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Learning Programme Unit 2/3

AWARDS EVENING 21 JANUARY 2008

Theme for the Week:

Remembrance

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month was the official ending of the First World War. So Remembrance Sunday is always one the nearest to 11th November.

On this day poppies are worn and wreaths of poppies are laid at memorials. They are a reminder of the fields of poppies in northern France where many soldiers were killed in the First World War. On 11th November, many people keep a two minute silence out of respect for those who died not just in the two world wars, but also in later wars.

Holy God, we remember those who have died in war.

We thank you for their service and bravery, and also for the courage and work of those who serve in the armed forces today.

We pray also that one day there will be no need for people to fight and die at war, but that we will learn to live in peace with those of different faiths, cultures and ideals.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

Mass & Morning Prayer

As usual, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in the Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday. Morning Prayer takes place every Thursday in the Chapel from 8.20. All welcome!

I am delighted to inform you that our guest for this year's Awards Evening will be Jimmy McGovern, renowned writer of Cracker and other highly-acclaimed television series.

CHEMISTRY WEEK 2007



The Science Department have continued the theme of space camp by taking the 'Rocket Road show' to St Joseph's and Our Lady's and St Edward's. Mr Moore, with the help of Mr Nibbs and 6th Formers, Joe Furey, Gemma Wise, Damien Passman and Mathew Sayce went on a mission to teach the teams to launch a rocket high into the sky. Armed with recycled water bottles, citric acid and bicarbonate of soda, the staff and students demonstrated the principles of flight and then let the Y5 teams loose.

A team from St Joseph's managed to send their rocket approximately 15 metres into the air. They completed the task by learning about combustion when Mr Moore set off a Hydrogen Rocket. This task is designed as a Transition activity, giving Pupils a head start for Key Stage 3, when they will be learning about Forces in Year 7.

WEEKLY FOCUS

Let us take time in Assembly this week to think about those who continue to lose their lives in war, and the suffering of their loved-ones left behind. Let each of us make our own small contribution to a future in which mutual respect and tolerance make such suffering unnecessary.

WORD OF THE WEEK

enigma

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• **noun** a mysterious or puzzling person or thing.

DERIVATIVES **enigmatic** adjective **enigmatical** adjective **enigmatically** adverb.

ORIGIN Greek *ainigma* 'riddle'



Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution : £160

Last Week's Winner : Laura Baines, 7AB

This Week's Brainteaser:

If there are ten blue socks, ten red socks and ten brown socks in a drawer in a dark room, how many socks must be removed before you are sure to get a matching pair?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 16 November. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

Literacy quiz:

A Slightly Harder Word Game

Anagrammed Places

Rearrange the letters of these words to make the names of countries, towns, or cities.

Example: Diagnose

Answer: San Diego.

1. Pairs.
2. Salvages.
3. Laity.
4. Solo
5. Retches.
6. Hasten.
7. Erect
8. Chain

Answers:

1. Paris 2. Las Vegas 3. Italy 4. Oslo 5. Chester
6. Athens 7. Crete 8. China

OCR BUSINESS STUDIES CLUB

The Business Studies Department is running an after school club on a Thursday from 3.30—4.30 for both Years 10 and 11 Business Studies Pupils, to help them with their course of study. Pupils will have the opportunity to complete their portfolio work, homework tasks, conduct independent research or improve the quality of their assignments with teacher support and guidance.

ICT KEY STAGE 4 OCR AND DIDA CLUB

An after school club for ICT will be held every Thursday 3.20—4.30 in ICT4, for those pupils wishing to polish up their ICT coursework.

FLASH ANIMATION CLUB

Held every Wednesday 3.20—4.30 in ICT2. All Years welcome.

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!!!

Our hugely successful 'Here Comes Christmas' fair will soon be upon us again. Book the date for your diaries – Friday 30th November 2007 3pm-5.30pm. College will close early on that day to allow pupils the first bite at the festive cherry.

We need your support before then by raiding the attic or garage or having a good clear out of any unwanted goods that could be sold on in our bric-a-brac stall. Your unwanted goods are somebody else's treasure and last year the stall made a terrific sum of money as a result of people's generosity. Anything apart from clothing will be gladly accepted (books, toys, games, DVDs, CDs, ornaments, etc). Please send it all in to College Reception. Thank you in advance for your support.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Fantasy Football is now up and running. Anyone interested in joining see Mr Burrows (£3.50 per team).

Pupils who already have teams can see how their team is doing by logging onto the website www.schoolsfl.com

INSPECTION WEEK

Parents will no doubt be aware that the College is being inspected this week, on Monday and Tuesday, we welcome Ofsted Inspectors who will be looking at many different aspects of College life. Thursday and Friday will see the arrival of an Arch-diocesan team looking at the Catholic life of the College. As it has been a number of years since our last inspections, we are pleased to have the opportunity to show how things are developing at SJP. We know that they will be impressed!

