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Learning Programme Unit 5/4

### The Ascension

The Ascension is the feast when Christians remember that after the Resurrection Jesus returned to heaven – not by dying again, but by ascending into Heaven. Jesus had left his friends behind. They could no longer see him.

When St. Augustine wrote about the Ascension in his book *Confessions* he said “Jesus withdrew from our eyes that we might return to our own heart to find him.”

When we examine our hearts, do we see Jesus there? And do others get to see Jesus in their hearts, because of us?

*Lord Jesus,  
You ascended into heaven  
and now we can't see you  
as your disciples did.  
Help us to find you in our  
hearts  
and in the hearts of all the  
people we meet.  
Amen*

### Mass & Morning Prayer

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

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

### MASS FOR THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2008



Last Wednesday saw the whole of the College Community joined together in prayer against the glorious backdrop of Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. I am delighted to say that, for the first time in the long history of the College, all members of the SJP Community were able to gather under one roof in celebration of all that is most important in our College life. More than 1,500 Parents, Governors, staff and pupils were present to witness a wonderful day unfold and to play their part in a celebration that reminded us all of the tremendous importance of Community in the faith life of the College.



Fr. Peter Hooper (St Luke's), who concelebrated Mass with Fr. Ned Quinn (St Anne's), Fr. Michael Hartley (St Werburgh's and St Laurence's), Fr. Frank Rice (St John's) and Fr. Paschal Byrne (Christ the King), led us in a lively and moving liturgy, based on the theme *Walk Humbly with your God*, taken from Micah 6:8. The liturgy was constructed around the active participation of literally hundreds of our pupils and staff, as well as readings from Mr Suffield, our Chair of Governors, and Mrs Marks, our Vice-Chair of Governors.

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Our pupils, too, distinguished themselves in many ways. From the dramatic Brass Ensemble fanfare which opened the Mass to the magnificent procession of our new College banners; from the hymns so beautifully led by the Choir to the thoughtful and moving Bidding Prayers presented by them; from the celebratory dancing which complemented Fr Peter's homily to the enthusiasm and good manners they showed throughout the day, our pupils were impeccable ambassadors for the College. Please take time to consider some of these moments captured on film and now available for viewing on the College website.

*The Brass Ensemble opened the Mass with a magnificent fanfare*

As I have done on so many occasions recently, I am delighted to convey to parents the tremendous pride I feel in the conduct and dignity of our pupil body. It is also clear that, judging by the cards and letters we have received at the College already, many others also feel this same sense of pride in our youngsters and I am pleased to be able to use this opportunity to thank them for their very kind thoughts.

It remains for me to offer my appreciation and thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the event the tremendous Community success it was. Those colleagues who put the massive operation in motion deserve particularly warm congratulations for providing us all with a day and an event which we shall remember for a long time to come. My profoundest gratitude and sincerest congratulations go to them for providing us all with a special moment in the life of the College.



*Eleanor Smith (7MW) was Cantor for our Responsorial Psalm*



# LITERACY CORNER

## Word of the week

### obdurate

/obdyoor ɔ t/

- **adjective** stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action.  
— DERIVATIVES **obduracy** noun **obdurately** adverb **obdurateness** noun.
- ORIGIN Latin *obduratus*, from *durare* 'harden'.



## Literacy quiz

- 1 - How many words do you think there are in the English language?  
a) 70,000 b) 170,000 c) 500,000 d) 2 million+
- 2 - The following English words come from other languages. Can you guess which language they are borrowed from?  
a) Tea b) Coffee c) Casserole d) Potato  
e) Shampoo
- 3 - The American English word 'zucchini' means what in Standard English English?  
a) leek b) courgette c) radish d) spring onion  
e) yam
- 4 - After the Battle of Hastings in 1066 what language was spoken by the Royal Court and the ruling class?  
a) Latin b) German c) English d) French  
e) Swedish
- 5 - Approximately how many languages are spoken in the world?  
a) 1070 b) 1250 c) 2100 d) 2700  
e) 3200
- 6 - Middle English was used by which poet?  
a) Hardy b) Blake c) Chaucer d) Shakespeare  
e) Milton
- 7 - What is another term for Old English?  
a) Celtic b) Old Norse c) Anglo-Saxon  
d) Germanic
8. Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and Thomas Hardy are all writers from which Century?  
a) 17<sup>th</sup> b) 18<sup>th</sup> c) 19<sup>th</sup> d) 20<sup>th</sup>
9. Who introduced printing to England in 1476?  
a) William Caxton b) William Shakespeare  
c) William Tell d) William Wordsworth
10. What language had a strong influence on English vocabulary during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries?  
a) Greek b) Latin c) Hebrew  
d) French

