

newsletter



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North of England Cricketer!



Congratulations to Luke Camden who has successfully got through the selection procedure to represent the North of England at cricket. This involves him travelling to Headingly once a month for training with the squad, which commences in March. Luke has also been selected for Cheshire's School of Excellence, where he will receive personal one to one coaching, as well as his own fitness coach and dietician. We definitely have a star in our midst! Well done Luke, everyone at SJP is very proud of you and wishes you every success in the future. We know you have the positive attitude, as well as the skill, to make it into the full England squad one day.

Theme for the Week

19th January 2009 " THAT THEY MAY BE ONE"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!

Our College Theme this week has been chosen because this week, we celebrate Christian Unity Week.

Praying for Christian Unity might not always seem a high priority, but it does highlight a longing for collaboration, respect and acceptance between different faith traditions and a desire for Christians to work together in proclaiming God's Kingdom.

Our College community is made up of people from many different faith traditions. But we are each called to work together in being "Always Faithful to Christ" in all that we say and do.

Ezekiel 37:15-28

God spoke to the Prophet Ezekiel and said "They shall be one in my hand...They will be my people and I shall be their God".

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

Back in Time with Year 9!

On Friday 9th January, 45 Year 9 pupils set out from school with Miss Francis, Mrs Singleton and Miss May heading for the Imperial War Museum on Salford Quays in Manchester. The purpose of the visit was to take part on an Artefacts Handling session relating to the Second World War and to tour the exhibitions within the museum, looking at conflict throughout the twentieth century.



Pupils had the opportunity to take part in a variety of interactive displays looking at issues from trench warfare in the First World War to the division of Berlin during the Cold War. All pupils commented on the usefulness of handling, seeing and touching artefacts from the Second World War and how they really helped to bring the subject to life.

Pupils were also able to view a variety of "Big Picture" shows: 15 minute film reels made up of documents from the museum's archives which covered topics such as Children and War, Weapons and War and the Home Front during wartime. This was an invaluable experience and one which will become a regular part of the History Department's trips and visits.

Basketball News

Yr 10 and Yr 9 played in the third round of their basketball tournaments last Wednesday night.

Yr 10 fought hard against a strong St. Mary's team to win 13-8 and controlled a tight game against St. Anslem's to win 22-18. Yr9 played a strong St. Anslem's team and lost 26-10 but beat St. Mary's 22-0. **Well done to all!**

Don't Forget!

Friday, 23rd January 2009 is the Review Day for Year 7 and 8 pupils, so pupils from years 9 to 13 will not be in college that day.

Attendance

Year 7 attendance 90.0%
Year 8 attendance 94.9%
Year 9 attendance 92.8%
Year 10 attendance 88.5%
Year 11 attendance 91.5%

In the lead this week is Year 9.

Year 7 Prove Poetic Potential!

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

Before the Christmas break, the English department ran a festive writing competition, asking Year 7 pupils to write a Christmas poem. There were over 150 wonderful entries.

The standard of poetry was magnificent and gave the hardworking judges a real headache. After hours of deliberating and flicking through a shortlist which was not so short, the English department finally decided on their favourite three poems. First, Second and Third place received gift vouchers for their efforts and all entries gained House Points.

The top three were as follows:

Eva Hodgkinson Josh Doyle Nicole Warren

Thank you very much to all those who entered.

Chess Club



**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..

Free Books!

Reminder! Please collect **Books for Schools** tokens which are appearing 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. **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.

Yr11 DT Sessions.

Product	Day	Time	Location
Design/ Systems & Control	Tue	15.20-16.20	DT7/DT3
	Wed	15.20-16.20	DT7/DT3
	Thur	15.20-16.20	DT7/DT3
Textiles	Tue	12.30-13.20 & 15.20-16.20	DT5
	Wed	12.30-13.20 & 15.20-16.20	DT5
	Thur	12.30-13.20 & 15.20-16.20	DT5

Timetable for Year 11 GCSE Coursework Clinic sessions. Other pupils wishing to attend should make an appointment with their class teacher.

Literacy Corner

Word of the week

Infallible /ɪnˈfælɪbəl/

ADJECTIVE 1 incapable of making mistakes or being wrong.
2 never failing; always effective.

NOUN infallibility **ADVERB** infallibly

Literacy quiz – Three in one

Words are sometimes composed of other words. The word 'dustbin' consists of dust plus bin, while 'together' may appear to include three separate words: to, get and her. To reverse the process, which word can be made out of the letters in the three words moor, root, and tow? The answer (or at least, one answer) is tomorrow. In the puzzles below, try to find eight-letter words which can be made from the letters of the sets of three words.

Example: Soon, sun, toil. **Answer:** Solution.

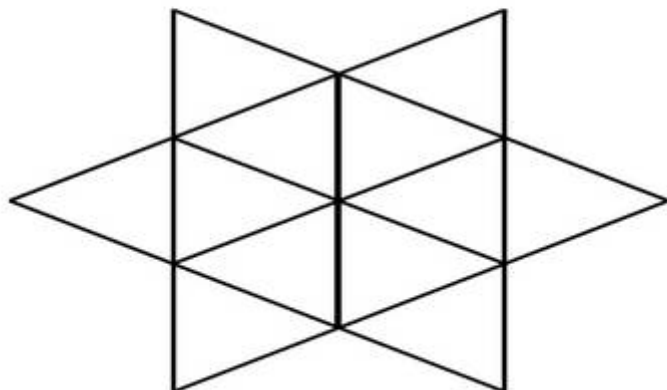
1. Riot, rite, tone.
2. Agent, gnat, stage.
3. Rim, sty, tins.

4. Lies, stone,

Answers: Interior stagnate ministry insolent alkaline

Numeracy Corner

How many triangles can you see in this picture?



Answer: 20