

St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

Newsletter



COLLEGE REPS READY FOR ACTION COLLEGE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected onto the College Council 2006/07 by their Year Groups:

- Yr 7 – Lucy Lamb EA; Kieran Madigan EC
- Yr 8 – Tom McEwan JA; Siobhan McLaughlin AB
- Yr 9 – Liam Madigan JA; Katie Dickson EC
- Yr 10 – Ben Stoneley EC; Becky Waters MW
- Yr 11 – Natalie O'Brien AB; Michael James JA

The College Council met on Tuesday 31st October and a number of issues were raised, such as lunchtime, lockers, water fountains and school trips.

These items are now on the agenda at the next Senior Leadership Team Meeting tomorrow night, and students will receive feedback via their Year and Form Councils, as well as in the next edition of Plessington News.

A reminder to all students that issues should be raised during Academic Review with their Form Council and taken forward to Year Council Meetings arranged by Learning Coaches.



Year 11

Succeeding in Exams - How Can I Help My Child?

Everyone who cares for a child wants to do their best to help them succeed in whatever they do.

On Thursday 16th Nov at 7.00pm, Year 11 students and parents have a "not to be missed opportunity" to attend an evening led by Education Consultant Andrew Newton. The session provides invaluable information and skills to help you to help your child succeed in exams.

Our speaker will explain strategies and techniques that simplify revision and encourage learning. Once learnt, these skills are useful in all areas of life, not just for now but for lifelong learning.

Letters have been sent home with reply slips. Please complete these and return them to your child's form tutor.

SIXTH FORM NEWS



This week, the Sixth Form Council met with the Catering Manager to discuss the food available for Sixth Formers throughout the day. Previous to this, a questionnaire had been sent out to all Sixth Form students to find out their views on the range and quality of products, the times the food was available, and the prices. Also, many students had made constructive suggestions for improvement, e.g. a wider range of hot dishes and full breakfasts for a set price.

The implications of the introduction of healthy eating options were discussed and students were asked to give their views on a number of new products to be introduced. These included low fat hot chocolate and chocolate muffins, smoothies, yoghurt desserts and cous-cous salad. All received a positive response and will be going onto the menu. Other initiatives to be introduced are a range of hot dishes to be available, students will be able to pre-order food and set prices for meal deals.

A further discussion then took place about the food available at break and lunch time for the rest of the College. Further meetings will take place with the Lower College Council to discuss this further and sample other options.

NOTICE OF THE FORTHCOMING SIXTH FORM PARENTS/STUDENTS CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2006

4.00pm-7.00pm

All parents/guardians are invited to attend with their son/daughter to discuss their progress.

Information will also be available on how to apply to University and the financial help available.

YEARS 9&10 CONSULTATION DAY WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2006 SCHOOL CLOSED TO YEARS 7, 8 11 and Sixth Form

We are returning to 'traditional' parents meetings where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's subject teachers. To help us do this we are closing the College to those pupils who are not involved in the day i.e. Years 7, 8, 11 and Sixth Form.

Children in Years 9 and 10 should have completed their appointment sheets during the last week, each appointment being 10 minutes long. Appointments can also be made with Heads of Learning, Learning Coaches, Form Tutors and the Special Education Needs Co-ordinator.

These changes in the format of the day are a response to comments made by parents - for example last summer's Parental Questionnaire - and our own desire to provide you with as much information as possible to help your child achieve.

Please complete the evaluation form on the day so that we can continue to improve our ability to meet your needs and ensure that your child makes the most of their talents.

This process will be repeated for the benefit of our Year 7 and 8 pupils on Wednesday 24th January 2007.

UNIFORM

We have been advised that some parents are having difficulty in purchasing jumpers for pupils as Trutex are closed until 10th November and Wirral Uniform Centre are closed until 6th November. However, we have been informed that some sleeveless jumpers (limited amount in sizes 32" to 42" chest) are available at:

Urban Design, Old Chester Road, Rock Ferry
Tel. No. 644 5599.

We will inform you when further stock is available at Wirral Uniform Centre.

PFOP ANNUAL MEETING – TUES 7TH NOVEMBER 7.00pm

This is a perfect opportunity for parents/carers interested in finding out what it is that PFOP does for SJP. You may have the skills/contacts that we are looking for and which will make a real difference to everyone involved with SJP – come and find out.

For further information before the night, please contact Mr Harrison. Everyone is welcome!

