



First World War Battlefields of Belgium and France



On the 25th June 2010, 27 pupils set off on our annual trip to the Battlefields of Belgium and France. The pupils study World War 1 in school and the trip brings all their learning to life in a very moving journey.

The first stop was to the "Pool of Peace" which is a water filled crater created in an explosion that was said to have been heard in London. The pupils were surprised to see the size of the pool and could only imagine the devastation that the explosion would have caused.

The journey moved onto more WW1 sites and the pupils were amazed at the trenches and tunnels that they were able to explore at Vimy Ridge.

The pupils soaked in the atmosphere of the sites of two famous battles: the Somme and

Ypres. It was very moving to see both the German and British cemeteries full of the graves of those that gave their lives fighting for their countries.

The pupils themselves were able to honour the dead in two very moving ceremonies: one at the largest British war cemetery in the world where 12000 individual graves lie next to a war memorial of 35000 soldiers whose bodies were never found and the other at the Menin Gate in Ypres. At both sites pupils were able to lay wreaths and read poetry before listening to the last post. Everybody found the trip to be a moving and interesting experience, which brought their studies to life but, more importantly, the pupils were able to empathise with the horrors of war in ways that could never be achieved in the classroom.



Rounder's News



Yr7 Rounders Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 7 rounders team who came 3rd in their group at the recent Wirral Schools Rounders Tournament. They played Wirral, Pensby, Oldershaw, Woodchurch and Wirral 'C'. The girls played very well managing to win three of their matches. Well done!

Squad: Kirsten Whitehead, Jade Cookson, Rochella Operiano, Eleanor Baxter, Jess Murphy, Caitlin Morris, Sophie Loxham, Lisa Farrimond, Katelen Ronan, Caitlin Collins and Dionne Tilston.

International 'Star' Golfer

SJP has very own International Golf Star in midst. Callum Brady (Yr12) currently holds the title of 'European Champion' after competing in the championships in Switzerland. Playing with a handicap of 1, Callum is showing just how talented he is as he goes from strength to strength. Callum has been very dedicated to his training and will shortly be flying out to San Diego (wow!) to compete in the Junior World Championships for 15-17 year olds.

We would like to congratulate Callum on his fantastic achievements and wish him luck in San Diego.

Running Championships



Congratulations to Kristian Brown (Yr9) who qualified to represent Merseyside in the English Schools' Track & Field Championships in Birmingham. Kristian completed the 100m in 11.9 secs, (which is his season best), and made an astounding jump of 5.45m in the long jump. Well done to Kristian and Good Luck in the Championships!

Business Studies get to Work

Sixth Form Business Studies Students have been studying the NatWest Bank as part of their portfolio work. Through SJP links with the company, students were invited to apply for 2 summer jobs in branches in Liverpool City Centre.

Well done to Adam Gillmore and Bethany Mclean who were offered the positions and will commence their roles on July 12th. This opportunity has provided them with a full range of experiences from applying for the role, developing interview techniques and training: valuable work experience.

We wish them well as they take up these positions!!



Science News

A big well done to pupils from across the school that have completed their science exams. All years have participated in science exams over recent weeks from end of year exams to SATS, GCSEs and A Levels. Year 9 did very well completing their first GCSE Core Science exam., good work, year 9.!

Belgium Payment Dates:

For those lucky pupils who have secured a place on the science trip to Belgium in October 2010 the payment dates are below:

Second payment of £50 was due on or before the 17th June.

Third payment of £50 will be due on or before the 10th July

Balance of £145 due on or before the 17th September.

Any problems or outstanding payments see Mr Marsh as soon as possible. Thank you.

Important Information

This year Project Week is
Thurs 8th July—Wed 14th July.

During this week the school day will
finish at 3pm.

Science Festival



On Tuesday 29th June, 10 pupils from Year 12 attended the Science Festival, hosted by Liverpool John Moores University.

The budding scientists attended various workshops and talks linked in with their science A-levels and even had a go on a flight simulator!

Some of our resident physicists attended a "Now Hear This", session which looked at the science of music and how technology has developed over time. This has allowed the creation of realistic and 'true-to-life' digital sound effects. Pupils also had hands-on experience of how a voice changer works, momentarily turning Daniel Wallace, 12OR, into Darth Vader!

"I enjoyed this session, I learnt a lot about the science and technology used in music."

Sam Tarpey, 12SB

Other pupils attended workshops on DNA processing and Stem Cell Research, looking at how scientists extract and analyse DNA. The students were able to consider the ethical debate around the use of Stem Cells to treat illness.

"The workshops were informative and raised an awareness about ethical and technological issues."

Grace Jones, 12BH

Pupils were also treated to an exclusive look at a Scanning Electron Microscope and learnt how they can be used to take incredibly detailed images of different materials as well as how they can detect the chemical elements in a cell to help us to understand the causes of disease.

A final session looked at why certain chemicals 'give off' light (luminesce) in objects such as glow-sticks and how genes from animals like fire-flies and lantern fish are helping scientists develop trees that will 'glow' at night, reducing the need for street lights. Maybe in years to come, the glowing plants seen in Avatar will be science fact, rather than science fiction!

"The Festival was very interesting, I particularly enjoyed discussing the ethics of Stem Cell Research."

Jordan Dickson, 12OR

"Overall, the day was an enjoyable experience in which I applied my scientific knowledge to everyday situations."

Rachel Lowton, 12TL

Pupils found the day very worthwhile and were exceptionally well-behaved. Congratulations to all involved! More pupils from

Library News

Once again the library has seen another very busy year, with many of our pupils regularly borrowing a wide selection of books and using the ICT facilities.

This year the library has hosted a number of events. Back in January, we commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day with a visit from Holocaust survivor, Joanna Milan, who gave our Year 9 pupils a poignant insight into her life as a survivor of the Holocaust.

In March pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 spent an enjoyable lunchtime celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters. This was followed a week later by a Book Fair which proved to be hugely successful and throughout the week our school raised **£529 in free books** for our College library.



Pupils holding some of the Free Books



Holocaust Survivor, Joanna Milan

TOP 10 MOST POPULAR BOOKS this year are:

My Sister Jodie
Cirque Du Freak
Princess Diaries
Twilight

Jacqueline Wilson
Darren Shan
Meg Cabot
Stephenie Meyer



Brigands MC
Knocked Out
Horrible Histories
Bad Beginning

Robert Muchamore
Louise Rennison
Terry Deary
Lemony Snicket

**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE
RETURNED BEFORE THE SUMMER
HOLIDAY**

Pte Douglas Niall Halliday 2.6.1990 – 23.06.2010



It was with great sadness that our College community received the news of the death in Afghanistan of one of our former students Douglas Halliday.

Doug was serving with 1 Mercian (Cheshire) Regiment when he died on the 23rd June. He was just 20 years old.

The SJP community is very proud of Doug and the service he gave to his country.

Doug is being remembered in our prayers and our College mass was offered by Fr Ned last Wednesday in his memory.

We also remember in our prayers Doug's parents, family and friends as they try to come to terms with his tragic loss.

There will be a permanent memorial to Doug to be placed in our new Peace Garden when it is completed in the new school year.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen*

We also remember in our prayers

Daniel Oxley, another former SJP student who has been seriously injured in Afghanistan. Danny and his family are also being remembered in our prayers at this time as they come to terms with his injuries. We pray that Danny will receive the best possible medical treatment and rehabilitation.

We remember all who serve in our armed forces that they will be kept safe as they serve their country.

Loving Father, protector of all who trust in you, be with all who serve in our Armed Forces and all who seek the assurance of your presence, the knowledge of your love, and the guidance of your spirit.

Give wisdom to leaders and all who take part in the decision-making process, that they may be a force for good on the earth.

Be with all doctors, nurses and medics and all who support the suffering: give them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience

Sustain the anxious and fearful, and renew them with courage.

Comfort all worried families, whose loved ones are in danger: surround them with your love, protect them from all harm.

*Loving Father, renew the face of the earth and bring your love into our hearts:
that justice may fill the Earth and all peoples rejoice in your peace. Amen*

Bishop Mark Visits SJP

On Wednesday 16th June, our College community proudly welcomed Bishop Mark Davies our new Coadjutor Bishop of Shrewsbury as he visited our College for the very first time.

Bishop Mark was ordained as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Shrewsbury at a ceremony held in St Anthony's Church, Wythenshawe, Manchester on 22nd February 2010.

Bishop Mark will assist Bishop Brian Noble, until his retirement on 1st October, when as Coadjutor, Bishop Mark will automatically succeed Bishop Brian as the 11th Bishop of the Shrewsbury Diocese.

Bishop Mark made a tour of the College and met with Staff and Students, before finishing his visit by having

lunch with students from our College Council.

We hope that this is the first of many visits that Bishop Mark will make to our College community.



Archaeology News



This week our budding archaeologists became forensic archaeologists, looking at how to study and record excavated human remains.

In this fourth session, pupils from Years 9 and 10 learnt how to record skeletons that are

sometimes discovered on archaeological sites. They were able to identify different bones in the skeleton based on their size and shape, and how to sex and age a skeleton.

Archaeologists use key features, such as the size and shape of the pelvis and skull to determine if a skeleton is male or female, while the size of bones and the eruption sequence of teeth (how many adult teeth are present) are used to work out the age of the person (or animal) when it died.

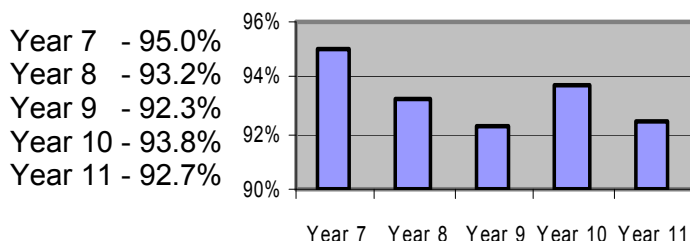
Pupils looked at some replicas of fossilised hominid skulls, kindly loaned to SJP from the Weston Discovery Centre, within World Museum Liverpool. These show the evidence that palaeo-anthropologists and scientists use to support Darwin's theory of Evolution. Although this is a very controversial topic, pupils were able to recognise common traits between the fossilised skulls and place them in date order. They then discussed whether this evidence supported the theory of evolution.

The last of the current sessions will take place on Tuesday 6th July 3:30 – 4:30, where there will be the chance to look at tools and weapons used by ancient civilizations and have a go at 'smelting' copper! If you'd like to take part, or for more details see Miss Cook Sc8.



Attendance

Attendance figures up to **02.07.2010**



Work Related Learning

Work experience with Merseyside Police

A number of students from Years 11, 12 and 13 attended an inspiring two days work placement with Merseyside Police receiving real life experience of police work.

During the 2 days they had presentations on various areas involved in police work including "What the job involves," "Forensic Science," "Drugs and Alcohol" and "Bomb Disposal".

They also had a tour of the custody suite, interview suite and radio control area (where emergency calls are dealt with) and were shown the procedure for arresting people and how a breath test is taken.



"I now know what Police go through daily and I am now thinking of joining the Police"

Lewis Clarke from Year 12

"It was a very inspirational two days and has made me more interested in joining the Police."

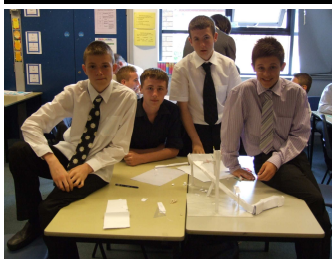
Rachel Cubbins 12 JB



Sophie Connor from 12VP really enjoyed the two days particularly the role play when she was arrested!



Enterprise



All Year 10 pupils were involved in an exciting work-related programme of activities based on the theme "Enterprise" which aims to develop employability skills. These included team building, communication, innovation and design,

marketing and presentation skills.

The activities were based around real world business scenarios lead by a team of experts from a specialist company called business dynamics.

In order to create a business-like atmosphere pupils were asked to wear business-like clothes.

Pupils really enjoyed the day and felt it developed their skills needed for employment e.g. communication skills, making decisions and how to present ideas professionally.

Language Corner

Bastille Day

Bastille day is the French National holiday that is celebrated on the 14th of July every year.

It is formally known as 'La Fête Nationale' (National celebration) and it commemorates the 1790 [Fête de la Fédération](#), held on the first anniversary of the [storming of the Bastille](#) on 14 July 1789.

Festivities are held on the morning of 14 July, on the [Champs-Élysées](#) avenue in [Paris](#).

It starts with a huge parade and the President also holds a [garden party](#) at the [Palais de l'Élysée](#)! There are lots of fireworks and celebrations.



Do you know of any other traditional French festivals?

Puzzle Corner

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Solution for last week

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Weekly Theme - Commitment

As the time approached for him to be taken up to Heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:51-62

Making a commitment to do something, or making a commitment to someone (for example, when we get married), can be a really difficult thing to do because in order to be committed to someone we have to place all our faith and all of our trust in them, believing that they will never let us down. But sometimes people can let us down and then we can be hurt and sometimes it makes us feel that we can never trust anybody again.

Jesus asks each one of us for such a commitment to him and asks us to place our faith and our trust in him. The good thing about Jesus is that he will never let us down. If we can learn to trust Jesus, then perhaps that will help us to learn once again that we can place our trust in people as well.

