of the world and would be prepared to lend them during the Advent period, we would be very grateful. This will be open to the public and will be manned at all times by any volunteers we can find.

This is something that we have been thinking about for several years but did not have the time to organise.

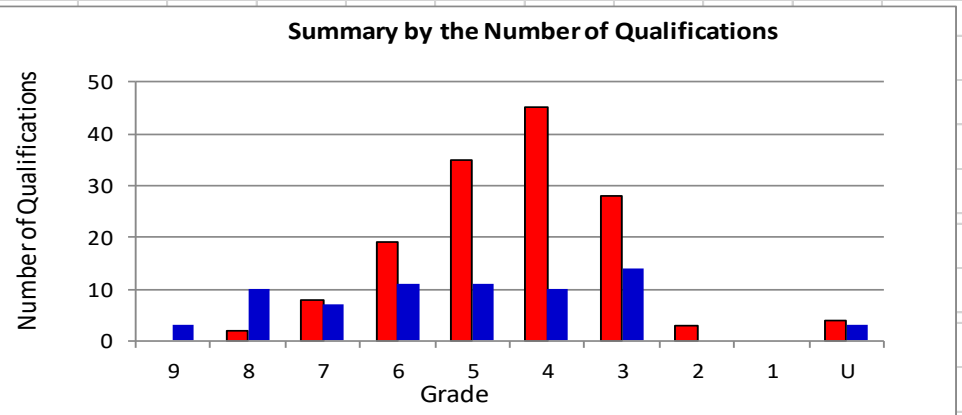
I am now retired from my job as Head, but am still fairly busy with loose ends from the school. I remain a Governor on the new School board, so will take a very close interest in something that has been a part of my life for 50 years. The sisters are still living on the site, but out of sight. With Mr McGovern's permission we would like to continue with before and after school care but this will require some thought and organisation. The Sisters are looking for a Mission. We are still living in the large Convent building which we cannot afford to keep, but have not made any plans for moving into the Lower School. It would be lovely if we could keep the Barn and for it to be a Community Centre for Swaffham with Art / Pottery / Drama / Dance / wellbeing – Meditation on offer, but we would need sponsorship for this.

May God bless all our pupils at Sacred Heart including Year 10 and all past parents, pupils and staff.

Sr Francis

Y11 GCSE Results 2019 - Summary

	2019	2018	Var
Number of Pupils	14	7	
Total Number of Qualifications Taken	144	69	
Total Number of Qualifications Passed	140	66	
Number of Qualifications Passed at Grade 4 or better	109	52	
% of Pupils with five or more 9 - 4 grade GCSEs	78.6%	71.4%	7.1%
% of Pupils with five or more 9 - 4 grade GCSEs (Mat & Eng)	78.6%	57.1%	21.4%
% of Qualifications at grades 9-4	75.7%	75.4%	0.3%
% of Qualifications at grades 9-1	97.2%	95.7%	1.6%



	Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	Total	
2019	Quals	0	2	8	19	35	45	28	3	0	4	144	TRUE
	%	0.0%	1.4%	5.6%	13.2%	24.3%	31.3%	19.4%	2.1%	0.0%	2.8%	100.0%	
2018	Quals	3	10	7	11	11	10	14			3	69	TRUE
	%	4.3%	14.5%	10.1%	15.9%	15.9%	14.5%	20.3%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	100.0%	

Summary by Average Subject Grade

	English Language	English Literature	Mathematics	Religious Studies	French	Geography	History	Art and Design	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	PE	Music	Portuguese	Spanish	Latin	Drama	Psychology
2019	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.4	3.6	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.3	6.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.0
2018	5.6	4.9	4.6	5.5	6.5	6.4	6.0	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.3	4.7	5.5				6.0	
Var	(1.1)	(0.4)	0.2	(1.4)	(2.5)	(1.9)	(1.6)	(1.4)	(0.7)	(0.3)	(0.6)	(0.4)	0.5	NA	NA	NA	(1.8)	NA
Subject % Grade 4 & above	93	83	93	71	50	57	75	50	79	79	71	63	100	100	100	100	63	100

% of pupils gaining 9 - 4 grade	78%
% of pupils gaining 9 - 4 grade in English	93%
% of pupils gaining 9 - 4 grade in Maths	93%
Number of examinations taken	153
% of pupils who sat 8 or more subjects	78%

Our top 5 achieving pupils this year:	
Hannah Turner	65 points (11 subjects)
Alice Bridges	61 points (11 subjects)
James Whittington-Wilson	56 points (10 subjects)
Cassandra Texeira de Oliveira	54 points (12 subjects)
Sophie Edwards	52 points (11 subjects)