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NEWSLETTER

Please note, the College will be closed Monday 1st May 2017 - Pupils return to College on Tuesday 2nd May 8.35am.



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Coming Up

This Week - W/C 24.4.2017 (Week 1)

Apr 25 Healthy Lifestyles Day, 9 Alpha

Apr 25 GCSE Art Exam
SJP Dance Show 6.30pm

Apr 26 GCSE Art Exam
UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

Apr 27 Core Biology / Physics ISAs

Next Week - W/C 1.5.2017 (Week 2)

Apr 01 May Day Bank Holiday - College Closed

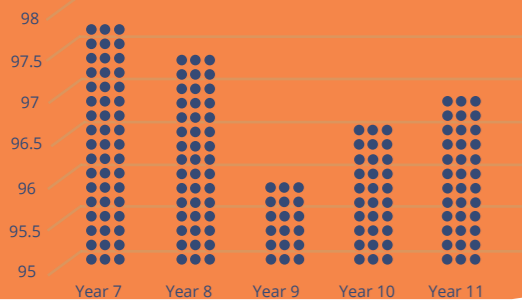
Apr 02 BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment
PSHE P3

Apr 03 BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment
Level 3 BTEC Business External Assessment

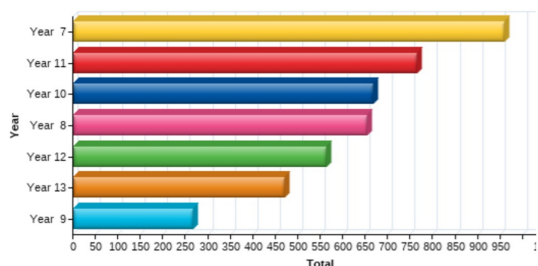
Apr 04 BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment
Year 12 Performing Arts Written Exam P1 and P2

Apr 05 BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment

ATTENDANCE 18.04.17 - 21.04.17



VIVO REWARDS St John Plessington Catholic College



Music Trip to Liverpool

On Thursday 16th March a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils went to watch the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra perform their annual schools' concert. This year the concert was entitled Musical Revolutions, and the programme was made up of pieces written by composers who changed the world in one way or another. From Bach's Toccata in D to Cage's experimental 4:33, the audience were entertained and engaged by the talented musicians under the direction of conductor Michael Seal.

A highlight for most of the pupils was the brand new imagining of When I'm 64 by Paul McCartney. This Beatles classic was reimagined for the orchestra's percussion section and sounded as good today as when it was originally released 50 years ago.



RAF STEM Day

Before the Easter break a group of students attended a STEM day run by the cyber security department at Chester University in conjunction with the RAF. During the day the Year 9s helped crack code, accessed secret message boards and diffused bombs in order to prevent an imminent attack based on information intercepted by the cyber security team. Students worked fantastically as a team to foil the operation with the organisers making special mention of their team work! Later in the day we had the opportunity to build, programme and fly model airships. Students rose to this challenge and managed to achieve the correct buoyancy so that their airships did not sink or fly away (we also improved our "retrieving helium balloons from the ceiling" skills enormously). A great time was had by all.



Literacy Corner

BOGGLE BONANZA!

Boggle requires you to look at the letters provided in the grid.

E	L	P	W
D	H	N	G
Y	A	S	I
T	O	I	C

Your challenge is to create as many words as you can out of the letters provided. You can pick the letters in any order, but you may only use the letter ONCE in each word.

The person who finds the longest word wins a prize! See Mrs Connolly with your answers.

WEEKLY THEME "DOUBT"



John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

There are times that we have doubts in our faith. The Gospel tells the story of someone who doubted Jesus, the story of doubting Thomas. It is understandable that Thomas had doubts after all he was only human. I am sure that he doubted Peter and the others who had said that they had seen Jesus. These are the same people who only a few months earlier were squabbling with each other over who would be the most powerful in the Kingdom of God. Jesus had told them that they would be tested, but with the exception of John, they had all deserted Jesus, including Thomas, who once had said, "Let's go with him to Jerusalem and die with him." The fact the Thomas was nowhere to be found at the crucifixion must have left him with some pretty negative feelings about himself. And what was probably most devastating to Thomas is that for the first time he questioned his belief in Jesus. So Thomas was vocal in his doubts. He doubted the other disciples. He doubted himself. And he doubted Jesus. This obviously changed when he saw Jesus. Pictures will often show Thomas putting his hands in the marks of the nails on Jesus' hands and touching the Lord's side, but actually Jesus only invites Thomas to do this. Thomas' response to Jesus was, "My Lord and My God." Jesus' next comment was meant for us, "You believe because you have seen. Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe."

Prayer

Heavenly Father, God of mercy, we do not look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive. Increase our faith that we may believe without looking for evidence. May our faith and Trust grow everyday. Amen

SIXTH FORM SUPPORT SESSIONS

YEAR 12

After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Media	Geography	Geography	Geography
	Physics	Maths	Chemistry	P.E (unit 1 & 2)
	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	DT*
	ICT BTEC	ICT BTEC	ICT BTEC	Maths
	Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies	Music*
	Music	Biology	Psychology	
	Sociology		English	
	Art		Applied Science	
	DT		DT	
	Ethics		Art	
	Geography		History	
			Further Maths	
			Art	

*By appointment

Lunch Time

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE				
Performing Arts (Drop in Session)				

YEAR 13

After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Eng Comb	Biology	Art	PE
	Eng Lit	Spanish	Chemistry	Philosophy & Ethics
	Physics	Maths	Applied Science	Health and Social
	Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies	
	ICT	ICT	ICT	
	Art		Sociology	
	Geography /WD		History	
	Psychology	Geography/WD	Geography/WD	Geography/WD
	DT PD/Textiles	DT PD/Textiles	DT PD/Textiles	DT PD/Textiles by app
	Perf Arts		Health & Social	
			Further Maths (x2 pupils)	

Lunch Time

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PE				
Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts