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Learning Programme Unit 6/5

### Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

Both Peter and Paul were unlikely choices to help continue the life and work of Jesus - Peter denied knowing Jesus, and Paul had persecuted Christians. Because they are both unlikely characters, and because neither of them was "perfect", we are reminded that God accepts us as we are, with our limitations.

*Lord God, you love as we are  
and call us to follow Jesus  
bringing with us our own  
gifts and talents,  
as well as our downfalls.  
Help us to live according to  
your will,  
and to learn from the example  
of Peter and Paul.  
Amen*

### Mass & Morning Prayer

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

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

## High-flying Scientists Attend Salters' Chemistry Camps



The Salters' Institute hold Chemistry Camps at eleven different host universities every summer. Students spend either four days and three nights or three days and two nights at the Host University, staying in the University Halls of Residence and using the laboratories. They carry out new, exciting experiments, and have the chance to delve into areas of Chemistry that are perhaps not covered at school. Further background information is presented through entertaining lectures and (often noisy!) demonstrations. In the evenings, practical work in the labs is put on the back burner, and students enjoy a variety of social activities like a fun quiz or tenpin bowling.

All schools are invited to nominate up to four pupils to attend a camp. We feel very honoured to have had all four of our nominees accepted! Congratulations to Grace Johnson and Ashwin Ajay who have been invited to Cambridge University in July. Sam Tarpey and Ryan Caird are invited to the University of Manchester in August. This is an amazing achievement. Most schools only have one of their pupils selected, proving once again that standards in Science at SJP are higher than ever!

### Don't miss out in 2009!

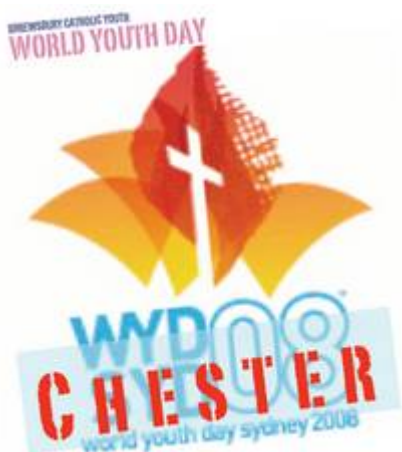
Present Year 9 pupils will be eligible to apply in November this year. Information for the **2009 Salters' Festivals of Chemistry** will be sent out to schools then. If you will be studying Core Science in year 10 and the idea of attending a camp appeals to you then please come and speak to Mrs Gullidge.

## Higher Education Conference 20 June

All Year 12 students attended the annual higher education conference, held at University of Liverpool.

There were representatives from all major Universities in the UK where students could gain information about the courses on offer and the entry criteria. There was also a number of subject specific talks that student could attend e.g. Medicine, Biological Sciences and Journalism, to gain a more detailed insight into the different components of the course and the employment areas it could lead to.

All Students have now begun the process of applying to University using the online application form and are carrying out further research into the subjects offered using the UCAS website and many others available.



To celebrate the 23rd International World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI in Australia, the Diocese of Shrewsbury is running its own festival day for young people and youth leaders at Chester Catholic High School. Bishop Brian will be welcoming young people from around the diocese during Mass at 11 o'clock. During the day there will be music from live bands, talks, dramas, workshops and a pilgrimage walk. You can touch up your football skills at the football zone and take part in our very own 'It's a knockout' Olympics. To register and to find out how you can take part, e-mail [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or speak to Alison.

## YOUTH



The work of Youth SVP at SJP began in earnest last Wednesday when our Sixth Form SVP group attended a garden party for elderly people at St. Luke's parish house. The young people from SJP helped to serve the guests with tea and cakes and then entertained them with songs and conversation.

Well done to all those who took part in the event!

## LITERACY CORNER

### Word of the week

#### Hubbub



- noun 1 a chaotic din caused by a crowd. 2 a busy, noisy situation.
- ORIGIN perhaps Irish.
- ORIGIN Latin, from aberrare 'to stray'.

### Literacy quiz Brainteaser

Can you remember these famous opening lines from our World Book Day quiz?

1. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."
2. "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen"
3. "These two very old people are the father and mother of Mr Bucket"
4. "When Mr Bilbo Baggins of Bag End announced that he would shortly be celebrating his eleventy-first birthday with a party of special magnificence, there was much talk and excitement in Hobbiton."
5. "All children, except one, grow up."
6. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife."
7. "'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,' grumbled Jo, lying on the rug."
8. "When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody said she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen."
9. "Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much."
10. "Call me Ishmael."

Answers:

1. A Tale of Two Cities 2. 1984 3. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 4. Lord of the Rings 5. Peter Pan 6. Pride and Prejudice 7. Little Women 8. The Secret Garden 9. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone 10. Moby Dick



# ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR MEGAN



Congratulations to Megan Steen (10MC), who has been nominated by Mrs Evans for a special Award. Megan has had a very successful year, achieving all of her targets and gaining maximum marks for effort too. Megan's reward was to receive two tickets for the Westlife Concert at the Echo Arena. A delighted Megan will be going with her Mum, also a big fan of the group. Have a great night out ladies!

## ENTERPRISE DAY

Year 10 had a fantastic day on Friday 27th June when business leaders came into College to lead a variety of sessions from business skills - leadership; team working; presentations - to business areas like finance; PR; marketing; production. Our students looked 'the part' and took to the activities with great enthusiasm and maturity - they talked the talk and walked the walk! Congratulations to everyone involved. All students will receive a certificate recognising their achievement on the day. As if that is not enough, the same students will of course be undertaking 2 weeks of work experience from Monday July 7th 2008 - they are certainly getting their fair share of Work Related Learning.



## Y10 have harvested their crop of vegetables



Last week, Ms Phillips led a mini project as part of the Y10 course on environment and evolution. Pupils planted buckets with seed potatoes, carrot seeds, radish and beetroot in March. They were kept in the bike shed for protection and warmth and cared for with the support of Mr Nibbs, science technician and Hoylake allotment treasurer.

Pupils cleaned and tasted the vegetables afterwards and commented on how different they tasted and how much better than the supermarket produce they were. From their experience at SJP, they reckoned that they would have a go at growing things at home now they have tried it here.

The College is continuing to raise money to purchase a poly tunnel so that we can expand this project and everyone can grow something.

Pictured is Joe McGeever with his crop of carrots and the har-

vest of potatoes, carrots and beetroot.



## Year 7 and 8 Athletic Championships

### 24 June 2008

### Oval Sports Centre

On Tuesday both Year 7 and 8 boys and girls made their way up to the Oval Sports Centre to compete in the annual Athletic Championships. Although our pupils were nervous about the forthcoming events, it was evident to see their drive and determination.

The competition got off to a flying start when Ashleigh Edwards finished an incredible 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 1500m race. Next to impress from the Year 7 team was Erin Hamilton who jumped her way to victory on the high jump, clearing 1.08m. Holly Harvey from the Year 8 team also jumped an incredible 1.14m. Bryony McNelis waved the flag high for SJP when she was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump with an incredible distance of 3.58m. Rachel Tullett completed an impressive jump of 3.10m on the long jump, which secured her 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Year 7 team once again shone in the throwing events with Hannah Naylor coming 6<sup>th</sup> out of 26 competitors in the shot putt event with a throw of 6.10m and Lauren Lefebvre finishing in an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the discus event with a throw of 16.14m. The last event for the girls was the relay race in which the Year 7 girls finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The Year 7 and 8 boys put on an impressive show at the championships and it was made clear to all rivals that SJP had the determination to win. Michael Deegan got things off to a flying start in the 1500m when he finished in an incredible 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The boys were next in the relay events, with the year 8 boys finishing in third place and the Year 7 boys finishing an impressive 1<sup>st</sup>. As the day progressed, so did the talent, with Danny Williams finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 200m and Kristian Brown and Rhys Hanlon finishing an incredible 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the boys 100m. To finish the event, Kyle Cartwright made it past the finishing line to come an impressive first place in the Year 8 boys 100m event.

