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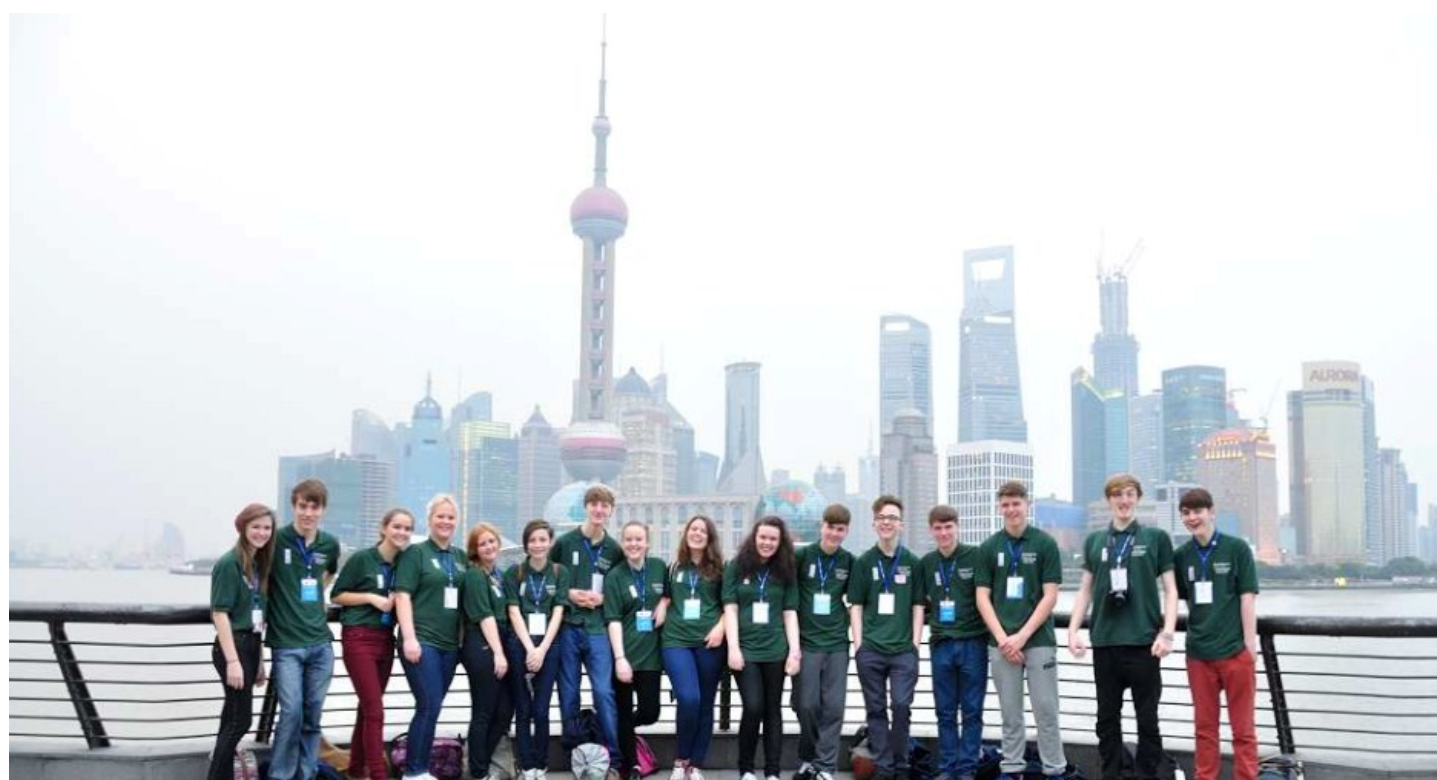
# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back From China



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## China

On the 3rd November, 16 students arrived back at SJP after what could only be described as a trip of a lifetime. After a 12 day trip to China they were met by their parents and families who welcomed them home.

While in China, students visited Shanghai and studied in East China University, one of the top institutions in the country. While in Shanghai, they had the opportunity to visit the sights of the city including the distinctive Oriental Pearl Tower. The students studied hard and all successfully passed Level 1 introduction to Mandarin.

The second leg of the journey brought the group to Beijing where they stayed in luxurious Xiyuan Hotel. They participated in the closing ceremony in which their efforts were celebrated and rewards presented. Also in Beijing they filled their days with sightseeing, taking in the sights such of the Great Wall and the Summer Palace as well as practising their newly acquired language skills whilst shopping and eating in the local restaurants.

