



# Plessington Catholic Technology College

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Week Commencing 6 February 2006 -  
Learning Programmes Unit 3/5

## Theme for the Week – Wisdom

Lord, give me the courage to change the things I can, the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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## CAFOD DONATIONS

Miss Lee and 10EA would like to say "thank you" to Year 10 for their generous donations of money over the recent months. 10EA, during an assembly, challenged Year 10 to donate their spare change, which would then be sent to CAFOD. Although we didn't reach the original target in mind, Year 10 raised nearly £100. 10EA have brought the following on behalf of the year:

2 latrines (simple toilets)  
2 school starter kits  
1 gift of a clean water source and  
6 chickens for a family

Thanks again.... You have made a real difference!!!

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## AUDITIONS

Pupils in Year 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form are invited to audition for a production of "**The Crucible**". The production will be staged in the Summer Term. Students need not have any experience, but will be expected to attend rehearsals regularly. The auditions will take place on Thursday at 3.30 p.m. in the Drama Studio. Students who are interested in doing backstage work (like set building or costume design) should give their names to Mr Owen, Miss Boast or Mr McGuire. This is a final opportunity for all pupils to get involved in the biggest production yet!

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## SIXTH FORM PARENTS EVENING

Sixth Form Parents Evening is on Thursday  
16 February 2006 4.30 – 7.00 p.m.

# Plessington News

## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to all parents and students who attended Sixth Form Open Evening last Thursday, 26 January 2006. A "full house" heard the exciting news for next year's Sixth Form, with the introduction of more state of the art facilities for Plessington Sixth Form students.

Departments reported that the evening was very busy, with many detailed and analytic questions being asked, and decisions being based upon sound judgement. Students also made further use of Careerscape, our state of the art careers education package to access important information. Questions related to careers in Veterinary surgeons, Dentistry, Television and Media and Teaching being very prominent.

If you require any further information regarding sixth form please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McMahon, Head of Sixth Form at school. A reminder that applications should be in to school by **17 February 2006**.

Thank you.

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## BISHOP BRIAN'S LENTEN TALKS

We are delighted to be hosting one of Bishop Brian's five Lenten Talks. This will be held at the school on **Thursday 9 March at 7.30 p.m.** Invitation to attend the talk will be issued in all parishes of the Diocese and the evening will be open to all parents, pupils, parishioners and clergy. Details will be advised nearer the time.

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## YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

At this crucial information evening, scheduled for 7.00 p.m. on 9 February 2006, we will be providing details of the curriculum to be offered to pupils beginning Year 10 in September 2006. Information will be available on both compulsory and optional subjects. Heads of Department will be present during the evening and will talk about the courses on offer, some of which will be new to pupils currently in Year 9. Please make every effort to attend this information evening, which will be a big help in making important choices about the future.

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Visit our new e-learning portal – <http://www.samlearning.com>

**RAILWAY MAINTENANCE WORK NOTICE**

Starting Wednesday 1 February the subway at Bebington Station will be closed for 8 weeks.

If you use the train please allow extra time for your journey to and from school.

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**“HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD” SERIES**

This week parents of Year 9 will receive a special attachment. Can I please ask parents of Year 9 students to check with your child that the homework in the attached schedule has been done. Next week we will focus on Year 8.

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**SCIENCE (YEAR 10)**

Congratulations to Daniel Clark and Patricia Simmons who gained A\* in their Science modules.

Next examination 8 March 2006 at 9.00 a.m.

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**NUMERACY BRAINTEASER**

A teacher collects £56 for theatre tickets. Tickets cost £5 for the stalls and £7 for the balcony. The teacher has sold some £5 and some £7 tickets. How many of each type of ticket has been sold?

*Give your answer slip to Miss Hodges in Room B12 by Friday 10 February  
All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for W H Smiths*

*Last week's solution:  
6 weeks*

*Last week's winner: Michael Leslie – 10MC*

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**RE: YEAR 11 SUPPORT CLASSES / REVISION SESSIONS**

With only 11 weeks remaining until the first exams begin, departments are now offering a comprehensive support plan to assist your child for success in their exams.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend those extra classes as research shows that increasing percentage of study time greatly increases success rates in external exams.

Each Tuesday night after half term 1 hour GCSE revision classes to be held. A detailed revision programme will be given to each pupil in R.E. lessons.

**French**

Mrs Roberts – every Friday lunchtime pupils are invited to spend some time with their French teacher. There will be a revision day during Easter holidays.

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SCHOOL MENU: Please see our new menu for next week.

WEEK 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Pasta Dish</b>	Sweet Chilli Chicken	Spaghetti Bolognese	Ham in Cheese Sauce	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Creamy Tomato & Smoked Bacon
<b>Rice Dish</b>	Chicken Tikka	Sweet & Sour Pork	Chilli Beef	Chicken Korma	Chef's Special
<b>Main Course</b>	Toad in the Hole	Beef Bourguignon	Roast Lamb Dinner	Spiced Chicken Legs	Battered Fish
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	Roast Veg and Yorkshire Pud	Spanish Omelette	Roast Nut Loaf Dinner	Veggie Noodles	
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	Pizza	Burger	Pizza	Burger	Pizza
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**English**

Mr Pearson – every Thursday 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. Pass Club is running to support pupils with coursework / exam technique. HOD and other staff present.

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**Resistant Materials**

Mr Shillinglaw A9 Lunchtime Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
After school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Mr Dolan A10 Tuesday after school

Mrs Thomson A29 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunch

**Graphics**

Mr Kennedy A10 Week 1 – Tuesday and Friday lunch / Friday after school  
Week 2 – All lunchtimes

Mrs Thomson A29 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunch

**Textiles**

Mrs Hancock Tuesday and Friday lunch

Mrs Hine

**Food**

Mrs Tyrrell Tuesday and Wednesday after school  
Ms McAllister Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunch  
Miss Kilfeather Monday and Tuesday lunch

**History**

Revision sessions every Wednesday afternoon for the entire cohort (3.30 – 4.30 p.m.) – Mr Brankin

GCSE Skills Sessions for cause for concern pupils on a Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime – Mr Brankin.

Miss A Hill to be available every Thursday at lunch time and after school for help with skills / difficulties relating to exercises / the GCSE Revision booklet.

**Leisure & Tourism / Health & Social Care**

Extra lessons at lunchtimes and on Wednesday nights in B31 with P Ford / A Dawson / T Lawson / A Coleman / J Roberts.

**Maths**

Individual teachers are doing lessons, not all in Maths

These are on a Thursday evening (sets 2 and 3 at the moment).

**Drama**

The year 11 have a slot on Mondays and/or Tuesdays in A22 for extra help. It is not compulsory but it is targeted at those in the Drama group who need extra or G & T help with their Drama work. 3.30 p.m. onwards. I identify these individuals and work with them according to their individual needs.

**ICT**

Every lunchtime and after school Monday to Thursday

**Geography**

Revision class every night after Easter.

**Business Studies**

Tuesday lunchtimes with Mrs Penny initially focusing on revising Year 10 work.

**Music**

Monday lunchtime and Wednesday after school.