



# Plessington Catholic Technology College

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**Learning Programmes Unit 4/3  
Week Commencing 13 March 2006**

## Theme for the Week - Justice

Lord,  
inspire us to act justly, love tenderly,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Breathe upon us your Spirit of peace  
that we may be  
bearers of reconciliation  
wherever you place us.  
May there be peace in our hearts,  
in our homes, in our land,  
and between all people  
Amen.

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### NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

The nectar that bees collect is 70% water. The honey that bees make from nectar is about 16% water. About how much nectar is needed to make 1kg of honey?

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

*Last week's solution:  
3 years*

*Last week's winner: Michael Martindale – TEC*

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### SCIENCE PAST EXAM REVISION GUIDES

A request for past exam revision guides. If any year 10 / 11 pupil has revision guides they no longer use, Science classes could make excellent use of them.

Please pass them to Ms Phillips.

Thank you.

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### Young Enterprise Team

Plessington Young Enterprise Team have their final presentation and awards evening on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Our team 'Picture This' of sixth formers consisting of Charlotte Tierney, Michael Bilko, Holly Madgin, Edward Allen and Managing Director Ian Sheridan go into competition for a place in the regional competition at Wallasey Town Hall with other young entrepreneurs schools in the area

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### RE REVISION CLASSES THIS WEEK Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006

**Year 11** – The role of Mary the Magisterium  
**Year 10** – Sin and Salvation  
Love of God and Others

Support Class – Lunchtime 1.30 – 2.00pm  
Booster Class – After school 3.30 – 4.15pm

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# Plessington News

**CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!  
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## Humanities Second Specialist for Plessington

I am delighted to announce that the Department of Education have awarded our School a Second Specialism of Humanities as well as renewing our original Specialism of Technology.

Plessington became the first specialist school in the Wirral when it was awarded Technology College Status in 1998 and it has successfully been redesignated three times since then.

The Second Specialism of Humanities with emphasis in English will compliment our successes so far, recognising our year on high performing English department.

This recognition of success will enable our School to deliver more high quality provision as well as continuing to develop our original Specialism further. Clearly this will also mean a new name for the School and following Governors final approval I will publish this next week.

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## YEAR 9 BLUESCREEN SPANISH TRIP

Last Tuesday, a group of Year 9 pupils who have chosen GCSE Spanish attended the "Learning Lighthouse" at Wallasey CLC. They took part in a Bluescreen Activity, which involved using the same technology used by TV weather forecasters and special effects filmmakers.

Our pupils produced a fantastic DVD of conversations in Spanish describing a past holiday. They welcome the opportunity to use both their Spanish and ICT skills to produce an impressive DVD, which highlighted their hard work.

Well done to all who took part.

*Pupils' comments:*

*The visit was totally awesome and I would definitely do it again if I had the chance.*

*Christopher Moss*

*It was a great way to learn more also I really enjoyed the day.*  
*Emily Hinton*

*I really liked the Spanish trip, it was great to broadcast our Spanish skills in front of a camera and to show how much we have learnt, it was a great experience.*

*Lauren Boyle*

*I enjoyed the time we spent at the Learning Lighthouse, because we got to read the course work we have been doing in our Spanish lessons and get it filmed.*  
*Katie Dickaty*

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## DRAMA VISIT TO LIVERPOOL PLAYHOUSE

On 16 February 2006, Year 10 Drama and some year 11 pupils enjoyed a very successful enrichment day at Liverpool's Playhouse Theatre. Mr McGuire supervised the visit to watch "Billy Liar" which is a set GCSE Drama text. Prior to the matinee they attended a 'page to stage' session during which the Assistant Director and some of the actors discussed various aspects of the performance, from script work and acting techniques through to stage design. Questions from the audience were invited at the end of the session.

As well as being an enjoyable experience overall the activity will be a major benefit to the study of Billy Liar next year. The pupils' excellent behaviour was a credit to the school and allowed for a smooth running day. Thanks to Miss Boast, who accompanied the group, for her support.

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

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Jennie Cass, 9EA, takes the lead role as Jasmine this weekend in 'Aladdin' at the Floral Pavilion Theatre, New Brighton.

Jennie, who has been dancing for 3 years said, "I'm really nervous but so excited as this is my first lead role."

Break a leg Jen! You'll be great!



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### Football

It has been an excellent start from all teams. Years 7, 9, 10 and 12 all had wins in the Wirral Cup. Year 7 beat St Mary's and now play Wallasey on Tuesday at home (4.00 p.m. kick off). Year 9 beat Ridgeway, Year 12 Neston and Year 10 beat Hillbre 3-2 last night. Tom Farrell scored twice, with Ben Birch scoring the third. Year 8 will hopefully get to play their postponed cup fixture against Park next Thursday.

### Rugby

Year 7 and 8 have started fixtures in the emerging schools league. Year 7 had an exciting 10-10 draw against Wallasey the 8's being unlucky being beaten 27-25 with the last kick off the game.

### Hockey

After some successful PE lessons year 10 Boys are going to play their 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey Match on Thursday against a Wirral Grammar School Team. Good luck to all players.

### Netball

Congratulations to the Sixth Form Netball Team who won their Wirral Tournament and will now represent Wirral in the Merseyside Championship. They are also top of the Birkenhead league.

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### Stock Market Challenge

On Thursday 2 March 2006, 5 students from the Year 12 business studies group travelled to Chester to take part in a Stock Market Challenge. Around 20 other schools from Liverpool and the Wirral attended each with the hope of winning £500 for their school, and a £50 cash sum for each student.

On arrival we realised we had some tough competition and got straight to work planning a way to make enough money to win. We appointed Stefan McKeown as our Shares Distributor, Ian Sheridan as our News Analyst, Edward Allen as

our Finance Director, John Barton Ward as our Shares Buyer and I was our portfolio Manager.

Each of our roles proved difficult and there was a lot of shouting as everyone in the room was just as competitive as each other and wanted the best shares – we seemed to be making great progress, we were thousands in profit and by the end we were very pleased with our profit of over £90,000. However our overall balance was not good enough to win us the competition. We did finish a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place and we were pleased with our performance of £125,800.

The group would like to say thanks to Mr Bates for arranging the day. It was a great experience for us and we feel it has helped us understand those aspects of business more.

Kelly Dodd

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### ANCHORS AWAY

Following an awards night at Bebington Sea Cadets, a number of awards were given to Jordan Holdgate who is an Able Cadet in the unit. Not only did he win The Best OC Cadet for 2005, he also won the Commanding Officers award. This awarded him a scholarship onboard TS Royalist where he will become a training crew member in June along with 5 other members. He also gained an award for a rifle drill he recently performed in an inspection of the unit, his 3<sup>rd</sup> good conduct badge and the Sea Cadet division won overall best division in the unit. Not only will he be representing the Sea Cadet Unit, but will be representing the school as well.



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### MENU

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Pasta Dish</b>	Tuna Pasta Bake	Meatballs in Carrot & Tomato Sauce	Italian Pepperoni	Spaghetti Bolognese	Tomato & peppers
<b>Rice Dish</b>	Beef Balti	Chicken Chow Mein	Chicken Supreme	Chicken Korma	Chefs' Special
<b>Main Course</b>	Chicken Wraps	Savoury Mince with Scone Topping	Roast Turkey Dinner	Corned Beef Hash	Battered Fish
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	Veggie Wraps	With Scone Topping	Roast Nut Loaf Dinner	Cheese Omelette	
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	Pizza	Burger	Pizza	Burger	Pizza
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