For the full story of this amazing trip and for lots more photos please follow the links on our website:



SJP Website



## Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime (12.40-1.15)	<b>Production meeting</b>	<b>Woodwind Group Year 8&amp;9 singers Music Tech Clinic Spotlight Seniors</b>	<b>Brass Band SJP soul choir Year 7 Drama Club Spotlight Juniors Music Tech Clinic</b>	<b>Guitar Group Year 8 Drama club Spotlight Sixth Form Music Tech Clinic</b>	<b>String Group Year 7 Choir Drama BTEC Music Tech Clinic</b>
After school (3.30-4.45)		<b>Special Event Rehearsals</b>	<b>Year 7 Guitar club</b>	<b>Music GCSE Drama BTEC D of E Guitars LAMDA prep</b>	<b>Spotlight Boys Staff Choir</b>

### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 20th November 2012  
in the College Staff Room.  
All are welcome.

## Work Experience

Year 12 Work Experience 17th to 21st June 2013

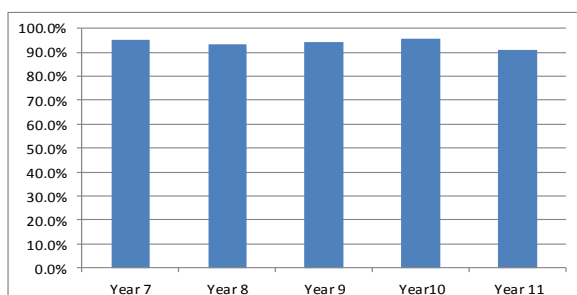
A reminder to all Year 12 students their completed self placement forms need to be brought back into College by Friday 30th November at the latest.

If they require any help or support in finding a placement please see Mrs McMahon who has a number of placements already arranged.

## Coming Up

- Year 8 Enterprise Day: 9th November
- Philosophy Student Conference: 14th November
- Review Day Year 7 & Year 10: 16th November
- Year 12 Parents Evening : 22nd November  
4.30pm - 7.00pm
- Year 7 Enterprise Day: 23rd November

## Attendance



**Year 7 - 95.0% Year 8 - 93.5% Year 9 - 94.4%**  
**Year 10 - 95.5% Year 11 - 91.0%**

## Literacy Corner

### Word Weave Challenge

Your challenge this week is to learn, and include, the following words into your written work. They must be appropriately used.

**Plausible** – (adjective) meaning realistic, likely to be true.

eg. That is a **plausible** excuse.

**2. Invariably** – (adverb) meaning always; without exception.

eg. I **invariably** have breakfast each day.

**Collaborate** – (verb) meaning to work together on a job.

eg. We **collaborated** well in the task set by our teacher.

This will help widen your vocabulary range. Show me your words, in your work and WIN a prize! See Mrs Connolly.

## Language Corner

### French fact of the fortnight

**The top 9 most visited tourist attractions in France are all in Paris but what are the top 3 tourist attractions?**

Which is the correct answer A,B,C or D

- A) 1. Parc Astérix  
2. Disneyland  
3. The Louvre museum
- B) 1. Disneyland  
2. The Louvre museum  
3. The Eiffel Tower
- C) 1. The Eiffel Tower  
2. Disneyland  
3. The Louvre museum
- D) 1. The Louvre museum  
2. The Eiffel Tower  
3. Disneyland

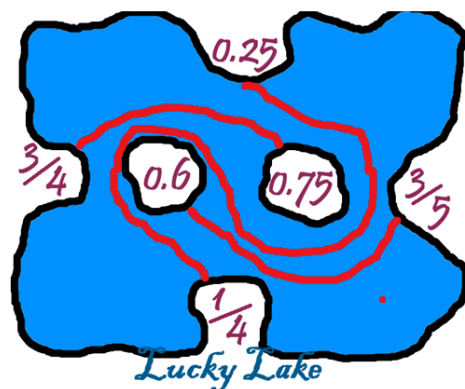


## Maths Corner

Can you make this statement true by adding just one small line?

$$10\ 10\ 10 = 9:50$$

**Solution for last week**



The first 5 correct entries to Madame Smart in MFL 5 will receive a house point.

## Weekly Theme - 'Loving With All Your Heart'

Sometimes we love 'things' more than we love the people around us. We can get so obsessed with having the latest high-tech gadget, or making ourselves look good, that we forget the things that are really important in life

### Mark 12:28-34

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

"Well said teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had

answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

### Almighty God and Father

**Increase our faith, hope and love.**

**Help us to grown in love and show real concern and care for all those we live and work with.**

**Amen**

