



## Year 7 Welcome Mass

On Friday our students from Year 7 gathered in the College Hall with their families and Form Tutors to celebrate their Mass of Welcome together. The Mass marked the official start of their journey as members of the SJP College family. Mass was celebrated by Fr David Roberts, the new parish priest from Christ the King in Bromborough, it was a welcome return for Fr David who was Chaplain here at the College 17 years ago. The theme of the Mass was "Carrying the Flame"; Gerard, our College Chaplain, reminded the students that just as the Olympic flame was carried to all the parts of our country to announce the arrival of the games, so they, as members of our Catholic community, should carry the light of Christ in our world today. Students from each of the form groups helped prepare and present liturgies for Mass and our new Year 7 Choir sang while we received Holy Communion. At the end of mass, candles were presented to each of the Form Tutors to light during the daily acts of worship held during Academic Review as a reminder that they are called to be the light of Christ to others.

Thank you Year 7 for all your hard work in preparing for our celebration of mass, it was a truly wonderful occasion.



## Comments from Open Evening

'Fantastic. Very impressive. Children so polite and well-mannered'  
'Very impressive school with a lovely ethos. Students who took us round were a credit to the school'

## China Expedition



Our China blog for 2012 is now active. Good luck to the lucky 16 from Year 10 and 12 who are off to Beijing and Shanghai next week. You can follow their adventures on our blog - just follow the links on the SJP website or go directly to: <http://www.stjohnplessington.com/blog/?pid=463&nid=7>



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## Healthy Lifestyles

Year 7 took part in several workshops looking at different aspects of health and wellbeing. Some of the highlights are listed below:

Andy O'Rourke talked to the students about anti-social behaviour and the law relating to it. Andy discussed with the students how to keep safe when out with their friends and avoid difficult situations.

The Road Safety Team talked to the students about using the road and public transport, especially in relation to making their own way to secondary school.

Ms Walker spoke to the students about making the right choices when eating, and looking at healthy diets. Jacqui Kearney from the NHS went through the online counselling service for young people called KOOTH. She also looked at how students can keep themselves safe online.

## CAFOD Harvest Fast Day



Jesus told us that when we help other people we are really helping him.

On Friday this week we will be celebrating **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**, a day when we remember how blessed we are that in our country we have more than enough food to eat, unlike the many millions of people in our world who go hungry each day.

On Friday we are asking our pupils to give up something and to donate the money they would have spent to CAFOD. We will be selling soup and a roll for 50p in the canteen; it will be quite a hard thing to do, but we are encouraging our pupils and members of staff to give up their lunchtime meal on Friday and to just have a cup of soup and a roll. Not only will they be donating money to help CAFOD, but they will also be showing solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who have to go hungry every day.



We are also asking the members of our College family to go the extra mile this week as well by helping other people.

We will be collecting tins of food during Form Time this week. Everything that we collect will be given to the Wirral Food Bank an organisation which support families in our town who are struggling to make ends meet.

You may like to look at the Wirral Food Bank web site for further information.

Together let's try and make Friday a really special and successful day.



## Rugby News



### Year 8 Rugby

On Tuesday the Year 8 Rugby Team competed in the Merseyside RFU Emerging Schools Competition at Childwall Sports College in Liverpool. The team went in to the competition as 'unbeaten Wirral champions'. There were 15 schools competing from around the Merseyside area split in to three groups. The Year 8 team won 3 and drew one game and went into the semi-final as group leaders. They played Childwall and won convincingly 3 tries to nil with all tries coming from Callum Robinson who was 'Player of the Tournament'. The final was against St. Cuthbert's. The boys played exceptionally well but unfortunately lost 1 try to nil. The Year 8 Rugby Team will go to the North West Finals at Preston Grasshoppers in November as Merseyside representatives. The whole team were outstanding with great performances from Callum Robinson and John Adediran who were a threat both in attack and defence. Good luck in Preston.

### Year 9 Rugby

On Wednesday night, the Year 9 Rugby Team played Mosslands in a friendly match at home. Mosslands started the stronger, scoring 3 tries. The boys were very determined to turn it around and scored 2 unanswered tries through Callum Robinson and Oscar Senior. But the clock was against them and they lost 17:10. The players should be really proud of themselves and be confident going into the next game.

## Literacy Corner

### Homophone Horror!

Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelt differently.

In this piece, all the homophones are **INCORRECT!**

Can YOU correct them all?

There are 23 to find!

Eye maid my weigh down the rode. Suddenly, I sore a white hoarse.

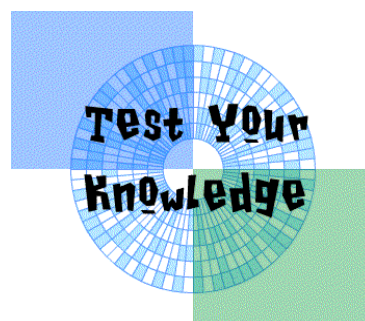
"Ware are ewe off two?" aye asked.

"Too sea the see and watch the son go down."

"Isle come with yew," I said.

Sew, I court him and wee road together, while the wind blue in hour hare.

Give your corrected version to Mrs Connolly!



## Coming Up

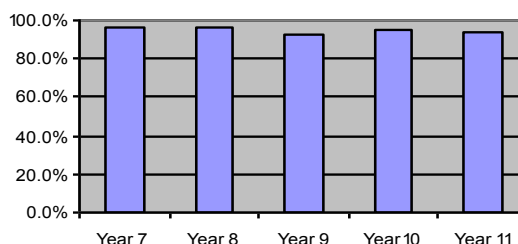
New York Trip: 21st - 25th October

China Expedition: 22nd October - 4th November

Year 11 & 12 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge: 6th November

Year 8 Enterprise Day: 9th November

## Attendance - 08/10/12 - 12/10/12



Year 7 - 95.7% Year 8 - 96.5% Year 9 - 93.2%

Year 10 - 95.6% Year 11 - 93.3%

## Language Corner

### French fact of the fortnight



The highest mountain in Europe is found in France and is 4,807m high.

Your challenge:

Q1: Can you name that mountain?

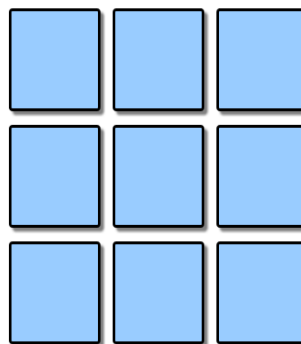
Q2: How would its name translate into English?

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

## Maths Corner

### Unmagic Square

Arrange the numbers into the squares so that the total of each row, column and diagonal are all different.



### Solution for last week

Answers: A) 49 B) 72 C) 29

## Weekly Theme - 'The Word of God'

### Hebrews 4:12-13

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

So how do we know how God wants us to live? How do we hear God speaking to us today? Do you know which book beats all records for the number of copies sold and the number of languages that it has been translated into? The answer to these questions is the Bible, it is the most widely read book in the world appearing in over 1500 different languages.

For the millions of people in our world who read the Bible and live their lives by it, the Bible is the

word of God speaking to them in the time in which we live.

**Father, the hand of your loving kindness powerfully but gently guides all the moments of our day.**

**Give us the gift of that same loving kindness that we may treat everyone with love and respect, today and everyday.**

**Amen**

