



## **Bebington school St John Plessington nominated for prestigious award**

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St John Plessington college in Bebington has been placed on a shortlist of just seven for the National Secondary School of the Year award.

The competition is run by the prestigious education journal the Times Educational Supplement, TES.

SJP is the first Merseyside school to be shortlisted for the award, which is open to all secondary schools in the UK.

The TES has also shortlisted the college in the green category of Outstanding Sustainable School of the Year - making it the only school in the UK to be nominated in two categories.

Responding to news of the college's nomination, headteacher Tom Quinn said: "Making the shortlist twice is a great honour for the college and a wonderful tribute to the work of all members of the college community.

"I am thoroughly delighted that the joint efforts of pupils, parents, staff and governors have been recognized in these nominations."

Last year's Ofsted inspection at SJP described the college as "an outstanding school in which exceptional things happen".

One of the main thrusts of the reports focused on the college's innovative reporting system, which sees all 1,300 pupils receive a report each half-term, as well as a personalised achievement plan, which pupils help to write each term with their individual learning coach.

These run alongside the traditional parents' evening, meaning that parents receive information no fewer than 10 times per year.

Ofsted described the college's assessment and reporting as "outstanding academic monitoring and support systems" and praised the way that "students know how well they are doing" because of the "wealth of data" and "rigorous assessment procedures" which are also available to parents.

Last year the college scooped the Government's Leading Aspect Award for its innovative system.

It has also just been named as a Leadership Development School eligible to offer placements to trainee headteachers who wish to learn about how it operates.

The TES will be declaring its national winner on June 9, and a group from the college will be making the trip from Wirral to a gala presentation at the London Hilton hotel in Park Lane.

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