



# Plessington Catholic Technology College

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## Plessington News

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

### Theme for the Week – TIME

Lord, in my busy days, remind me, too, of my basic human need for personal time and quiet and space, and lead me to respect the personal need and that others have.

Amen  
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### SCHOOL SPORT

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us this week in ensuring your son/daughter has their correct PE kit. If any parents have problems relating to PE kit, which is school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact me.

BOYS	Girls
Black T Shirt (school logo)	White Polo Shirt (school logo)
Black Shorts (school logo)	Plain Navy Shorts
Black Tracksuit pants (plain)	White Socks
Yellow Football Shirt (school logo) or Yellow Rugby Shirt	Navy Sweatshirt (school logo or plain)
Black Socks	Navy Tracksuit bottoms (plain)
Trainers	Trainers
Boots	No zips or hooded tops please
Shin Pads	

Rugby shirts available at school. All other kit on sale in the market, Birkenhead.

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### GIRLS PE

The Year 10 Netball Team entered the Wirral Tournament last Saturday. They played extremely well but unfortunately did not make it through to the semi-finals as competition was of a very high standard. Well done to all of the girls who turned up to represent the school on a very cold Saturday morning.

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### X-COUNTRY

Well done to Daniel James, Megan Gallagher, Victoria Hoey, Christopher Kane and David Brockway who competed in the Merseyside X-Country Championships. They had all been selected to run for Wirral from previous trials. Congratulations to them.

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### “HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD” SERIES

This week parents of Year 8 will receive a special attachment. Can I please ask parents of Year 8 students to check with your child that the homework in the attached schedule had been done. Next week we will focus on Year 7.  
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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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### BASKETBALL CONGRATULATIONS

It has been a really positive week in school with the start of this year's interform competition. The boys have been involved with football, the girls hockey. The following forms have won their group and go through to the Year final.

7AB –Hockey Winners	7JA – Football Winners
8AL –Hockey Winners	8MW – Football Winners
9MW –Hockey Winners	8AB – Football Winners
	9JA – Football Winners

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### BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Year 8 who have qualified for the final of the Wirral Cup. The team progressed from the group stage probably not at their best, but had wins over both St Anselms and South Wirral. They now play Wirral Grammar School in the final. The date is to be confirmed.

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### RUGBY

The Rugby teams continue to improve. Year 8 found Bebington high too strong last night. But Year 7 had an impressive win scoring a number of tries. All players must attend training. Year 7 Monday lunch, Year 8 Wednesday lunch and Year 9 who had an excellent, hard training session last night.

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### FOOTBALL

Football fixtures start again after half term. The following Wirral Cup dates have been arranged.

Tuesday 28/2/06	Year 8 V Park (H)
Wednesday 1/3/06	Year 7 V St Mary's(A)
Thursday 2/3/06	Year 9 V Ridgeway (A)
Thursday 2/3/06	Year 10 V Hilbre (A)

### Punctuality

You will remember that I wrote to you recently regarding punctuality in the school. We have had a very good response in this respect but there are still too many students who are being late for school. It is very important that students are on the yard no later than 8.30am, ready for the beginning of the school day at 8.40am.

Whilst I appreciate that traffic is busy, and that sometimes buses are not on time, pupils and parents need to build these factors into their routines each day, and allow for such eventualities. We will continue to monitor punctuality closely over the coming weeks and we will be in touch with parents of pupils who are persistently late for school.

## Whole School Mission 30<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2006

Eleven people from the Sion Community led our School Mission last week. The Mission gave our community a chance to revisit our mission as a Catholic School at a time when, more than ever, a Catholic school's job is infinitely more difficult and more complex. In answering questions such as why the Church provides Catholic Schools at all, concepts such as 'distinctiveness', 'ethos' and 'Gospel values' are used. A School Mission again invites us to ponder these terms.

The vision for the mission was to inspire new faith, encourage tired faith and challenge comfortable faith. It was evident during the week that this vision was realised and often in ways unexpected. The team led assemblies from Monday to Thursday mornings that introduced themes such as 'Choose Life', 'God the Father's love' and 'Live Life to the Max.' The afternoon was filled with classroom visits, optional workshops and a voluntary 10 minute prayer slot at lunchtime led by pupils called 'Time Out with God.' It was encouraging to see so many of the school community involved in dance, drama, sign language, workshops and attending prayer times. As the week progressed, pupils were invited to take a deeper look at faith by attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Holy Spirit Experience. Many pupils who received prayer with an older pupil and a member of the team in the Holy Spirit experience were surprised and amazed at how they felt God's presence.

Our Parish Priests served us brilliantly throughout the week, particularly at the closing celebratory Masses on Friday morning. During the homily Fr Michael Hartley reminded us that the most important lesson we can learn in life is the love that God has for us. Fr Nick Kern, used an analogy of how the British public voted non-celebrity Chantelle as the winner of Celebrity Big Brother to show how God chooses us all, not because we may be rich or famous, but because we are His people and special in His sight. Many thanks to our clergy for their support, to the Staff Chaplaincy team that helped prepare for the mission and produced a system of passes, drama, dance and music, and for the kindness of the host families from St. Anne's Parishioners and Fr Nick Kern from St. Joseph's presbytery.

What do we hope will be the fruits of the mission? In addition to a growing an active faith in school, to strengthen the reasons that the Catholic Church provides schools, that is in assisting the Church in its mission of making Christ known to all people, assisting parents in the education and religious formation of their children, being at the service of the local Church – diocese, parish and Christian home, and being a service to society.

See [www.sioncommunity.org.uk/crosspurposes](http://www.sioncommunity.org.uk/crosspurposes) for information and comments.



### YEAR 9 – MOCK EXAMINATIONS FOR KS3 NATIONAL TESTS

	TUESDAY 14/2/06	WEDNESDAY 15/2/06	THURSDAY 16/2/06
	MATHS	ENGLISH	SCIENCE
9.15 – 9.30	Presentation to pupils	Presentation to pupils	Presentation to pupils
9.30 – 10.30	Paper 1 (1 hour)		Paper 1 (1 hour)
9.30 – 10.45		Paper 1 (1½ hour)	
11.15 – 11.45	Mental Arithmetic		
2.00 – 3.00	Paper 2 (1 hour)		Paper 2(1 hour)
2.00 – 3.15		Paper 2 (1½ hour)	

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

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Pasta Dish</b>	Tuna & Pasta Bake	Turkey Meatballs in Carrot & Tomato Sauce	Italian Pepperoni	Spaghetti Bolognese	Tomato & Pepper
<b>Rice Dish</b>	Beef Balti	Chicken Chow Mein	Chicken Supreme	Chicken Korma	Chef's Special
<b>Main Course</b>	Spicy Chicken Pittas	Hot Pot with Beetroot	Roast Beef Dinner	Minty Lamb & Veg Pie	Battered Fish
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	Spicy Vegetable Pittas	Veggie Hot Pot with Beetroot	Roast Nut Loaf Dinner	Cheese & Tomato Omelette	
	Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy	Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy	Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy	Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy	Chips Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy
	Pizza	Burger	Pizza	Burger	Pizza
	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie

