



## Year 11—Careers Education

All year 11 pupils have been informed of their Careers course on the VLE. Citizenship lessons from January will focus on pupils understanding and actively taking part in the recruitment process from the initial job advert through to and including the interview itself. By the end of this programme of work all pupils will have completed an application form, a covering letter and they will have produced their curriculum vitae.

In addition their Careers course on the VLE gives all pupils a direct link to a questionnaire on matching their interests and skills to suitable jobs; a link to search for job vacancies; a link to search for Apprenticeship vacancies via the National Apprenticeship Service website and information on Airbus Apprenticeships 2010.

The VLE course will be added to as and when further Careers information comes into College so it is vital that pupils keep in constant touch with their VLE Careers course.

Help and advice is available from Mr Harrison (Careers); Mr Coogan (Head of Learning); Miss Clinton (Learning Coach); Form Tutors; Connexions Advisors on Thursdays in College (by appointment via Mr Harrison) or the New Ferry Connexions Centre.

## Free Books for Year 7

Earlier this term our Year 7 pupils were entitled to choose a **free book** of their choice from the 12 specially selected titles that were on display in the College library and were written by some of our favourite children's authors.

This is the third year that our College has run this extremely popular campaign which is supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, encouraging children to read for pleasure and it has been fantastic to see that **every** pupil in Year 7 has chosen a book.



***We are delighted to announce that the books are now here and will be sent to Year 7 Form Tutors this week.***

## Important Notice to Parents/Carers

There will be an Agreement placed in Pupil Planners this week outlining the "Acceptable Use Policy" for the St John Plessington Network.

It is essential that this Agreement is read and signed by both pupil and parent/carer. Failure to sign, or comply with this Agreement, may lead to pupils being unable to access the College Network and ICT equipment.

All Agreements should be signed by Friday 11th December 2009.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

## HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE

The SJP Pantomime taking place this week will contain flashing images.

This may be of concern to any of our parent/carers who suffer from photosensitivity issues.

Further advice may be obtained from Mr Thomas, Head of Performing Arts, at the College.

## PFOP

Next PFOP meeting - 7.00pm 12th January 2010 in the College staff room. All Parents and Friends of SJP welcome.

## Sixth Form Challenge

Cake Decorating with a difference!



The third Sixth Form challenge resulted in a WIN for the Sixth Form students. Students and staff had to work in pairs to decorate a cake. One person was blindfolded and the other person had to follow their instructions. It was a highly enjoyable event which was great fun. The last Challenge this term is to be held on 14th December, when there is to be a Christmas Pop Quiz. Who will be the overall winner this term Staff or students?

## Year 7 Wii Challenge

Last week, ICT held its first inter-house competition of the year. The challenge was Mario Kart on the Wii. Up for grabs were massive house point prizes. After some intense competition the eventual winners were 7MT. Well done to all who took part.



## Work Experience

**Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July 2010**

Thank you to all those pupils who have already returned their Work Experience Self-Placement forms.

It is important that those still outstanding are returned to Form Tutors at the College by:

**Friday 11th December 2009**

Please feel free to contact Mr Harrison at the College for further advice.

## Literacy Corner

**Attention all Year 7 Pupils** Prizes and praise galore are there for the taking! All you have to do is take part in..... the English Department's **Christmas Writing Competition 2009!**

"I have my pen ready! Please tell me what to do!" I hear you cry. Firstly, you will need to craft a short piece of descriptive writing of approximately 300 words that captures the essence of Christmas. This could be any picturesque description of a typical Christmas scene. Obviously, Santa and his elves may make an appearance, but do try to be as original and imaginative as you can.

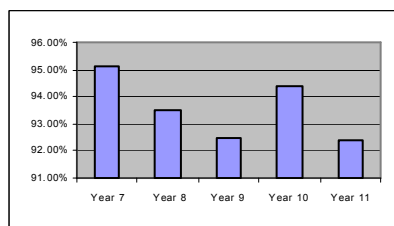
Please hand your entries to your English teacher by the end of this week. Prizes will be given to the lucky winners. Good Luck!

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## Attendance

Attendance figures up to 27.11.09

Year 7 - 95.1%  
Year 8 - 93.5%  
Year 9 - 92.5%  
Year 10 - 94.4%  
Year 11 - 92.4%



Last  
Week's  
Solution

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## Netball News

Congratulations once again to the Year 7 netball team who beat Woodchurch on Tuesday. The girls are really starting to progress and gel as a team. Their commitment to extra curricular training has resulted in an increase in performance. The team demonstrated excellent game play against Woodchurch, finishing with an 8-6 win. Well done!

Thank you to fellow netball club members who were there to support the girls.

**Player of the match – Kirsten Whitehead (7SB)**



**Squad A:** Jade Cookson (7MK), Kirsten Whitehead (7SB), Hannah O'Neill (7VP), Lauren Edge (7VP), Caitlin Morris (7MK), Rochella Operiano (7SB), Jess Murphy (7MT) and Shelby Anderson (7VP).

