

newsletter



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SJP Nominated for School of the Year Award

We were delighted to receive the news last week that the College has been shortlisted for the Times Educational Supplement's School of the Year Award. This is a prestigious national title awarded to the secondary school which is deemed by the panel of experts convened by the Times to have outperformed all others across the UK. Being included on a **shortlist of just 7** amounts to an enormous compliment and is a fabulous tribute to all in the College community who have contributed in so many ways in recent years. When we consider that there are **around 5,000** secondary schools all eligible for this coveted national recognition, we are justified in feeling a genuine sense of pride in the tremendous work carried out by pupils, parents, staff and Governors at the College and I am keen to take this opportunity to convey my grateful appreciation for all of this work.

As if that wasn't enough, the Times has also shortlisted the College for the **Outstanding Sustainable School of the Year** – again an enormous compliment to all those who have contributed to our highly successful ecological Project 360. I am thoroughly delighted that the collaborative work of pupils, staff and governors has been recognised in this way at national level. In fact, SJP is the only school nationally to have been shortlisted in two of the categories awarded by the Times and that tells us a lot about how the College community at SJP functions so well from many different angles.

The Times has kindly sent invitations to the College for a group to represent us at the Awards Ceremony in London later this year, and we are very much looking forward to being able to describe the excellent work that goes on at SJP to colleagues from all over the UK educational world. Let me again offer my sincere thanks to all members of the College community on being shortlisted for these awards. Our joint efforts are being recognized at the highest possible level, something which should make us all very proud to belong to that community.

Mr Quinn.

Theme for the Week

20th April 2009 "A JOURNEY TO EMMAUS"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!

*What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer?
Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.*

from the Exultet or Easter Proclamation

After the fasting and efforts of Lent, it's often easy to let the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus pass us by, yet our Catholic tradition sees Easter being celebrated for a season of 50 days leading up to Pentecost.

A Reading from St Luke's Gospel

Two of Jesus' friends were walking to Emmaus on the third day after he had been crucified. Sad and confused, they talked about how Jesus had been killed. Jesus came up and walked by their side, but they did not recognise him. They told him what had happened in Jerusalem and how they felt sad and helpless.

Jesus said to them "You foolish men! So slow to understand what has happened!" And he began to explain to them why it had happened and how the prophets had told them about this. Night fell, so the disciples asked him to stay with them. At supper, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the men.

At once their eyes were opened and they realised who it was. But Jesus had gone from their sight. They said to each other "Did not our hearts burn within us as Jesus talked with us and when he broke the bread?" They headed back to his disciples in Jerusalem and told them what had happened: "We have seen the Lord! He is alive!"



Mathematics Revision Sessions

Date	Foundation Topic	Staff	Higher Topic	Staff
21.04.09	Plot a quadratic graph and use it to make estimates for solutions.	ACM in MA3	Using trial and improvement to solve equations.	PLB in MA5
28.04.09	Reflections, Rotations, Translations and Enlargements.	MT in MA4	Increase and decrease by a given percentage. Share an amount in a given ratio.	JMG in MA2
05.05.09	Finding fractions and percentages of amounts.	LM in MA7	Solving Inequalities and represent solutions on a number line.	ACM in MA3
12.05.09	Solving equations and substituting into equations.	CH in MA6	Use Pythagoras' Theorem to find missing sides in a right angled triangle.	JCL in MA1
12.05.09	Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions Share amounts in ratios.	JMG in MA2	Find volumes and surface areas of prisms. Expanding pairs of brackets and factorising.	MT in MA4

Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.5%
Year 8 attendance 92.9%
Year 9 attendance 92.4%
Year 10 attendance 91.6%
Year 11 attendance 94.1%

In the lead this week is Year 11.

10K Runner.

David Brockway, of year 11, has been running in cross country events for several years now, even entering triathlons and achieving much success. Now he has decided to increase his distance and entered his first 10K road race in Aintree last week.

David did exceptionally well, coming in at a time of 40.36mins, finishing 12th out of over 100 participants. To cover just over six miles in this time is a real achievement and to finish above so many other adult competitors, on his first attempt at this distance, is outstanding

Congratulations David – your commitment to training is commendable and it is really paying off!!



Phase 4 Building Programme

Please take the opportunity to have a look at the new College frontage, following the completion of Phase 4 of our Building Programme.

I hope you will agree that the front aspect of the College as well as the gable end view, both as seen from Old Chester Road, have benefitted greatly from the investment we have been able to make as we begin Phase 4 of our Specialist Schools Programme.

Progress Report 4

Parents will be aware that the College suffered a breakdown in the ICT network at the end of last term.

I am happy to say that we have now restored the system in all respects and that normal service has now been resumed.

Progress Report 4 is now being prepared for all Year Groups and will be with Parents early next week.

Ice Skating Star!



Congratulations to Rachel Puddifer, who has successfully worked through grades 1 to 10 in her ice skating and is already working towards her Bronze Award.

All this despite the fact that Rachel has only been skating for a year. She attends classes four times a week and has developed a real love of the sport.

We have no doubt we will see her on Dancing On Ice one day—as one of the professionals, supporting one of the struggling stars on the ice!

Well done Rachel!!

Geography Trip to the Lakes

On a bright Monday morning at 8am a group of Year 11 pupils set out with Miss Smith and Mr Klabou to the Lake District. Arriving at 10.30am they set off on a day of geographical discovery as they observed a range of features studied in the Paper 1 Geography examination. Pupils observed and explained a range of key features including waterfalls, U - shaped valleys and the spectacular Easedale Tarn. A hike to the top of the Tarn was well worth the effort with spectacular views and the perfect opportunity to have a picnic.

A stroll around the picturesque honey pot of Grassmere allowed for the observation of key tourist features and the opportunity for a spot of shopping. Finally the group boarded the mini bus back to Bebington just in time to miss the rain. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and returned to school with a range of geographical knowledge in preparation for the forthcoming examinations.

SJP Hosts Lenten Talks



Some of the Audience



Rev Gerard Boyle, Bishop Brian and the Deputy Head of the College



Ann Walsh, Education Advisor with Bishop Brian



A view of the Stage setting

The Shrewsbury Voice April 2009

Tariff Increase

Please be aware that Aramark, our external catering company, will be giving all menu prices an inflationary rise, as of Monday, 27th April 2009. Please find attached an up to date menu with new tariffs.

(Please also note that this increase should have been implemented on the 1st September 2008 and we have delayed it as long as Possible)

RE Revision Timetable

Revision Lessons Year 10 Wednesday evenings

22nd April – Sources of Authority – The Bible, The Magisterium, Tradition, The Virgin Mary J2 (J Ford)

29th April – Sacraments of Initiation and Healing J3 (H Wilson)

6th May – The Liturgical Year J3 (L Holland)

13th May – The Ten Commandments and The Sermon on the Mount, Mother Teresa and Helder Camara (D McCaughan)

Revision Lessons Year 11 Tuesday evenings with Mrs Davidson in RE 4

21st April – Christian attitudes to Marriage and Catholic teachings on Marriage / Homosexuality C3

28th April – Biblical / Christian teaching on the Role of Women C4

5th May – The UK as a Multi Ethnic Society C4