NOTE TO PARENTS

All Parents should please find attached a letter this week regarding a case of meningitis at a local High School.

Battle of the Bands!

Watch out for the latest wave in SJP's response to the X-Factor. Our very own Battle of the Bands will take place on 14/11/07 at 19.00 in College Hall. Apart from our own very talented crop of student musicians, attentive members of the audience may well see some special guest stars from a previous generation! Tickets (£2.50) will be available shortly from College Reception and are available to all Governors, staff, pupils and College Parents. Please note that that admission is by ticket only and that, due to the expected demand for tickets, pupils may invite only one guest each.

YR 10 GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

This week Year 10 GCSE Geography students spent Monday and Tuesday collecting field work data in the local area. Despite the wet and windy weather spirits were high and all pupils used their Geographical skills and knowledge to complete a range of surveys and questionnaires.

The data collected will now form the basis of 25% of their final GCSE Geography grade. An excellent day was had by all – Congratulations and Good Luck completing the final study.

SJP STUDENT IS REWARDED BEST INDIVIDUAL DEBATER

Sarah Collins (Year 13) and Toni-Louise Chadwick (Year 12) competed in the North West and North Wales regional Liverpool qualifying round held in St Margaret's Liverpool on the 7th November. Sarah and Toni-Louise debated in the final of the competition against Winstanley College for the motion 'Tourism benefits the world' after a very passionate debate the students from both teams were asked thought-provoking questions from the judges and a grilling from the floor no less. After a lengthy deliberation from the judges, Winstanley took the title. However congratulations to Toni-Louise Chadwick from SJP who impressed the judges so much on her articulate argument on tourism and ease of answering questions she was awarded best individual debater of the competition.

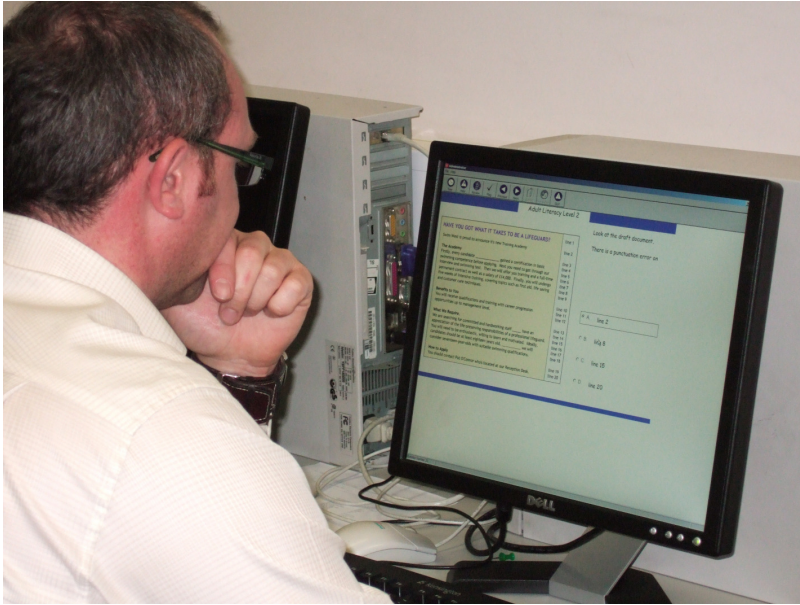
YEAR 9 AND 10 REVIEW DAY

Thank you to all of those many Parents who came to College last Friday for Review Day. I trust that the day was valuable and that you managed to obtain all of the information and details that you were seeking. As ever, please feel free to follow up queries with your son's or daughter's Form Tutor or Head of Learning. Progress Reports will now be sent out to those Parents unable to attend on the day and they too should not hesitate to call us if there are any matters arising.



SPECIALIST SCHOOL EVENING CLASSES

We were delighted to welcome the first of what we hope to be many of our Adult Learners into SJP last Thursday night.



They braved what was a very wild and windy night to attend the first of their ALAN (Adult Literacy and Numeracy) sessions.

All the students had a very fruitful evening, with some notable successes. One of our students remarked: "I was nervous at first, but once I got into the swing of it, it all came flooding back!". Another reported: "I got 28/40 for my first practice test which amazed me!"

We hope that in six weeks' time you will be reading of their successful completion of the course and their achievement of the ALAN qualification – worth a full GCSE.

It's not too late to join them in their endeavours. Please contact Miss Youds at carolineyouds@plessington.wirral.sch.uk

if you're interested.