THEME FOR THE WEEK - "OUR WORLD"

In this year's National Television Awards, David Attenborough won the Lifetime Achievement Award. Attenborough has spent 50 years making TV programmes about natural history. People who have watched these programmes have been able to travel the world without leaving their living rooms and see animals that they would have never seen without Attenborough as their tour guide. When he received the award, he said this:

"This world here seems a very different world from the penguins, the gorillas, the polar bears and birds of paradise. But it's they that have brought me here. It's the fact that you care for them that has brought me this (the Award). We all have to care for them because they are in our hands."

The Bible tells us that God has put humankind in charge of the earth and all this is upon it. It is our responsibility to look after it. What efforts do we make to care for the world in which we live?

Lord, we thank you for the beautiful world in which we live. We realise that we have caused great damage to it and that we continue to do so.

We pray that when opportunities arise for us to improve the environment we take them.

We pray that we will not be lazy in preserving the countryside, recycling and saving power, but that we will always make efforts to limit the damage caused to the world.

We know that it is our responsibility to care for the world, so please help us to act responsibly at all times.

Amen

PSHE

You will shortly be receiving Learning Programmes for PSHE. This is an on-going programme for all pupils and involves all aspects of their personal and social health and well-being. The programme aims to help pupils deal with various situations they may have to face, such as a new school, peer pressure and self-esteem. It also endeavours to explore social problems like drug and alcohol abuse, and raises the awareness of the issues surrounding this.

Through the PSHE programme, pupils are encouraged to develop as a whole person. They are made aware of the problems they may face and that others might have to cope with in order to explore strategies to deal with them. Through PSHE, pupils are encouraged to develop their confidence and responsibility and to be aware of their abilities in order to make the best use of them. They are also enabled to develop healthy and safer lifestyle choices and given guidance on developing good relationships in order to respect themselves and others.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you for the positive response to our request for "bric a brac" for the Christmas Fair. Please continue to send in your unwanted, quality gifts to Reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

NETBALL NEWS

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Congratulations to the Year 10 netball team who won their first game of the season against Hilbre High School. The team, captained by Emily McKinney, played an outstanding match and hope that this is the first of many successes to come.

Well done! Emily McKinney, Sarah Clement, Christina Hughes, Jasmine Wallace, Helen McNeil, Rebekah Philips, Stephanie Riddick and Emily Hinton.

The Year 11 team also had their first game against Hilbre, captained by Stephanie Martyn, but after another great match they were marginally beaten ending with a 5-3 score. However, this was just a warm up for them and they look set to be a threat for future fixtures with their talent.

Squad: Stephanie Martyn, Aimee Billington, Laura Domville, Kim Caul, Melanie Brown-Howard, Chelsey Hodgkin and Rebekah Philips.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

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A reminder to all pupils taking part in clubs at lunchtime. You must come to the sports hall at 12pm to get changed, year 7, 8 and 9 pupils should then use their passes to get in to have lunch and return for their practice at 12.40pm.

The response to extra curricular has been great so far, so keep it up. I'm sure that we are going to enjoy many sporting successes this year!

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

A street of houses numbered 1 to 100 inclusive is to be numbered with new brass numerals. How many of the digit "2" would be needed to complete the job?

Give your answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday 10th November 2006. All correct entries will be placed into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for W H Smiths.

Last week's solution - 3 boys

HOUSE POINT CORNER

	Weekly total as at 13/10/06					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Bernadette	100	55	20	26	13	761
Bosco	78	39	18	19	12	728
Hume	104	49	18	16	10	664
Kolbe	92	61	15	24	11	777
Romero	76	70	17	20	15	748
Teresa	101	69	35	22	17	778

GET YOUR TICKETS

The Creative Team of Saint John Plessington is pleased to announce the performance of another spectacular show. This time it's the hilarious pantomime "Aladdin". This show, featuring an amazing cast of pupils, will have you rolling in the aisles with laughter, and reaching for your tissues as you follow the journey of Aladdin and his true love, Princess Opal. There will also be some guest appearances by some rather unlikely characters. Let's just say you'll get to see some members of staff as you've never seen them before! Tickets go on sale from Monday 13th November, and will be available from the Drama Office from 12:00 - 12:15, Monday to Friday.

YEAR 8 RETREATS

Year 8 retreats take place this week to Pantasaph for 8AB, 8EA, 8EC, 8JA, 8MW.

Those forms unable to go on Wednesday 8th November have had their retreat postponed until further notice. This is to allow for the Y9 and Y10 Consultation Day.

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