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Week Ending 12 September 2008
Learning Programme Unit 1/2

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

A New Beginning

We have a new College Chaplain, Rev Gerard Boyle, who will be appearing in next week's newsletter. So watch this space!

WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to all pupils and staff. I hope you have had a wonderful holiday and now feel refreshed to start a new year at SJP. What a fabulous start, with yet another set of outstanding results – even better than last year!

SJP was certainly the place to be on results days. The College Hall was buzzing with excitement as pupils received their grades, and many staff were there too, sharing in the successes of their pupils. During the Summer holidays the College has undergone yet more refurbishments: we have a stunning new Chapel, new Food Technology facilities, a brand new Dance Studio, and changes to the Drama Studio. We are introducing a new House System this year which will encourage friendly competition and bring us closer together as a family, as younger and older pupils will have the opportunity to mix together. The introduction of 'SJP Live' will add to the vibrancy of our environment as TV screens around the College display videos and images of learning and achievements. We are improving our communications with parents through the use of 'Call Parent', where we can send you instant reminders or notifications of events through text messages. We are also creating a new website and have a new on-line 'Pupil Tracking' system where parents can access their child's progress on-line.

We welcome all our Year 7 pupils and new staff into our community and hope they will be happy with us. SJP is an exciting place to be. I hope you enjoy this year and make the most of all the fantastic opportunities available to you.

Mr Quinn
Head Teacher

Outstanding Results Once Again!



The Staff and Governors at St John Plessington Catholic College would like to congratulate all of our Year 11 and Year 13 Pupils on their first class examination results this summer.

A tremendous 82% of our Year 11 Pupils achieved 5 or more GCSE passes at A*- C

With our record results at A-Level too, this has been the most successful year in the College's history. Well done to all on their hard work and dedication.

Comprehensive Education at its best

- 82% of our Year 11 Pupils achieved 5 or more GCSEs at A* - C (16% above the National Average)
- Our value added score **again** places us in the top 10% of all schools nationally
- "Students benefit from ... an excellent curriculum that meets their needs and aspirations."
- "Exemplary and rigorous assessment ensures all students know how well they are doing."
- "I am happy in the knowledge that my child's education is in the best possible hands." (Ofsted)

Co-educational Practice at its best

- 80% of our Boys achieved 5 or more GCSEs at A* - C (20% above the National Average)
- 81% of our Girls achieved 5 or more GCSEs at A* - C (14% above the National Average)
- "Students get on very well with each other and with staff. Behaviour is exemplary."
- "Relationships throughout are very positive; students show respect and consideration for others."
- "In this school, it is both acceptable and expected to do your best." (Ofsted)

Outstanding Results Once Again!

Particular congratulations go to the following pupils who achieved excellent results:

A Levels

Michael Brockway 3As	—	Leeds University to study Medicine
Peter Boyle 3As	—	Edinburgh University to study Veterinary Science
Kelly Paxton 2As and 1 B	—	Loughborough University to study Biology
Michael Banner 2As and 1B	—	Hope University to study Computer Studies

AS Levels

Stephen Bilko	—	4 As
Sophie Mitchell	—	3 As
Patrician Simmons	—	3 As & 1 B
Matthew Stott	—	3 As

GCSE

Philip Broadhouse	—	10 A* - A
Adam Griffiths	—	10 A* - A
Catherine Neal	—	8 A* - A
Sean Mooney	—	7 A* - A
Jennifer Cass	—	7 A* - A

Key Stage 3

An excellent set of Key Stage 3 results across the board in English, Maths and Science:

77% of pupils achieved Level 5 or above in English

75% of pupils achieved Level 5 in Maths

74% of pupils achieved Level 5 in Science

Well done to everyone!

TO ALL PUPILS: REMEMBER!

- Be on the yard by 8.35 a.m.
- Wear full winter uniform
- Carry a suitable bag
- Bring your planner
- Have a full set of equipment

NOW you're ready to learn!