



Welcome Back

We are once again celebrating record breaking results at SJP, and congratulate our students as they move on in their careers. We are however very pleased to have more of our year 11 students than ever choosing to stay at SJP and move into the 6th form. This together with such a large year 7 intake means that the SJP family is growing faster than ever.

We are very proud that so many of you want to come to SJP and be a part of the exciting things that happen here. We want you to enjoy your time here make new friends and have opportuni-



ties for many new experiences. When Ofsted visited our school they told us we are a school in which extraordinary things happen but we have always believed that this is because we are a school filled with extraordinary people. Our students encourage, help and support each other in the most extraordinary way. We do want you to work hard so

that we achieve another year of record breaking results but we also want you to remember the words of Oscar Romero, one of our school patrons;

'ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE MORE BUT TO BE MORE'

This year we have had this quote placed at the entrance to the school so that each time we enter the building we can remind ourselves that while achievement is very important it is how we use our achievements that make us the person we want to be.

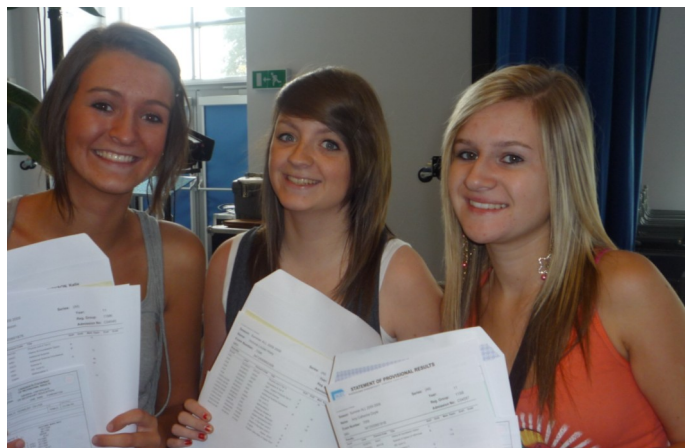
Tom Quinn
Headteacher

GCSE Record Results Again!



Congratulations to our GCSE class of 2009!

Once again SJP students have produced outstanding results with an 85% 5+ A*-C GCSE pass rate and a 7% increase (to 54%) in the number of students achieving 5+ A*-C including English and Maths.



14 of the best!!



Well done to 14 of our students who gained a total of 138 A and A* grades;

Ashwin Ajay
Hannah Caldwell
Sarah Carpenter
Andrew Crawford
Thomas Critchley
Jordan Dickson
Katie Dickson

Stephen Drinkwater
Victoria Hoey
Grace Johnson
Rachel Lowton
Samuel Tarpey
Faye Trippett
Kevin Yates

An outstanding achievement!

Year 11 Parents Evening

Reminder to year 11 Parents / Carers.
This Thursday 17th September, is Year 11 Parents evening 6.30 till 8.30. Your child has made appointments with their subject teachers to discuss their progress in year 10, review and set their G.C.S.E targets for year 11. Further information is available from their teachers regarding coursework content, deadlines, and the structure of what will be studied this year. This is an excellent opportunity to support your child in what is fundamentally their most important year of their education to date. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening and thank you in anticipation of your continued support in year 11.

Celebrating 'A' level success

Well done to all our A level students who are successfully moving on in their careers.

Sophie Mitchell gained grade A in English Literature, Textiles and Art. Once again Sophie managed to score the highest marks nationally this time in both art and textiles. Sophie is now going on to study an Art foundation course.



Matthew Stott who gained a grade A in Biology, English Literature and Psychology. He is now going to Bath University to study Psychology.

Stephen Bilko Gained grade A in Chemistry, Biology, Psychology and English Literature. He is going to Sheffield University to study Chemistry.



Congratulations also go to Patricia Simmonds with grade A's in English Literature, Theology and Psychology and a B in Mathematics. She goes on to study Psychology at Sheffield University. While Abbie Randles goes on to Drama School having achieved A's in Theatre Studies, Psychology and English Literature

Well done to them all

Do you like doing
science experiments?



Then
join us in...

Do you want to
try something
new?

Science Club

For years 7 and 8
Every Wednesday
3:30 in Sc3



See Miss Smith for details

Beginning term on a high note



SJP BRASS was asked to provide the music for this years Merchant Navy Day at The Pier Head in Liverpool on Sunday 6th September.

The band played a musical item, 'The Great Escape' then three buglers sounded the Last Post for the laying of the wreaths. This was followed by the hymn 'Eternal Father Strong to Save' and the 'National Anthem.' After the Benediction, the band finished the service with the tune 'The Longest Day'

The standard of playing was of the highest and Mayors, Dignitaries and Officials approached the band afterwards with their congratulations and very high praise.

WELL DONE SJP BRASS!

Schools Building Fund

'Helping your Child'

Attached to this week's SJP News is a letter from the Bishop of Shrewsbury inviting all parents to contribute to the 'Schools Building Fund'. Catholic Schools have to find 10% of the costs involved in building and maintenance works. As a result the Fund was introduced by the Diocese as a means of inviting parents to make an annual donation to help with the costs.

If you wish to make a donation you may do so either by completing Standing Order Form A or by sending Direct Donations Form B and your contribution in an envelope direct to the College.

Forms are attached to this Newsletter.

Your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Road Safety Drama



**On Tuesday
6th October
2009 at
9.30am,** the Road Safety Department are putting on a play for year 7. This play was a success last year

with the present year 8. It is an excellent court room drama about young people not taking care when walking across roads and the consequences of the accidents that can occur.

Foreign Affairs!!

5 facts you might not know about Spain!



Spanish is not the only language spoken. There are at least 4 other major languages spoken plus other variations and dialects. Do you know any of them?

In Spain, everyone has two surnames!! The first is your father's first surname and the second is your mother's first surname. What would your name be?

On the last Wednesday of August every year people gather in a town called Buñol near Valencia for a huge tomato fight in which over 100 tons of over-ripe tomatoes are thrown!!

Madrid, Spain's capital city, is located in the exact centre of the country.

Mayonnaise is said to have been invented in Mahon in Menorca in 1756.

Confirmations

St Josephs parish began their confirmation programme last Wednesday 9th September 2009.

If you are from St Josephs Parish or came from St Josephs primary school and want to be confirmed please see the Chaplain.

Year 7 Family Mass

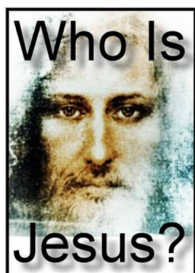
Year 7 Family Mass

29th September 2009
2.00pm
College Hall

A celebration to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families
All Year 7 parents are welcome

Puzzle Corner

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Theme for the Week: 'WHO IS JESUS'

Our college is a Christian community. We believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ (the Messiah) specially sent by God. Jesus speaks with God's authority: when Jesus says to us "Love one another", it's God himself who really speaks to us. At the centre of our college community are the gospel values of Jesus. We can become more Christian, more "Christ like" as a community, if we live our lives and treat each other the way in which Jesus would like us to.