### SJP Panthers - top of the Birkenhead Netball League!

Well done to the Year 11 SJP Panthers netball team who, after another victory, are currently top of this adult netball league. The team managed a 17-2 win over West Kirby, demonstrating an excellent standard of play. The girls have had an excellent season so far, losing only 1 of their games. Congratulations to the girls and thank you for your dedication to netball. The success of the team has been achieved through commitment to netball since they started at SJP in Year 7.

**Player of the match – Alex Scollins (11MT)**

**Squad:** Megan Gallagher (11MT), Alex Scollins (11MT), Danielle Boughey (11SB), Rebecca Lunt (11MT), Shannon Reid (11OR), Sian Bilko (11SB) and Olivia Webster (11VP).



## BTEC PE Coursework Workshop

### BTEC P.E. Coursework Workshop

A reminder to all Year 10 and 11 BTEC P.E. pupils that coursework workshops continue to run on Monday lunch times from 12.30pm-1.15pm. This is an opportunity to come and work with P.E. staff on pieces of coursework, catch up on work and use the IT facilities to complete work.

## Year 7 Basketball

Last Wednesday, the Year 7 Basketball team competed in the Wirral Schools Central Venue Competition.

The competition was the first game the Year 7 team had played this year and to begin with the lack of match practice showed. The team worked very hard and played some good basketball, but were narrowly defeated in their first two matches. However, as the tournament went on the team made good improvements in both attack and defence. The third and final game was against what turned out to be the strongest team in the competition. Despite this, the SJP team played very well and at half time they were only 2 points behind. The second half was played at a very high pace with some good quality basketball. In particular Bradley Gallagher, Steven Reid and John Catamio produced some moments of outstanding skill which managed to keep the scores close for the duration of the game. Despite the marked improvement in performance, the team were again narrowly defeated against a very strong South Wirral side.

The tournament has marked the starting point for the Year 7 team and although the results did not go our way, there were still some strong signs that the team has the ability to do well.

## Inter-House Competition in PE

Inter-house competitions will be starting in PE lessons from next week and will run until the end of term. Pupils will take part in inter-house competitions for the activities which they have followed since September and these will take place during lesson time.

This is an exciting time for all pupils to become involved and work with pupils from their house groups. Pupils will take on various roles such as team captain, vice captain, fitness coach, equipment manager, scorer/fixtures communicator, positions manager and media team. These roles are additional to taking part practically in order for all pupils to take on a variety of responsibilities during the activities. Scores and points will be regularly updated and displayed on SJP LIVE and on the notice board in PE.

## Sports Council Meeting

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On Wednesday night the newly-formed Sports Council came together for their first meeting. Mr Quinn's appearance made the event extra special for our young sports stars. The agenda of the meeting ranged from discussing current initiatives and future programmes to ideas on how to drive school sport forward. The Council decided areas of development over the next few weeks which they will begin their work on. Thank you to all Council Members: your ideas were excellent and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

## Foreign Affairs



### Language Corner



#### Spanish Christmas Quiz!

**Test your Spanish Christmas Vocabulary!**

**How do you say the following words in Spanish? Choose A,B,C or D.**

**1. Merry Christmas!**

- A. ¡María Crisimasu!
- B. ¡Feliz Día del bebé Jesús!
- C. ¡Feliz Navidad!
- D. ¡Navideña felicidad!

**2. Christmas tree**

- A. la trí de Navidad
- B. la abuela de Navidad
- C. el verde grande
- D. el árbol de Navidad

**3. reindeer**

- A. los renderos
- B. los renciervos
- C. los venisevos
- D. los renos

**4. the Wise Men**

- A. los Hombres Guisos
- B. los Hombres Sabios
- C. los Reyes Magos
- D. los Reyes Tríos

**5. star**

- A. el estarro
- B. el bienestar
- C. la lucita
- D. la estrella

ANSWERS 1C, 2D,  
3D, 4C, 5D

## Puzzle Corner

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Last Week's  
Solution

9	4	6	8	1	3	7	5	2
3	1	5	2	7	4	9	8	6
2	7	8	6	5	9	1	4	3
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## Weekly Theme - Prepare the Way

It's easier to prepare things than it is to prepare people; it's easier to buy a Christmas card than to make one yourself. It's easier to spend money on gifts than to change your behaviour. Christmas today seems to be more about things than people. Christians are asked to prepare themselves for the birthday of Jesus by saying "no" to selfishness. The gift that Christians prepare to give Jesus on his birthday is the gift of their love and trust. Advent is the season of personal preparation.

### Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the desert,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.

And all mankind will see God's salvation.'



**Father in Heaven as the birthday of your Son draws near, may the greed and selfishness which blinds so many people at this time of year, not blind us to the real meaning of his coming.**

**Amen .**