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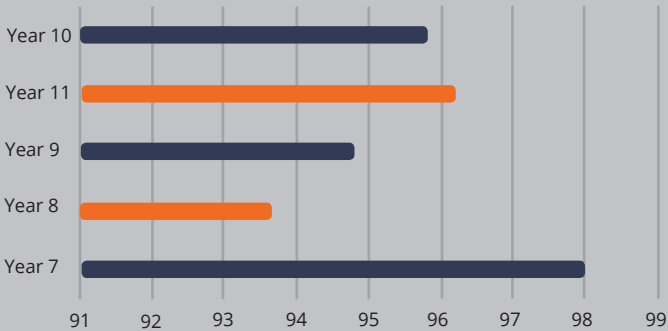
COMING UP This Week - 6.11.17

06 Nov	
07 Nov	PSHE P3 Y13 visit to Shakespeare's birthplace
08 Nov	Sixth Form Colour Run DofE Awards Evening
09 Nov	Y11 Mock Interview Day
10 Nov	Cake and Bake Show, Manchester Whole College Act of Remembrance Assemblies -Remembrance

COMING UP Next Week - 13.11.17

13 Nov	
14 Nov	Unilever 'Bright Futures'
15 NOV	School Trip - People Places and Things' All Saints' Day
16 NOV	
17 NOV	

ATTENDANCE 30.10.17 - 3.11.17

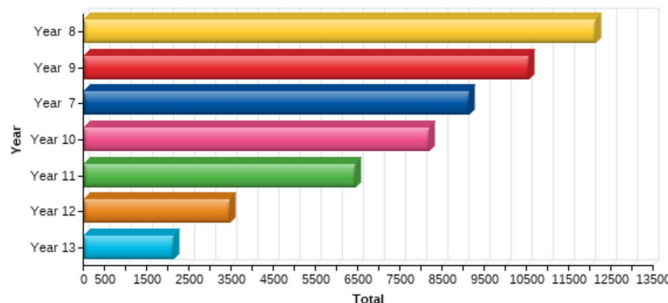


Awards Evening
Wednesday 8th November 2017
6:30pm
College Hall



VIVO REWARDS

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PERFORMING ARTS REWARDS TRIP TO LONDON



Students from across all year groups had great fun at a theatre workshop in London's West End last week. After an overnight stay they enjoyed a matinee performance of Matilda the Musical!

RATING. Matilda explodes onto th



USE OF IMAGES / PHOTOGRAPHS

To protect our pupils, we do not publish their full name and photograph together, we ensure children are appropriately clothed for photographs and we do not allow commercial media photographers unsupervised access to pupils.

We ask for your consent for the school (or someone commissioned by the school) to take and use photographs and video recordings for educational purposes, to record events and to publicise the work of the school on our website, in the school prospectus and in our local and national media.

We ask new pupils' parents/ carers to sign a consent form for the use of photographs. If you have not completed this and should you wish to 'opt out' of this consent, please do so in writing to your child's Head of Learning by 31st October.

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YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS



On Friday 20th October 2017 our Year 7 Students gathered in St Anne's Church in Rock Ferry together with their Form Tutors, their families and other members of staff, to celebrate Mass together to mark the beginning of their journey as members of the SJP family.

The theme of the Mass was "Be inspirational". During Mass Fr. Bernard asked the students to think about people who had had inspired them and how they could inspire people around them to be followers of Jesus in the world today.

Students from each of our Form Groups participated in

the various parts of the liturgy of the Mass, while members of our newly formed Year 7 Choir sang two solo items during the distribution of Holy Communion.

We hope that we have given our students a lovely memory to cherish.

We believe as a Catholic community that the best gift we can possibly give to our young people, as they begin their journey with us, is the celebration of Mass together - a reminder of God's great gift to us, his Son Jesus.



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 - 5.00pm, with a range of exciting and imaginative stalls and games. There is something for everybody! 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

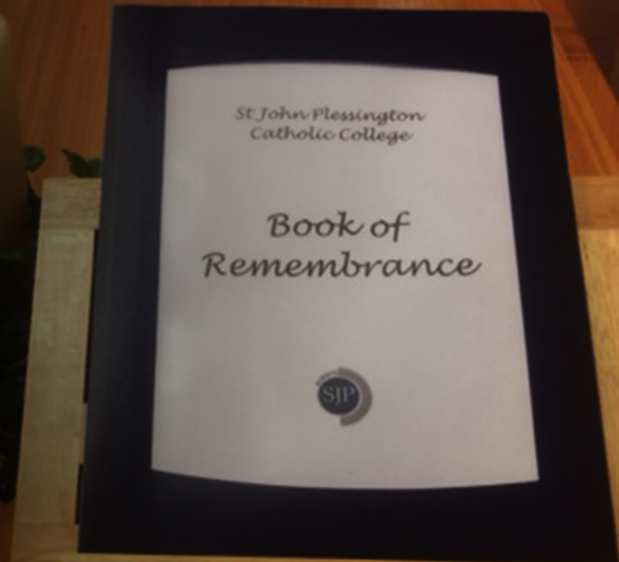
During the month of November we especially remember those who have died, from our families and among our friends.

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, helenruscoe@stjohnplessington.com or 0151 645 5049.



SCIENCE HAVE A NEW MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT!

Meet Viserion our Bearded Dragon - the latest resident in Sc2. He's a chilled out guy who likes to eat rocket, sweetcorn and live locusts. He's partial to having his head stroked. Come along and meet him and help look after him in Young Vets Club after school Thursday in Sc7.

STEM CLUBS LAUNCH IN SCIENCE

Dissection Club

Dissection Club has got off to great start this year with an eye and a kidney already dissected. Come along to Sc1 on a Wednesday at 12.30 to see more items being dissected! Still to come this year; the heart, lungs, liver, fish and locusts!



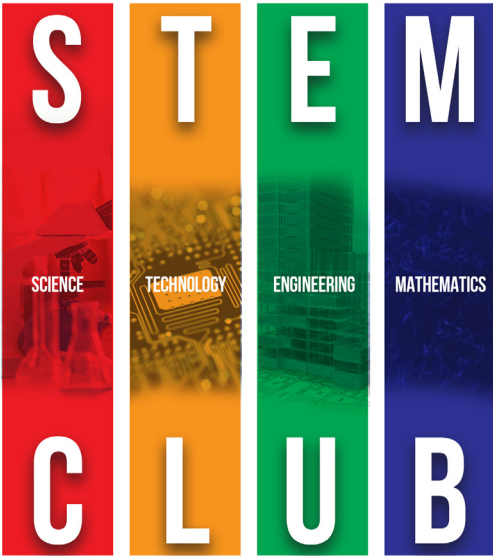
Young Vet Club

The Science department have welcomed two new arrivals in the form of two Royal Pythons called Chick and Duck. They continue to settle in well and are thrilling pupils in their Science lessons. Pop in to Sc2 to meet them 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 snake care and handling.



Building Bridges

Years 9 and 10 are starting an exciting new project in STEM, 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 hydraulics 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 take the 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 kit 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.

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 identify the correct collective noun for the animals listed below?

You may need to look some of these up.

See Mrs Connolly with your answers and win a prize.

Ants
Squid
Caterpillars
Whales
Vultures
Tigers
Sharks



YR12 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 6th November 2017

"May your life preach more loudly than your lips."

William Ellery Channing



"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart."

Pope Francis

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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.