

# newsletter



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## SJP Praised by Government Inspector!



Mr Quinn is delighted to have received a letter at the end of last term from Christine Gilbert, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools congratulating us on our Outstanding performance and praising the work of the College.

## Year 7 & 8 Review Day 23rd January 2009

A reminder that the annual Review Day for parents/carers of all pupils in Years 7 & 8 will take place next Friday (23rd January 2009). The pupils will be making appointments with their teachers on behalf of their parents/carers. Further details will be in a separate letter sent out later this week .

Please note that as normal the College will be closed to pupils in Years 9-13 on that day. We look forward to seeing you.

## Theme for the Week

12th January 2009 "BELONGING"

**WEEKLY MASS** Wednesday 12.50pm.

**All welcome!**

*Here is some advice from St Paul about belonging to a community....*

**Get along among yourselves, each of you doing your part...**

**Be patient with each person, attentive to individual needs, And be careful that when you get on each other's nerves you don't snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out. Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens.** 1Thessalonians 5:13-16

Brilliant God,  
Thank you for our College community. Help us to realise that our community is only as strong as each one of its members. So inspire us to be generous, considerate and dedicated as we work together. Amen.

## How can you support your child?

In order to support you as you support your child, we are starting up a variety of evening sessions specifically targeted at parents of Year Seven pupils. We hope that these might further ease the transition of your children in terms of Literacy and Numeracy as well as giving you some strategies to help them be happy and successful in College. In the first instance these will run for four weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm until 8.00pm and will cover a variety of topics. Starting date: 27th January 2009.

On Year 7 Review Day you will be given a timetable of these sessions and information about how to sign up. Of course, if there are any subjects you would like to see covered that we have not included, or indeed if the timing of the sessions is inaccessible, we would be equally happy to hear from you. As always, we will endeavor to meet your requirements. It is of vital importance to us at SJP that you feel supported in helping your child to succeed so that we can work together over the years to come.

## Dates for your diary

Event	Date
Year 7 & 8 Review Day	Friday, 23rd January 2009
USA Ski Trip	Friday, 13th Feb—Saturday, 21st Feb 2009
Half Term	Monday, 16th Feb—Friday, 20th Feb 2009

## Houses and Charities

The next few weeks will see Houses meeting together and looking at fundraising ideas. Each House has a Charities Officer who is responsible for raising money in the House and liaising with Heads of House in this important area.

So far, many ideas have been put forward for charities – including national and local organisations.

Charities officers for each house are : James Barnes ( TL) Karl Moss ( VP) Lauren Spearall (MT) Rebekah Phillips ( BH) Declan Evans ( OR) Jess Fletcher ( SB) .

## Attendance

Year 7 attendance 90.9%  
Year 8 attendance 93.7%  
Year 9 attendance 94.3%  
Year 10 attendance 92.7%  
Year 11 attendance 93.3%

**In the lead this week is Year 9.**

## E-mail Addresses

As part of our ongoing efforts to communicate with you very quickly, we would like to offer an emailing service. This will enable the College to contact you with a variety of information. If you haven't already done so, please could you send your email address (together with your child's full name and form) to us at:

[schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk)

## Chess Club



Starting  
Tuesday 20th January 2009  
3.20 - 4.15 RE3  
All welcome, whether you just want to have a casual game, or to pick up some tips to improve your play.

## SJP's Got Talent!

Round 1 auditions have taken place for SJP's Got Talent and we are now at the Quarter Final stage.

There is an impressive range of talents from all ages, and it looks like we will once again have a great contest. Next week we will be selecting our Semi-Finalists.

See SJP Live for details of contestants.

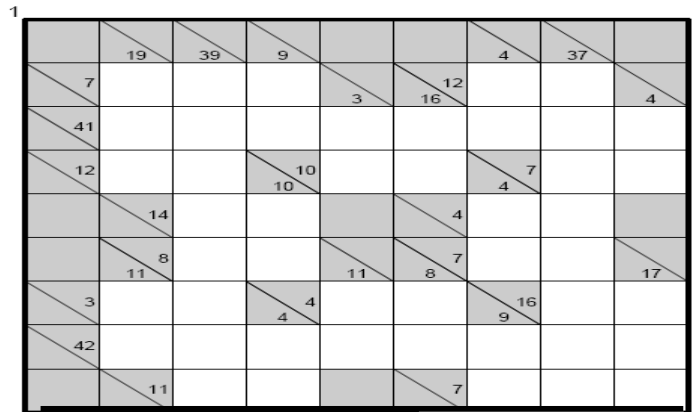
## Major Refurbishment

You will have noticed that the College is undergoing some construction work to completely transform the central teaching block on the site. Work has commenced to replace all windows with double glazed units, to modernise the stairwells and to replace the brick with a mixture of brick effect rendering and white cladding.

The result will be a major improvement to the learning environment in the rooms affected – with the absolute minimum of disruption to lessons during the work.

## Numeracy Corner

Each kakuro puzzle is composed of a number of rows and columns, some cells are empty and light coloured, others some have numbers in them. At first look therefore it looks like a crossword. Every sequence of cells in either a row or a column is called a 'run'. At the left of each horizontal run, and at the top of each vertical run, you will see a number. In the image above, you can see, for instance, a '19' in the second cell on the top row. This means simply that the sum of the 3 cells underneath it is 19. Next to the '19' is '39' - this means, therefore, that the 8 cells underneath it sum to 39. And so on, throughout the puzzle



## Literacy Corner

### Word of the week

**Pernicious** /pəˈrniʃəs/

- **ADJECTIVE** having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.
- **ADVERB** perniciously
- **NOUN** perniciousness

**Literacy quiz – the following are a list of commonly misspelt words. Identify the correct spelling:**

1. indulgant      indulgent      induldgent
2. broccoli      broccoli      broccolli
3. library      libary      libarary
4. acommodation      accomodation      accommodation
5. questionnaire      questionair      questionnaire

Answers: 1. indulgent 2. broccoli 3. library 4. accommodation 5. questionnaire

## Free Books for Schools

Our College has just signed up for a great new collection scheme that could provide us with hundreds of new books for our library and we would like your help. From January 11<sup>th</sup>, **Books for Schools** tokens will appear every day in The Times and the Sunday Times. We can exchange these tokens for free books of our choice from a catalogue of 170 extremely popular titles.

There will be 12 tokens every week, and with books starting at 10 tokens, you don't have to be a regular Times reader to really make a difference to our collection.

**Please, please** collect as many tokens as you can and put them in the specially provided boxes which will be located at the College Reception or in the library. Your help will make a real difference, ensuring that we have the very latest titles available. We will be placing our first book order at the end of the Spring term, so please make sure we have all your tokens before the Easter holiday begins. For more information log onto: [www.freebooksforschools.co.uk](http://www.freebooksforschools.co.uk)