



St John Plessington Catholic College



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Review Day Years 7 & 10 - Friday 24th November
Years 8,9,11 & Sixth Form are to complete work
set at home.

NEWSLETTER

COMING UP

This Week - 20.11.17

20 Nov	
21 Nov	Create Your Future UCAS event
22 NOV	PSHE P2
23 NOV	
24 NOV	Royal Agricultural University at SJP Review Day Y7 & Y10

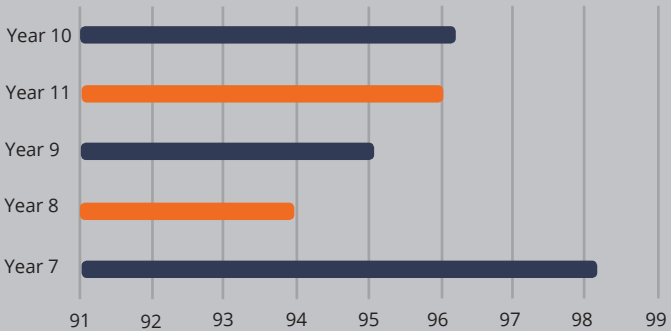
COMING UP

Next Week - 27.11.17

27 Nov	
28 Nov	Liverpool Health Skills Show
29 Nov	Routes into Languages North West: Film and Cultural Event at University of Liverpool
30 Nov	School trip : 'The Story of British Music
01 Dec	Christmas Cake Bake-break time Here Comes Christmas!

ATTENDANCE

13.11.17 - 17.11.17



Unlocking what Advent means with Prayer - Music - Stories - Fun & Free Doughnuts
AN EVENT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN MIND, BUT OPEN TO ALL!

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DECEMBER 4TH 2017

HOLY APOSTLES AND MARTYRS
ST GEORGE'S RD,
WALLASEY, CH45 6TU.

7PM UNTIL 8.30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL YOUTH@DIOCESEOFSHREWSBURY.ORG
An evening in your Parish with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

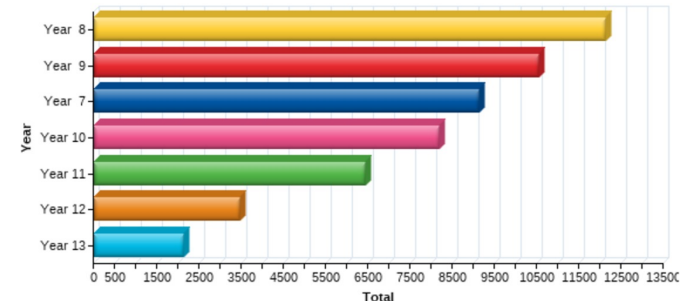
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UNILEVER 'BRIGHT FUTURES'

Aaron Larway, Will Smith and Harry Collinson from Year 8, and Anna Gomm and Erin Lambert from Year 9 took part in a STEM competition on Tuesday 14 November at Unilever for their 'Bright Futures' programme.

The pupils enjoyed a tour of all the departments within Unilever including formulation, processing, packaging, research & development and consumer testing.

The have now been set the challenge of developing a produce to encourage children to brush their teeth twice a day.

Updates to follow!



MERSEYSIDE SATURDAY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

SJP claim 1st, 2nd and 3rd in this weekend's Merseyside Saturday Morning Cross Country Championship! Well done Keira, Ethan and Aidan.



LANGUAGE PERFECT NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017



This week Spanish students from all year groups have been competing in the Language Perfect Northern Championships, which is a language competition open to all countries across the Northern Hemisphere.

Our pupils really embraced the competition and St John Plessington were soon racing

up the Leaderboard. Overall we came 3rd in the country for Spanish and 27th globally across all languages, which is an amazing achievement for all involved.

Special congratulations go to Kokilan Ravi in Year 7 whose many hours of competing earn a whopping 7779 points and achieved a Gold award. Ravi ranked 71st in the entire competition out of more than 21,000 students who took part!