**Congratulations to all pupils who took part in the championships. You all did SJP proud!!!**

<u><b>Year 7 Girls Team</b></u>	<u><b>Year 8 Girls Team</b></u>	<u><b>Year 7 Boys Team</b></u>	<u><b>Year 8 Boys Team</b></u>
Erin Hamilton	Rachel Tullett	Kristian Brown	Kyle Cartwright
Shannon Doran	Charlotte Obermuller	Rhys Hanlon	Michael Deegan
Lauren Lefebvre	Alisha Taylor	Daniel Williams	Lewis Connolly
Bryony McNelis	Emma Thomas	Lewis Hewitt	Tapiwa Chiwawa
Jade Short	Jess Partridge	Sean Mullan	Ryan Hall
Anima Talbit	Pamela Smith	Ciaran Mooney	Mason Ronan
Ashleigh Edwards	Chloe Burnett	Jake Curtis	Luke Shaw
Ellie Stephenson	Holly Harvey	Chris Boulton	David Martin
Soraya Abdo	Sian Evans	Bradley Smith	Antony McCarthy
Megan Higginson	Emily Guttridge	Daniel Kane	Lewis Williams
Sharna Kennedy	Beki Jones	Jake Caplin	Adam Bagley
Hannah Naylor		Tom Lloyd	Ben Davies
		Finnbar Phelan	Lucas Babol
		Cy Longstaff	

## NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

Last Week's Solution: 20kg

Congratulations to our first ever primary school pupil winner!

Genevieve Neal in Year 5 at St Anne's Catholic Primary School won last week's brainteaser.

A £5 gift voucher for WHSmiths is on its way to Genevieve!

This Week's Brainteaser:

In a group of twelve elephants some are 9 years old and some are 11 years old.

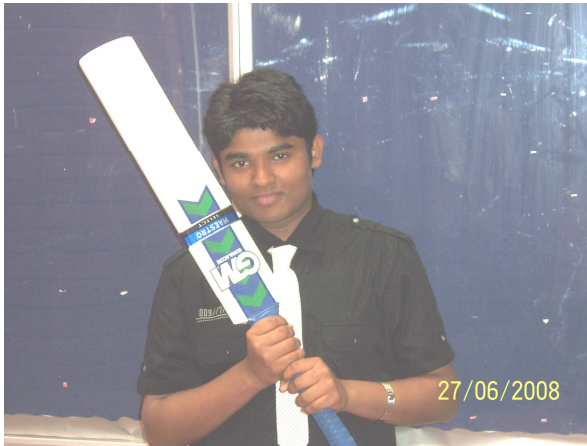
The total of their ages is 122 years.

How many of the elephants are aged 9?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 4th July.

## Cricket fixtures

### Year 10 v Park High Sports College



Ashwin Ajay put in an outstanding performance against Park High with an unbeaten 96 and bowling figures of 3/3/5. SJP batted first in the 16 over game (96 Balls) and scored an incredible 166. Ashwin started slowly just picking up singles until he got in to his rhythm and started to hit boundaries and quickly reached his half century. Tom Belton was dismissed to an exceptional one handed catch on the boundary for only 2 runs. Then in came Dominic Crossley who also looked in very good nick and quickly put on 31 runs before being caught. Tom Giles followed but failed to trouble the scorers. Luke Chapple came in at 5 and was also intent on putting on a show, scoring two boundaries in his first few deliveries. After reaching his 50 Ashwin realised a really big score was on, scoring freely hitting 9 boundaries in succession including four 6's. In the last over Chapple gave up the strike to assist Ashwin. Down to the

last ball, Ashwin needed a 6 to reach his maiden century but could only manage a single. This was truly an outstanding performance with the bat. Park High were never going to come close to the score of 166. Crossley made sure his bowling attack was focussed with Varney taking 2 wickets, Ajay 3, Adediran 1, Chapple 1 and Crossley 1. Park only managed to reach 79 from their allocated overs.

### Year 10 v Bebington High Sports College (indoor match)

Due to inclement weather, the fixture took place indoors.

Bebington won the toss and decided to bat. They reached 78 from their allocated 14 overs. Ashwin Ajay was the star with the bat, reaching 40 very quickly. Giles, Chapple, Crossley, and McGeever all thought they had to slog at balls bowled at their wickets, which proved to be a big mistake as none of them scored more than 5. The game looked to be in Bebington's favour when Dom Crossley (Yr8) came in and played with maturity and composure and steered SJP to victory. SJP reached the target with 5 overs to go, Ashwin reached 70 before being caught, Dominic Crossley went on to score an impressive 38 showing the lads two years older than him how to do it.

