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# NEWSLETTER



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## Coming Up

### This Week - W/C 1.4.2017 (Week 2)

May 01 May Day Bank Holiday - College Closed

May 02 BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment PSHE P3

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

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

May 05 BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment

### Next Week - W/C 8.5.2017 (Week 1)

May 08 BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment Year 12 Performing Arts Written Exam P1 and P2

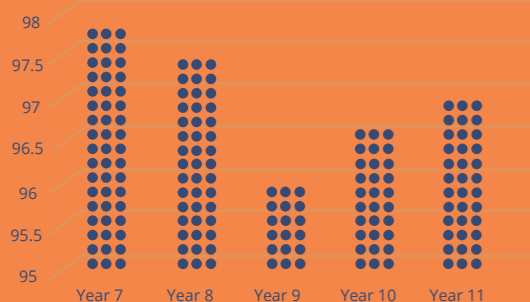
May 09 BTEC Level 3 Sport - Unit 2 Healthy Lifestyles Day, 9 Beta Theatre Workshop at SJP

May 10 Trip to University of Liverpool Computer Science Department

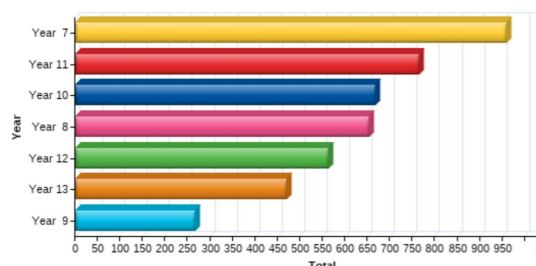
May 11 Core Biology / Physics ISAs

## ATTENDANCE

24.04.17 - 28.04.17



**VIVO REWARDS**  
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## Abbie's Taekwondo Achievements

A huge well done to Abbie Hughes who was recently graded in front of World Master Peros 8th Degree Black Belt to gain her 3rd Black Belt star. Abbie gained her black belt 3 years ago and grades for a star each year in preparation for her 2nd degree Black Belt. It is brilliant news that we can announce that Abbie was successful in this grading. Abbie is shown in the picture below being awarded with her grade. Well done.



## May the Month of Mary

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

### May Devotions

This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Mary feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### The May Crowning

Perhaps the most well-known of the May Marian devotions is the crowning of a statue of Mary with flowers. This became particularly popular in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with a procession of school-age boys and girls dressed in their finery, following the statue in a procession.

In this ceremony, the statue is decorated at its base with flowers and one of the girls would be chosen to crown Mary with flowers. The nineteenth century hymn 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest' is a traditional accompaniment to this ceremony. Its lyrics, 'O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,' sum up what the celebrations are all about.

This practice is echoed on a smaller scale throughout the Catholic world with families decorating a statue or picture of the Virgin Mary in their own homes.

### Marian Shrines

Shrines dedicated to Mary such as Lourdes in France also receive particular attention during this special month and, again, are decorated with flowers. Pilgrims sometimes undertake a journey to reach a particular shrine, praying the rosary along the way. The lady chapel of a church or cathedral is often also decorated with flowers during May.

Devotions to Mary are sometimes questioned by people who misunderstand Catholic devotion to Mary the Mother of worshipped in the way that Catholics worship God. She is honoured as the mother of Jesus who said "Yes" to God.

## Bright Ideas

Well Done to Jessica Toner and Anya Cliff for entering Sustain-a-city into the Bright Ideas Challenge.

These girls showed excellent team work and resilience to produce a model city and a video presentation explaining aspects of the city. This has now been submitted to a panel of judges and we are waiting to see if they have been successful.

The pupils are now preparing their project for presentation in the Big Bang Fair North West in July.

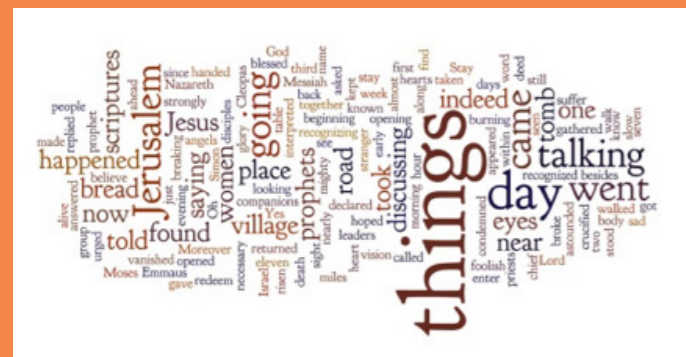
Good luck to you both!

## STEM Clubs

Bright Ideas Challenge - Tuesday after school Sc2  
Forensics Club - Wednesday after school Sc8  
STEM Club - Wednesday after school Sc2



## WEEKLY THEME “TELLING OUR STORY”



## Luke 24:13-35

That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a town named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking about everything that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and began walking with them, but they were kept from recognising him. Then he said, "What are these things you are talking about while you walk?"

The two followers stopped, looking very sad. The one named Cleopas answered, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know what just happened there?"

Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about?"

They said, "About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet who said and did many powerful things before God and all the people. Our leaders and the leading priests handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. But we were hoping that he would free Israel. Besides this, it is now the third day since this happened. And today some women among us amazed us. Early this morning they went to the tomb, but they did not find his body there. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive! So some of our group went to the tomb, too. They found it just as the women said, but they did not see Jesus." Then Jesus said to them, "You are foolish and slow to believe everything the prophets said. They said that the Christ must suffer these things before he enters his glory." Then starting with what Moses and all the prophets had said about him, Jesus began to explain everything that had been written about himself in the Scriptures.

They came near the town of Emmaus, and Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they begged him, "Stay with us, because it is late; it is almost night." So he went in to stay with them.

When Jesus was at the table with them, he took some bread, gave thanks, divided it, and gave it to them .And then, they were allowed to recognize Jesus. But when they saw who he was, he disappeared. They said to each other, "It felt like a fire burning in us when Jesus talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us."

So the two followers got up at once and went back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven apostles and others gathered. They were saying, "The Lord really has risen from the dead! He showed himself to Simon."

Then the two followers told what had happened on the road and how they recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

The story of the road to Emmaus is a familiar one. Jesus accompanies the disciples on their journey, even though they don't recognise him. He guides them and teaches them and helps them to understand all that has happened.

He sits and he shares a meal with them and only at this point do they recognise who they have been with. Their eyes were opened and they recognised him.

How often do we go through life with our eyes closed?

It is not always easy to recognise God's presence in our lives. But God is there in all those who walk alongside us. The people who have brought us a light in the darkest times, those who have strengthened our faith by their presence.

But God is also present in all those we reach out to. So let us think today about how we can walk alongside others on their journey, and open our eyes to recognise the hungry body of Christ in our midst.

Christ Jesus, open our hearts to the wonder of  
your presence in our lives. Open our eyes to  
recognise you in each person and to walk  
alongside those among us in need.  
**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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE				
Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts