



# Plessington Catholic Technology College

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Theme for the Week: Advent  
Reflections  
**THE ADVENT VIRUS**

**Be on the alert for symptoms of inner HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. The heart of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.**



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**MASS THIS WEEK**  
**Wednesday – 1.30pm**  
**In the Chapel**

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### NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

In April Flash Harry bought a racehorse for £100.  
In May he sold it for £200.  
In June he was sorry he sold it, so he bought it back for £300.  
In July he got tired of it, so he sold it for £400.  
Overall, did Flash Harry make or lose money?  
How much did he make or lose?

Give your answer slips to Miss Hodges in Room B12 by Friday 16 December  
All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths

*Last week's solution: 4*

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

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### ENGLISH STUDENTS ENTERED FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION!

English students in Year 11, 12 and 13 have been entered for a national Mind Map Competition.

Following on from our extensive use of Mind Maps in the department, pioneered especially by Mr Thomas and Miss Youds, staff entered a selection of Mind Maps for competition this month.

There are two impressive A3 entries by Margaret Simmons and Tina Millan. See copies attached.

**Mr P Pearson, Head of English**

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## Plessington News

*O Come All Ye Faithful!*

Many thanks for your encouragement regarding some of the changes that we have made to the school since September. Next week sees the school trying something different with a Christmas Carol Service next Thursday. Everyone is invited to attend but obviously we can only accommodate a certain amount of people – so please if you would like to celebrate as a community please ask for tickets now, these are easily obtained from our school office and are on a first come first served basis. There is no charge for what will be a lovely evening of music, drama and carols by candlelight as well as mince pies!

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### Quiz Question

Last week's question:

*Name the three wise men that journey throughout Advent.*

*Answer: Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior*

*Last week's winner: To be confirmed*

This week's question: The film of C S Lewis' The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe is released this week. *What is the name of the Lion?*

Answers to Form Tutors for the attention of Mr Quinn

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### YEAR 13 – UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

UCAS is the Universities and Colleges Admission Service and presently the Upper Sixth student have, or are in the process of completing their application form.

This is all now on line where students can track their progress. Once UCAS receive their application initial processing is completed within one day and relevant details are dispatched to Universities and Colleges and students receive offers from them. This is usually on condition they achieve certain grades is a particular subject.

So well done to the following students who have completed their application form and are receiving offers. To all other students in the process of applying I would advise them to complete this before Christmas. The UCAS deadline is 15 January 2006.

#### Name of Student

Peter Almond  
Stephanie Baty  
Andrew Boyle  
Rebecca Boyle  
Chloe Breen  
Liam Cannell  
Michael Kirwan  
Stephen McGough  
Tina Millan  
Catherine Millan  
Jesse Mitchell  
Rebecca Moon  
Isobel Murphy  
Liam Randles  
Margaret Simmons  
Jonathon Trigg  
Jennifer Wilkinson  
Laura Hughes

#### Degree Course Applied for

Computer Science  
English and Theology  
Theology  
Nursing  
Primary Education  
English Literature  
Construction Management  
Information Systems / Computing  
Law  
Politics  
Sports Science  
Psychology  
English  
English  
Law  
Sports Science  
Childhood Studies  
Midwifery

**Mrs R McMahon, Head of Sixth Form**

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

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**PLESSINGTON SPORT**

**Basketball**

Congratulations to the boys who have represented the school so far. Unfortunately Woodchurch proved too strong last week, but improvement was seen in all Year groups. Good luck this week as Year 8 and 11 take on Bebington and Year 7 play South Wirral. Practices are Monday and Thursday.

**Football**

Year 7 play in the first round of the National 5-a-side tournament at Woodchurch on Tuesday. Hopefully we can bring good news as Year 7 have already had a successful season.

**Rugby**

Rugby is the first sport to be involved in a 'half year' challenge. Combined teams from Alpha (AL, MC, MW, JP) play Beta (AB, EA, EC, JA). Please encourage your son to be involved. The dates of the fixtures are:

- Year 9 - Tuesday 10 January 2006
- Year 7 - Wednesday 11 January 2006
- Year 8 - Thursday 12 January – 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.

Pupils wishing to play should ensure that they have seen Mr Carter.

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**Merry Christmas to every one**  
**Make a special card for a Special Person**  
**with Mrs McCormick and 9AL**  
**come to room C9 at lunchtimes next week**  
**12-16 December and donate 50p to make**  
**one card or 80p to make two.**  
**All proceeds will go to Year 9's charity,**  
**Amnesty International**

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**POLICE PRESENTATION**

A presentation was given by Merseyside Police to the lower Sixth on Thursday. Inspector Steve Kelve and Constable Paul Rimmer outlined the dangers of driving too fast, not wearing a seat belt and drinking and driving in a series of graphic video clips. The aim was to highlight to the students that it is mainly their age group that are unfortunately involved in fatal accidents.

Mark Burkey – "I think that the presentation was very useful not only for the people learning to drive

*in our year, but they told us very important information for passengers, future drivers and pedestrians. The videos used were all very affective, memorable and useful. It was a very hard hitting presentation that helped us realise a few things."*

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**ART DEPARTMENT**

Students, parents and colleagues may recall having read a recent article about the success of an animated film produced by our students in collaboration with an Artist-in-residence last year.

The film is to be shown by the BBC on the Big Screen in Clayton Square, Liverpool, on the following dates:

Saturday 10 December – Friday 23 December  
 4 times a day at:-

11.00 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 4.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m.

Except for Saturday 10 December at 1.30 p.m. and Thursday 15 December at 1.30 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.

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**VISIT TO BEBINGTON DAY CARE CENTRE**

On Thursday 1 December, 11 students from AS Health and Social Care went to the Bebington Day Care Centre for Physically Disabled Adults. The Vocational Department has close links with the Centre and pupils attend there to research their AS coursework units. On this occasion, however, they went to put up the Christmas decorations! The staff and service users were delighted with the efforts of the students and the Centre looked wonderfully festive when they had finished. Well done to them all for working so hard on the day.



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

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	
	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

