

newsletter



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It is Official—SJP Has Got Talent!!



The Grand Final of SJP's Got Talent 2009 took place just before the half-term break. A packed audience from across the school were treated to an amazing line up of acts – including musicians, singers, dancers and magicians. The standard was incredibly high, with polished and professional performances across the board. The eager crowd, working alongside a motley crew of judges, had the difficult task of deciding the winning acts. Check out the highlights from the show, as well as some behind-the-scenes insights on our website. Congratulations to singer-songwriter Ellie Smith who wowed the audience and was the overall winner, but well done also to all the brilliant performers – you did us all proud!

Theme for the Week

23rd February 2009 " FOLLOWING JESUS—FORGIVENESS"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 25th February. Lent prepares us to walk with Jesus to the events of the Cross and to the joy of Easter, and is traditionally a time where the Christian community **prays** that little bit more, **fasts** from the excesses of life, and supports charity through **almsgiving**.

This week's theme of forgiveness is one of the key messages of Lent. Even on the Cross, Jesus showed real compassion, praying words of forgiveness for those who had put him to death. God is forgiving: he loves us and wants us to be close to him, even when we mess up.

So this week we can begin Lent by thinking about the things we need to say sorry for, the people that we need to ask forgiveness from, and the people that we need to make peace with.

*God of forgiveness,
we sometimes get things wrong
and hurt others by our thoughts,
our words and our actions.
At other times we are hurt by the way we are treated.
As Lent begins, you call us to put right anything that is wrong
and to forgive others too.
Help us, Lord, to make things better.*

Amen.

"The Times" Spelling Bee.



"The Times" newspaper are organising the UK's first national Spelling Bee Championship. The championship starts in March when we will go head-to-head in live local knockout heats. If our SJP team is successful, we'll then progress to the Regional Finals in May. The climax will be a Grand Final held in June 2009. This will be a high-profile event featured in The Times newspaper and on Times online.

Our squad was picked after a number of gruelling spelling tests in English lessons followed by a head to head show down for a place in the final team list. The lucky finalists are: Nathan Stanley 7OR, Vanessa Taylor 7TL, Rachel Evans 7MK and Nicole Heffernan 7MK.

Students have now begun training in preparation for the local heats in March. We wish them all the very best of luck and know that they will be excellent ambassadors for SJP.

Science Olympics.

On Saturday, we went to the Science Olympics at Liverpool University with Mrs Moore. Our team competed against twenty-two other high schools in a day of events. After an eventful day unfortunately, we didn't get a place in the final, but we came near! Megan and Emma's science limerick did win us all a bag of Crème Eggs!



SJP Under 13s—Wirral Cricket Champions

The Girls U13 cricket team played in the Wirral Indoor Cricket Tournament this Wednesday at Wirral Grammar. The girls played superbly, showing excellent skill and composure. They beat Cheshire Oaks, Bebington High and Oldershaw to achieve their place in the final. They beat Wirral Grammar in a very close final, with Lauren Lefebvre ensuring victory with a last minute catch for Wirral all out. They will now go on to play in the regional finals in March, Well done girls!



Numeracy Corner

You are the winner in a quiz show and can choose a prize from behind 3 locked doors. Behind one door is a new car. Behind the other two doors are goats.



When you have made your choice the host opens one of the other doors to reveal a goat.

Should you stick with your choice, or switch to the other one? Or does it make no difference?



Chess Club

Every Tuesday 3.20 - 4.15 RE3

All welcome, for however long you want, whether you just want to have a casual game, or to pick up some tips to improve your play.

PFOP Race Night!

ON: Thursday 26th March 2009 at 7.00pm

ALL WELCOME!

REMINDER: next PFOP meeting is Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm



Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.1%

Year 8 attendance 92.9%

Year 9 attendance 91.9%

Year 10 attendance 91.3%

Year 11 attendance 93.9%

In the lead this week is Year 11.

Science Revision Guides

Science revision guides are available to purchase for pupils from all years. To place an order just see your science teacher next lesson.

Prices:	Yr 7-9	£2.00
	Yr 10 Core	£2.75
	Yr 10 & 11 Applied	£5.95
	Yr 11 Additional	£2.75

Also, Yr 10 Core science pupils will be sitting their modular exams on **4th March 2009**.

A Level—Media Studies

A Level Media Studies students are invited to attend a coursework drop in centre. Here students can receive advice and support on their coursework with an aim to help them achieve the highest grade possible!

So if you are a Media A Level student, with a desire to do well then please drop in! The centre will be in English 8, Tuesday to Friday 3.30 – 5.00pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Rossiter

Basketball News.

The Year 10 and 11 Basketball teams played St.Mary's on Wednesday night. Our Year 10 team gave an impressive performance and confidently won the game 39-16. This was followed by another victory by the Year 11s of 43-16. Both teams combined individual skill with teamwork to produce these impressive performances and they are looking forward to more games after the half term. Many of the players have now developed their interest through our after school club the Plessington Jets as well as joining local basketball clubs in the area. Congratulations to all!

Literacy Corner

Word of the week Amalgamate / malg mayt/
 •VERB 1 combine or unite to form one organisation or structure.
 2 Chemistry alloy (a metal) with mercury.
 •NOUN **amalgamation**

Literacy quiz – Back to basics

Still so many people confuse the use of 'where', 'were' and 'wear'. Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

- is the meeting point?
- are you going?
- There five apples left when I counted.
- I'm going to my new dress tonight.
- We going to fancy dress but can we find costumes?