Other sensational achievements from Godwin Biju, Reuben Cherian, Luke Chadwick and Thomas Wealthy, who all scored higher than 2000 points resulting in Silver awards.

Bronze awards were earned by Kate Christelow, Charlie Callister, Ben Dykes, Ciara Salisbury, Abigail Lloyd, Shinade O'Halloran, Molly Ward and Ava Hughes

for achieving over 1000 points.

A remarkable number of pupils also managed to earn Credit certificates for their hard work in earning over 500 points. Tom Blofield, Emily Campbell, Bailey Irving, Lewis Belle, Freya Price, Jessica Robertson-Bannister, Blazej Krymski, Jack Cowley, Daisy Cannell, Molly Abbott, Maisy Wilcock, Sophie Anderson, Annah Smith, Mia Thomas, Reiss Smith, Mary Toothill, Sean Sheehy, Samantha Jones, Morgan Walberg, Grace Christelow, George Connolly and Filip Grodzki.

We are extremely proud of all pupils who competed in the competition, which will have been of huge benefit to their language learning. We look forward to the World Championships in May!

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

Our traditional Christmas Fair 'Here Comes Christmas' takes place on Friday 1st December. Pupils will have the afternoon off from lessons to attend this very popular and successful community event. We open our doors to the public at 3.00pm. There is something for everybody! With a range of exciting and imaginative stalls and games! The money raised is split between our fundraising for 'Wirral Food Banks' as well as college based projects that benefit our own children. Please be aware that pupils are free to leave from 3.00pm on this day, although of course many of them choose to stay on and meet up with their families. It is a wonderful community event that we hope you will support. Pupils are in full school uniform that day although they may leave their school bags at home for this one occasion.



November - A Time to Remember

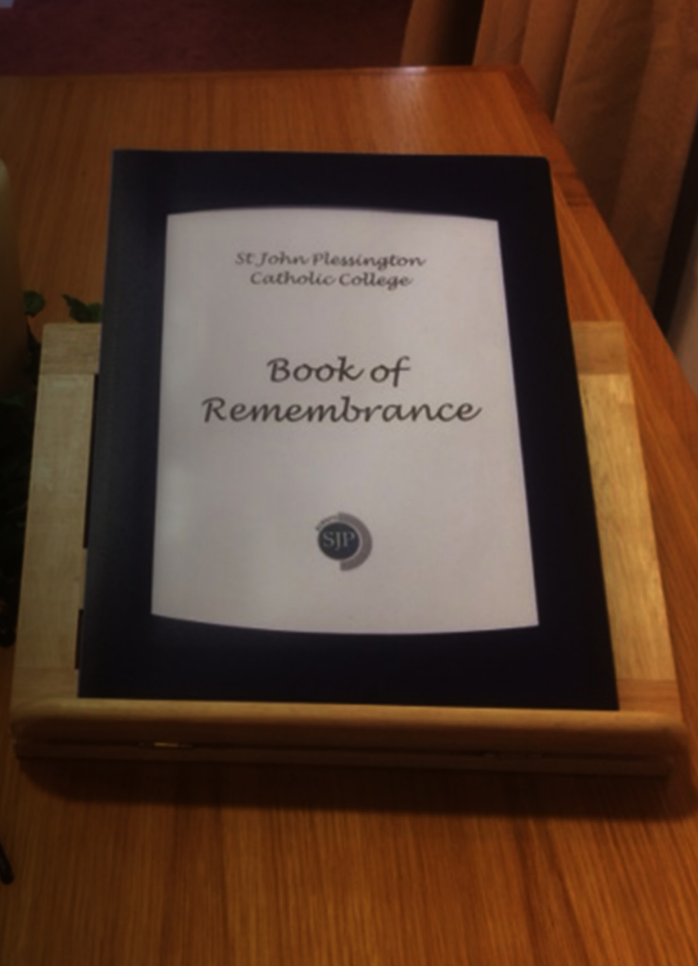
During the month of November we especially remember those who have died, from our families and among our friends.