Answers:

# R.E. REVISION LESSONS

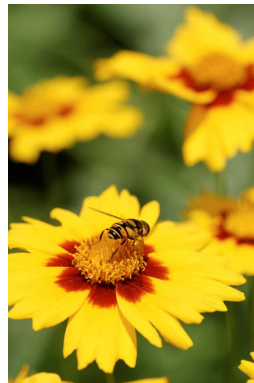
## Year 10—Wednesday Evenings

30 April — The liturgical Year J3 (Miss McCaughan) RE4

## Year 11—Tuesday Evenings

29 April — The UK as a multi ethnic society (Mrs Davidson) in B4

## PFOP PLANT SALE



This year's PFOP Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 10 May 2008, 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 p.m. in Dining Hall.

REMINDER—all pre-order forms need to be in the Main Office by Tuesday 29 April 2008.

## MATHEMATICS REVISION CLASSES

GRADE C REVISION CLASSES THIS WEEK ARE TUESDAY 3:20 - 4:20 WITH MRS THOMSON AND MR GATRELL IN MATHS4 AND MATHS6

GRADE A/A\* REVISION CLASSES THIS WEEK ARE WEDNESDAY 3:20 - 4:20 WITH MR GATRELL IN MATHS 6

## Study Leave for Year 12 A/S levels Friday 16 May

Study leave begins on Friday 16 May. Year 12 Students in English, Psychology and Maths have a separate arrangement. Please see Mrs McMahon for details

Following their exams all Students are due back in College on Thursday 5 June. Results will be available on Thursday 14 August 2008

(1) ... 2 million  
All 2 million can be found at [www.oxford.com](http://www.oxford.com) <http://www.oxford.com>  
2 a) China (from the AMOY dialect) b) Turkey c) Greek d) Spain e) India  
3 - Zucchini = courgette  
4 - French  
5 - 2700  
6 - Chaucer  
7 - Anglo-Saxon  
8 - Chaucer  
9. William Caxton  
10. Latin

## Football Notices

**Year 7 come back from the brink to book a semi final place!**



Congratulations to the Year 7 football team who overcame the odds in a thrilling quarter final match at Park High School. After a lively start to the match SJP went 1-0 up with a set piece David Beckham would be proud of. Danny Kane stepped up to take a free kick of at least 30 yards. The majority of players would have expected a cross but Danny had other ideas. He approached the ball superbly and rifled the ball into the top right corner, leaving the goalkeeper rooted to the spot.

In a crazy five minute spell SJP appeared to lose their control of the game with a few wasteful passes and lack of shape. As a result Park High rallied back to take a 2-1 lead in the second half. As the game drew to a close Mr Holmes and Mr Wilson were forced to re-shuffle the team in search of an equaliser. With a superb team spirit and an astounding will to win it was no surprise when Danny Williams burst through the Park defence to slot home. Pandemonium broke out as the many SJP parents cheered the boys on. In extra time it was the boys from Bebington who had the energy and desire to win it. Lewis Hewitt who had come close earlier in the game, produced a cool finish which effectively killed the game off. What a great achievement in front of such a strong away support. It's off to the semi finals, lets hope we can go all the way!

## **National Curriculum Tests Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May**

Parents of pupils in Year 9 will find a letter attached outlining details of arrangements for our National Curriculum Examinations scheduled for Tuesday 06/05 to Friday 09/05. Pupils are all now working very hard on the final preparation sessions being organised in English, Mathematics and Science. Parents will recall that last year's results were so successful that they led to comments from Education Minister, Jim Knight, about the spectacular progress made by SJP pupils. I am very confident that our current Year 9 pupils will make us equally proud. Good luck to all! Parents should note that I have asked HODs to suspend homework for Year 9 pupils except for SATs revision.