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Learning Programme Unit 4/1

### Celebrating the life of Anne Line

Anne Line is one of our form patrons (AL). She was put to death in 1601 because she was providing a safe place for priests to hide from those who would have them killed. Anne did not regret what she had done, but instead wished she could have helped more priests – she said so as she was being led to the gallows.

*Holy God,  
We pray that we will be strong in our faith and that we will not allow the words of others to deter us from following you.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen*

### Mass & Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in College Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.

As usual, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in College Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

## SJP'S GOT TALENT THE FINAL!



On the last few days before the half term break, a buzz of excitement swept around the school as we prepared to host the gala final of the first ever SJP's Got Talent contest. A packed audience of parents, staff and pupils from across the school enjoyed a brilliant showcase of some extraordinary talents. The keenly-fought competition saw performances from pupils from Years 7 to 13 as well as a number of staff. Those who were there will never look at DT teachers in the same way again!

Under the guidance of our three 'celebrity' judges (Mr Quinn, Ms Finlay and Mr Moore) the audience delivered its verdict: the winners were "Crafty Freddie" – a superb sixth form band made up of Peter Boyle, Hayley Ryan and David Sergison. Congratulations to them and also to the rest of the finalists who put on a show crammed with energy, entertainment, enthusiasm and talent.

Who knows what other delights are waiting to be discovered in SJP's Got Talent 2009...!

### Year 10 Retreat to Savio House



31 Year 10 pupils accompanied by Alison Benson, Mr. Dolan, Mrs. Cushion and Mr. Jones, attended a retreat to Savio House in Bollington. The retreat gave pupils an opportunity to reflect upon their relationships with people and with God. There was time to pray and also time to play – pupils made use of the games room and football pitch, as well as taking time to chat and listen to music.

Year 10 represented the College well. They were good mannered and well behaved at all times, and showed great respect to the Savio team.

There have already been requests to attend the retreat next year!

## Parish News

### Holy Name Parish

Bishop Brian Noble will be coming to Holy Name parish to confirm people on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2008 and the programme will begin later this month. If you attend Holy Name and wish to be confirmed. For more details please speak to Alison, the College Chaplain or Fr. Tony Elder.

### St. Anne's Parish

St. Anne's is starting two youth groups. One is for 13-17 year olds and is called Impact! and the other is YCW for over 18s. Both groups are faith based groups, which give young people the opportunity to think about their lives and to take action on issues in their lives or communities. It is a great opportunity to meet other young people. If you would like to find out more about Impact! or YCW there will be a meeting at St. Anne's Parish Centre, Highfield Road, Rock Ferry on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008, starting at 7.15. There will be music and food at the end of the meeting.

### **Yr 10 Aim Higher Visit**

Last Monday, SJP's Year 10 Aim Higher Cohort once again visited Liverpool Hope University as part of the Aim Higher Program – encouraging participation in higher education. An excellent programme was put on by the University, with the day split between criminology and media studies.

In the morning there was an interesting talk on all aspects of criminology, including an impressive display on reading body language when the lecturer picked the correct card out of Anthony Meade's imagination. The pupils then had to draw on their art skills, trying to sketch a suspect from a witness statement.

Finally it was on to media – film making, with groups coming up with plot ideas. Great imagination was shown by all, although some would have freaked out David Lynch!

## PFOP BIG SCREEN RACE NIGHT

Forget Aintree, Epsom and Newmarket—it's coming to SJP!

Friday 14 March 2008 7.00p.m. in College Hall.

**ALL WELCOME**

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK

On Wednesday 30 January, Ethan Fahy (10JA), Rachel Fahy (9EA) and Anna Silverwood (9JA) took part in a play called 'die Kinder' for the Holocaust Remembrance week at Birkenhead Town Hall. We performed for 500 school children from schools within Wirral and listened to Rudi Oppenheimer, a Bergen-Belsen concentration camp survivor, tell us about his experience during the Holocaust. This was a very thought provoking experience. Afterwards we had the opportunity to meet with Rudi and members of the Wirral Council, who gave us a book for the school thanking us for performing, the title of the book is 'The Last Train from Belsen' this was written by Paul Oppenheimer. Rudi's brother also a Bergen-Belsen concentration camp survivor.

## HISTORY REVISION CLASSES

History Revision classes will begin for Year 11 every Tuesday (3.30—4.30 p.m.) from the 19 February 2008

## YEAR 11 GCSE SPANISH REVISION

Coursework help and revision classes will take place every Wednesday from 3.30—4.30 p.m.

## Year 5 Smoothie Making Competition



Last week 30 Year 5 pupils from St Annes Primary School visited SJP to make Smoothies with Mrs Boyland in the Design Technology department. Pupils learnt about new fruits and how to prepare them and went on to invent their own exotic smoothie flavours. Great fun was had by all.

Their visit marked another successful stage in SJP's primary partnership work. In coming weeks we will also be joined by pupils from St Johns Primary School

and Our Lady and St Edwards primary school who will also design and make their own smoothies. The work will continue back at their primary schools with visits from the SJP Maths and English departments to follow up the work completed at SJP. The project will culminate in an inter schools contest where each primary will submit their best smoothie to



## SJP afloat with the Royal Navy



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February a group of Design Technology students from Year 10 were invited on board HMS Severn whilst she was visiting the Mersey. They travelled across to the Pier Head in the College minibus and were accompanied by Mr Shillinglaw and Mrs Baker. HMS Severn is a Fishery Protection Vessel and is responsible for patrolling UK's Extended Fisheries Zone. The visit began with a safety briefing given by the Quartermaster.

The group were shown around the vessel both above and below decks. The party was split into two smaller groups with each being shown around by a ship's officer. A particular focus

of the trip was to look at the Technology Systems used on board. This included navigational aids and communications. They were also shown around the officer and crew quarters to gain an insight into life on board a ship at sea. The group were shown how the ship and crew carry out the fishery duties, which involves boarding and inspecting trawlers and measuring fish and net sizes. The officers also gave the group some careers information on the different routes into the Royal Navy.



## Yr 10, 8 & 7 Basketball

Yr 10 played St.Mary's and continued to prove their dominance of the Wirral league winning 80-20. Team members were: Craig McMahon (captain) Chris King (Vice-captain) Jamie Flynn, Tom Critchley, Callum Brady and David Varney. Yr 8 faced stiff opposition against a well trained and experienced Woodchurch Team. Woodchurch took an early lead but an incredible display by SJP in the second half eventually led to a superb 26-25 win. Team members were: Jacob Thomas (captain) Danny Armstrong (vice captain) Jake O'Brian, Mason, Matt Paxton, Chris Tyrer, Craig Pheonix, Scott Heywood, Danny Kitchen. Well done to all. Yr 7 played their first game against a large Woodchurch team and showed enthusiasm and commitment throughout the game. Unfortunately, they lost 28-12 but their coach, Mr.Holmes commented on how well they are developing as a team. Team members are: Alan Kitchen, Kieran Daly, Matthew Bolan, Sean Mullen, Josh Maddox, Ryan Davies, Chris Bolton, Matthew Brown. Well done for their efforts.

## Key Stage 4 Information Evening 18 March 2008 6.00—8.00 p.m.

Parents of Pupils in Year 9 should note that we have our annual Information Evening for Pupils about to embark upon Key Stage 4 in September 08. The Evening will provide details about all aspects of College life at Key Stage 4 and, in particular, will provide lots of background about choices and progression through the different subjects available next year. Pupils will also be introduced to some of the wider expectations that the College has for them as they move into a new phase for them as young adults. Please look out for a letter in the coming days outlining further details.

## Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Weeks Solution: 16

This Week's Brainteaser:

What is the smallest possible number of children in a family if each child has at least one brother and at least one sister?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 22 February. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

## Year 10 Boys' Basketball

On Wednesday the Year 10 basketball team played a friendly fixture at St. Mary's Catholic College, Wallasey. The team looked very impressive in the school basketball strip and this professional look continued in to the well drilled warm up which must have intimidated the opposition as they failed to score in the first quarter. This did not affect our players as they kept their composure and structure. In a game where SJP outplayed their opponents, the score finished 21 : 81. The performance was exceptional, with each player scoring a high number points and assists. This is a result of dedication to practice both from players and from the coaching of Mr. Klabou. Team: Craig McMahon, Tom Critchley, Chris Kane, Jamie Flynn, Callum Brady, Dave Varney.

## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Year 9 Netball team who were fantastic in the Wirral tournament on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. The standard of netball was outstanding! Due to a very successful season, the team were placed in section A of the tournament (top section) challenging Wirral Grammar, West Kirby Grammar, Birkenhead, Upton and Woodchurch. All teams from this section were playing for a place in the County Finals, the top 3 finishing teams went through.

Unfortunately the girls marginally missed out on qualifying for the County Finals, with extremely close results against Upton (5-4) and Birkenhead (6-4). It was a nail biting final game against Upton, with County qualification resting on the results of the final round but we were just pipped at the post.



The talent, performance and sportsmanship of the girls was fantastic. They were a credit to the College. Their commitment to training really has paid off. Miss Harris is very proud of you!

Well done to Megan Gallagher, Katie Robinson, Shannon Reid, Rebecca Lunt, Sian Bilko, Danielle Boughey, Alex Scollins and Olivia Webster.

Thank you to all of the parents who wrapped up and came out to support the girls.

The Year 10 girls were equally impressive. For some reason they were placed in league B and proved to everyone they were misplaced. They won every game convincingly, with victories over Beb High, South Wirral, St.Mary's, Prenton and Pensby. Double figures were achieved in all games as they won the league! Well done girls, you did SJP proud! Your trophy will arrive after half term.

## YEAR 7 & 8 NETBALL FIXTURES:

Not to be outdone by the older girls, Years 7 & 8 have had a very successful week of fixtures as well. On Tuesday they played against Woodchurch, both teams played exceptionally, winning by a large margin. Thursday saw them victorious again, with both teams beating Prenton. Year 7 won 12 -1 and Year 8, 20 -10.

Well done girls. All your hard work at extra curricular practices is paying off – excellent preparation for your tournament after Easter. Lets keep it going!

**Year 8 team:** Rebecca Jones, Lauren Dickson, Jess Partridge, Emily Guttridge, Charlotte McNelis and Annie Doyle.

**Year 7 team:** Ashlea Ryan, Bryony McNelis, Amina Talib, Ashleigh Keating, Louise Roche, Hannah Naylor, Lauren Lefebvre, Jessica Dutton.

## WIRRAL CHAMPIONS!!!

### Double victory at girl's indoor cricket tournament



The U13 and U15 girl's cricket teams played in a tournament up at Bebington on Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> Feb) and both fought off opponents to win their tournaments. Both teams displayed immense talent throughout their games.

The U13 squad were not intimidated by their challengers, Oldershaw, convincingly beating them to win their tournament. The U15 squad defeated Bebington and Wirral Grammar to take a clean sweep in their tournament.

Both the U13 and U15 teams have now qualified for the regional tournament, in Warrington, after half term.

**U13 squad:** Elle Boughey, Hannah Ruddy, Jade Short, Alice Bailey, Sarah Leahy, Maria Baker, Emily Guttridge, Charlotte Obermuller, Charlotte Jones and Pamela Smith.

**U15 squad:** Sian Bilko, Katie Robinson, Megan Gallagher, Alex Scollins, Danielle Boughey, Rebecca Lunt, Shannon Reid, Olivia Webster, Lauren Dean and Jess Leasor.