We are grateful to them for the faith and for the gift of family they have passed on to us or the friendship they have given to us. We thank God for all those who have touched our hearts and our lives.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

The most beautiful memorial we can give to those we love is a living memory nourished by prayer, gratitude and ever-deepening affection.

During November our College Book of Remembrance will be on display in the College Atrium.



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

School Direct is a one-year, full time teacher training programme. At SJP, all School Direct Associate Teachers (ATs) are allocated a dedicated subject mentor, and guided by specialist tutors. At the end of the year, successful ATs will qualify with QTS and PGCE, which is accredited by the University of Chester.

What are the entry requirements?

- UK university degree 2:1 or above (2:2 for Maths, Physics, Chemistry, MFL) or a recognised equivalent qualification – we also accept applications from final year students due to graduate in 2018
 - Grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics (Science for Primary)
 - At least two full days of school observation
- You will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check to verify your suitability to work with young people

What subjects do we offer?

We currently offer teacher training for Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, DT, Drama, English, Geography, History, Maths, Media, Modern Foreign Languages, PE, Physics, Primary, RE and Social Sciences.

In addition, our School Experience Programme offers the opportunity to spend a day or two at SJP in your subject department. You will be able to observe classes taking place, engage with pupils, and speak to subject staff and the School Direct ATs who are currently training with us.

If you would like to know more about School Direct or our School Experience Programme please contact Helen Ruscoe, Teaching School and Marketing Manager, enquiries@sjpts.com or 0151 645 5049.

TEACHING
YOUR FUTURE | THEIR FUTURE

STEM CLUBS LAUNCH IN SCIENCE

Dissection Club

Dissection Club is progressing well this year with an eye and a kidney and heart already dissected. Come along to Sc1 on a Wednesday at 12.30 to see more items being dissected! Still to come this year, lungs, liver, fish and locusts!



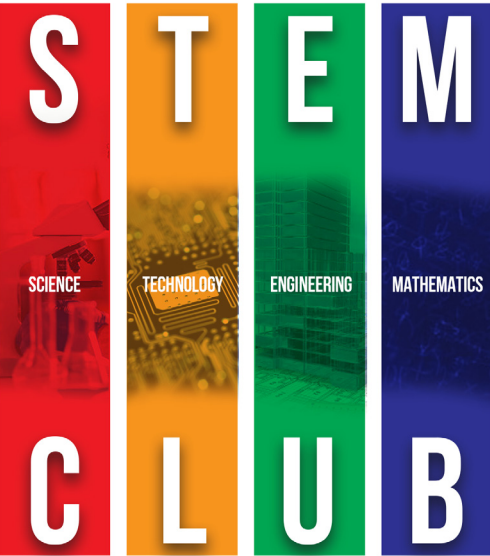
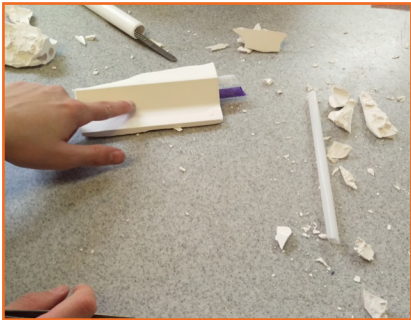
Young Vet Club

Viserion joins chick and duck, our Royal Pythons. Pop in to Sc2 to meet him and possibly have a cuddle. The Young Vets Club will be responsible for looking after them, meeting on a Thursday after school in Sc7 where they are currently learning about reptile care and handling.



Building Bridges

Years 9 and 10 are starting an exciting new project in STEM this week, in partnership with Liverpool University. They are creating a scale model of the new Mersey Gateway Bridge which is due to open shortly in Runcorn. Professor Andrew Green from Liverpool University's School of Engineering and his team will be in school to support our pupils. We still need pupils to get involved in this, so if you are interested visit Miss Moore in Sc2 to ask for details.



The Science department have worked hard this year to bring some fantastic extracurricular opportunities to all years at SJP. From Forensics with Miss Noone and Miss Eden to testing what effect alcohol has on the organs of the body with Miss Hulley, improving your football skills with Science with Miss Trayner, learning how to care for animals in the Young Vets club with Miss Walton, building bridges using 3D printing with Miss Moore or making a robot using pneumatics with Mr Chatwin - there is something for everyone on offer! Come and get involved.

Participation in STEM Clubs has been shown to raise attainment at GCSE by a whole grade, plus it's fun!

You can also come along to STEM Lite Bite on a Wednesday lunchtime in Sc1 at 12.30-12.45pm to see some gruesome dissections!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS AVAILABLE

On behalf of the physical education department I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to our latest update in this month's newsletter. Here you can keep up to date with all our latest sport and physical activity announcements.

In this issue I would like to this opportunity to inform our year 7 pupils whilst reminding years 8-11, about the number of extra-curricular sports clubs available (please see below for our latest timetable).

So far this term we have been overwhelmed with the response and attendance across all years and sports. Those attending so far have been able to learn and apply new skills, improve health and fitness whilst having fun with friends. However, we would still like to see as many pupils getting involved; so if you have not attended an activity yet, then why not come along? As a gentle reminder all we ask is that you arrive on time and have the correct for your chosen sport.

If you would like any more information about any of our fantastic clubs, then please come along to the physical education department and ask a member of staff.

Mr Nunnery
Director of PE/Sport

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11 / 13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10 / 7 Assembly	Friday 9 / 8 Assembly
12 - 12.35pm	Boccia Club PE BTEC Club	Yr 9/10 Netball (KP) Yr 9 and 10 Basketball (MJH)	Yr 11 Basketball Year 9/10 Girls Rugby (AN)	Yr 9 Dance (AN) Yr 9/11 Football (BDN)	Yr 10 and 11 Badminton (CO) Yr 10 and 11 Football (MJH)
12.35 - 1.10pm		Yr 7 and 8 Tag Rugby (AN/CO) Yr 7 and 8 Basketball (BDN/BK)	Yr7 Dance (KP) Yr 8 Netball (CO) Yr 7 and 8 Football (MJH)	Yr 8 Dance (KP/CO) Yr 8 Rugby (MJH)	Yr 7 Netball (KP) Yr 7 Rugby (AN/BK)
3.20 - 4.20pm		All years Boys Football Yr 7, 10, 11 Dance (KP/CO) All years Girls Football (DT) PE Fixtures -various	All years Rugby All Years squad Netball PE Fixtures -various	All years Basketball Year 9 and 8 Dance (KP) Girls Rugby - TOUCH/CONTACT (AN) PE Fixtures -various	PE BTEC Club
BOYS CLUBS / GIRLS CLUBS / MIXED CLUBS					

LITERACY CORNER

Can you solve these dingbats? They all create well known phrases or words. The numbers below each box give you a clue as to how many words and letters are required for each dingbat.

Nine to solve! Give your answers to Mrs Connolly and win a prize!

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g History (2, 4, 2, 7)	h a h a a i r r s s (10)	person ality (5, 11)

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AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT TIMETABLE

All sessions are 3.20 - 4.30pm unless otherwise organised with subject staff

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	History	Maths	Psychology	DT
	Physics	Biology	Chemistry	Spanish
	Applied Science	Music	Geography	
	Sociology	Geography	Health & Social	
	DT	DT	DT	
	Art	Philosophy & Ethics	Art	
	ICT (PL)	ICT (DEK, AF1, PL)	Media	
	English	Business (KMP/HLL)	Business (NH)	
		Computing \ (DEK/AF1)	English	



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Thought for the week

Week Commencing 20th November 2017

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

Leo Buscaglia



"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"

Pope Francis

God our Father,

I offer to you everything that I do this day. I offer to you my prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen me so that my life may be of service to you and all who I meet.

St John Plessington
Pray for us.