### Year 7 v Park High Sports College (indoor match)

In a game of indoor cricket a wide costs you 2 runs instead of 1 and this proved to be the deciding factor in the game. Both teams bowled a very large number of wides. This was not usually the case with the SJP team but maybe the change of surroundings effected their concentration. Park High won the toss and decided to bat reaching 98 from their 15 overs. Hankin, Doyle and McLean were the best of the 7 Bowlers used and are showing promise. Unfortunately the batting proved to be a challenge, Jack Moore scored the highest with 12. SJP only managed to reach 81 with over half the runs coming from extras. SJP lost by 17 runs.

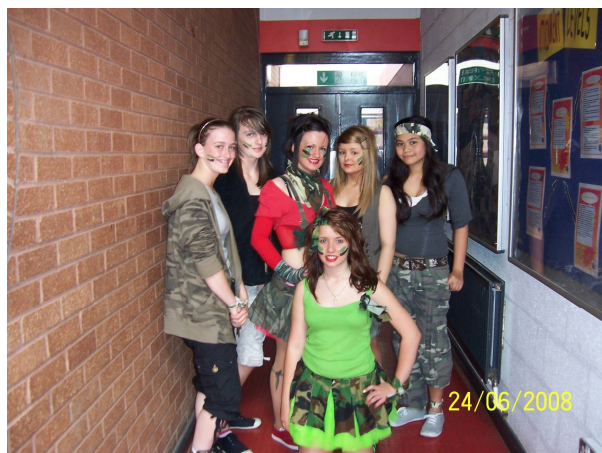
## YEAR 7 ART CLUB



Miss Albery's Year 7 Art Club have been at it again, working hard during their lunchtimes to create another superb piece of Art work. They looked at the work of the artist and architect Hundertwasser and then produced their own art club village in the style of his work. They each made their own house, person, car, trees, clouds and pets including a pet pig! Reece Sellers 7AL said "Art club has allowed us to look at the world in a different way and to draw it in a different way, just like Hundertwasser." The art club are now competing for some brilliant prizes in drawing competitions until the end of term. If any Year 7s would like to get involved come to see Miss Albery at Monday lunch times.



## Wirral Dance Festival



On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9 Year 10 girls represented SJP at the Wirral Dance Festival. Schools from all over the Wirral, including primary schools, have all been working hard this half term on their choreography and performance skills.

Our Year 10 girls, who are becoming very experienced at performing in front of large audiences, choreographed their own dance under an 'army' theme. They spent many hours practising to ensure timing was perfect. Dressed in army style uniforms, which they creatively designed, they danced under the name 'Camouflage', aptly chosen to encompass the theme of the dance.

The performance was confident, slick and well received by the audience. We have since had a request for the girls to do a performance in front of all of the pupils at Freshfields School, who enjoyed it so much, that they would like all their pupils to be given the opportunity to view it.

Well done girls! Once again you did SJP proud and showed others how talented you are!

Performers: Nicola McCulloch, Charlotte Thomson, Natasha Murphy, Kate Al Arnab, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Jessica Cad-den, Anna May Jones, Charlotte Doran.

## Year 7 Football Tournament finishes in style

As part of their BTEC First qualification in sport, some of our Year 10 pupils had to organise and run the latter stages of a Year 7 tournament. The entire event was planned in great detail by the excellent leaders on the course. The pupils held a series of meetings prior to the event to ensure all areas were covered. Assuming a variety of roles ranging from first aid to referee, the Year 10s ensured the stage was set for an enjoyable tournament. The Year 7 teams put on a fantastic show with each form competing at the highest level with skill, heart and determination. The eventual winners 7JP contested a hard fought final match beating 7MW by two goals to one. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the Year 10 pupils for the success of the tournament.



## Pupil Planners

As part of our annual review of use of Planners, I have asked Heads of Learning to collect in a number of Planners this week. Heads of Learning will provide replacement planner sheets for those pupils who are helping with this review. I would like to thank all those pupils involved. There is a small amount of inconvenience involved for them, but being able to see how our pupils are organising their work is a big help to me and our Heads of Learning.