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Week Ending 18 January 2008
Learning Programme Unit 3/2

Theme for the Week:

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day exists to remember the victims of the holocaust and also to educate in order to avoid such a terrible thing happening again. We only need to read a newspaper to know that persecution and discrimination continue to cause misery. What steps can we take to prevent another holocaust?

*First they came for the Jews
and I did not speak out
because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for the
Communists
and I did not speak out
because I was not a
Communist.*

*Then they came for the trade
unionists
and I did not speak out
because I was not a trade
unionist.*

*Then they came for me
and there was no one left
to speak out for me.*

Pastor Martin Niemöller

*Holy God,
Help us always to stand up for
what is right.
Amen*

Mass & Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in College Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.

As usual, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in College Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

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17th Annual Awards Evening

21st January 2008 - 7.00pm

Special Guest: *Jimmy McGovern*

Twice-Winner of BAFTA TV Award and Writers' Guild of Great Britain Award plus many other awards and nominations
Writer of TV Dramas, such as Cracker, The Lakes, Dockers and The Street

Tonight sees our much-anticipated Seventeenth Annual Awards Evening Ceremony. The College is delighted to welcome writer Jimmy McGovern to distribute our prizes. Jimmy is, of course, a local writer but one whose reputation is truly international on account of his much-acclaimed work for television in series like Cracker, The Lakes and The Street. It is a great honour to welcome Jimmy to the College and I am confident that we will show ourselves at our very best.

In this respect, I would like to remind all Pupils attending, as assistants or as winners, to be at College at 6.30 in full uniform. Apart from the fact that we are welcoming a very high-profile guest to the College, tonight's event is a public gathering at which we will be showcasing many aspects of College life. I am very keen that, as ever, we finish our Evening proud of all that we have achieved.

College Council

The COLLEGE COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday 23rd January during the Citizenship lesson. Any students with ideas or issues need to raise these with their Form Council in the first instance. The results of our 'Chip' survey carried out before Christmas and since will be discussed and another student survey regarding uniform will be published on our VLE.

YEAR 11 GCSE SPANISH REVISION

Coursework help and revision classes will take place every Wednesday from 3.30—4.30 p.m.

'And did you hear the story of the Blood Brothers trip?'

On Monday evening, forty Year Eleven students and five members of staff enjoyed a fantastic night out at Liverpool Empire watching Willy Russell's classic tale of class division and fate, *Blood Brothers*.



The students were blown away by the performance, with Katie Deer saying 'It was amazing! One of the best nights of my life!'. Others were moved to tears by the tragic ending.

All of the students were a credit to the College and it was wonderful to see them enjoying the delights that the European Capital of Culture has to offer.

Year 9 Mock SATs 28-30/01/08

Parents of Pupils in Year 9 should note that Mock exams begin next week in English, Maths and Science to help us prepare for the real Tests which will take place in May this year. Further details of the exam period will be provided in a letter to be sent out tomorrow. I wish all of our Pupils the very best luck in these tests and hope that they are now making good use of all the revision tips their teachers are giving them. Please feel free to contact Mr Williams or Mr Lally for further details.

Science News

Year 7 Science Information

Parents of Year 7 pupils are advised that in Biology lessons they will be studying the topic of Reproduction. Pupils will be learning about: What fertilisation is, Adaptations of the sex cells, The Organs of the Male and Female Reproductive Systems, The Changes that occur during Puberty and Adolescence, Pregnancy and The functions of the Umbilical Cord, Placenta and Amniotic Fluid. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Garland (Key Stage 3 Science Co-ordinator).

Year 7 and 8 Science Club begins again Wednesday 23rd January in Mr Moore's Lab at 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Some of the exciting activities this term are Making Slime, 'Meet the Bug Man' and 'C.S.I.'

Y10- EXAM RESULTS Congratulations

This week, 80 students received their long awaited science modular GCSE results. 73% A*C of pupils

achieved from A*-C

18 A* grades were achieved by students who took the exams in November. Hannah Caldwell gained A* in all 3 exams as did Ryan Caird. In his energy exam paper, Ryan scored an impressive 50/50. Ashwin Ajay was rewarded with 2 A*'s and a B. There are many other success stories too.

Date for your Diaries: next modules are 5th March 2008 and the final module 23rd June 2008

SJP'S GOT TALENT

The first auditions for SJP's Got Talent have taken place with semi finals taking place next week in school. The variety performance evening of SJP's Got Talent will take place on Thursday 7 February 2008 at 7 p.m. Demand for tickets will be high! Tickets will go on sale early next week.

Aim Higher

Two of our Year 11 pupils, Ben Stoneley and Jasmine Wallace, have already sampled life as a student at The University of Liverpool.

During the summer holidays both pupils attended a week's course at the University. This continued with a series of activities, involving leadership skills, communication and organisational experiences.

Ben and Jasmine were also given the opportunity to visit London on a overnight stay to our capital. They visited the London Eye, the University of London and the Winston Churchill Museum. A psychology lecture confirmed Ben's desire to go on to higher education. Thinking it was going to be boring he was delighted to experience such interesting insights into this subject.

Ben and Jasmine were both commended by the University for their enthusiasm and mature conduct as representatives of our College and they can be seen pictured holding their award presented by the Aim Higher Foundation.



MOBILE PHONES

Can I respectfully remind Parents that Pupils may have a mobile phone in College only for emergency use. I have instructed staff to confiscate any mobile phones that are in use either sending or receiving including text messages.

Phones will only be returned via parental letter addressed to the Head Teacher.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 31 January 2008
6.00 to 8.00 p.m.**

We extend a very warm welcome to all of our Year 11 Pupils to come and join us at our Open Evening for a taste of Sixth Form life. Come along early as we are expecting large numbers!

Years 7 and 8 Review Day 25/01/08

Please note that Friday 25 January is Years 7 and 8 Review Day. College will be closed on that day to Pupils from all other Year Groups.



64 donated so far!

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated

SJP would like to aim for 100 old mobile phones. Help us to meet that target. Please hand in any old mobiles, in any condition, to Reception this week. Each mobile phone generates at least £2.50 towards our funds. The phones are either recycled or sent to developing countries where there are no landlines, to help them keep in touch with families or to start a business.

SJP has enlisted the support of the Carbon Trust to provide advice, helping us with SJP's 360 project, a drive to reduce energy consumption. Derek Tonge, a consultant, arrived at 7.45 and left after 5.30 on Tuesday. He counted lights, checked boilers and observed the College's energy habits during a working day. He will now compile a report and provide us with a list of actions to enable us to reduce our Carbon Footprint. Derek expressed his delight at working alongside students who demonstrated maturity and a sense of pride in their College environment.

SJP- working together to protect our environment for future generations



COME AND JOIN US!



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