

newsletter



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Learning Programme 4/5

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Sixth formers and Cambridge

Two students from Cambridge University have been giving a presentation to our Year 12 students. Sarah is studying Economics and is in her third year. Greg is in his first year and studying Geography. The aim of the session was to give our students a first hand impression of what life is really like at Cambridge University and how they can apply there. Our students found the session really interesting. [Comments from year 12 students](#)

"It has made me see how friendly and relaxed Cambridge University actually is" "It gave me an insight into life at Cambridge and has encouraged me to think about applying" **"A great experience that gave me a valuable snapshot into university life, pastoral and academic"** "It changed my view of Cambridge. I am more informed on the financial side and I would consider applying" **"I fully enjoyed the talk on Cambridge University. I now feel more confident about applying to University"**



Badminton

Very well done to the Year 11 Badminton players, Kate Al Arnab, Becky Bell, Laura Oulahan, Charlotte Thompson, Andy Crawford, Lewis Clarke, Steve Drinkwater and Thomas Tudor, who all played doubles and mixed doubles matches against Bebington Sports College last week. SJP pupils played with great skill and enthusiasm and managed convincing wins in all of the matches. Great results: keep up the good play!

Theme for the Week

23rd March 2009 "FOLLOWING JESUS—TRUST"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!



**"Father into your hands
I commend my Spirit"**

This week's theme reflects the words of Jesus to the Father, words he expresses at his very lowest moment and most desperate need. We think this week about our need to trust in God's protection and love in all the situations and circumstances of our lives.

Prayer for the week:

Into your hands, gentle God, we place our lives, our hopes, and our spirit. Embrace us with your protecting care and give us the faith and strength we need to trust in you. In our quiet moments of prayer encourage us so that we might hear your voice calling us to a life of wonder and peace.

Amen.

Short Story Competition Winners

The English Department in conjunction with the Library recently held a Short Story Competition to celebrate the 12th Year of World Book Day.

Over 20 stories were entered into the competition and all of them were of an exceptionally high standard.



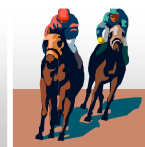
The winners and runners up are:

KS3 1st Ava Hodgkinson BH
2nd Reece Sellers 8JB
KS4 1st Helen Eyre 12JB
2nd Joshua Cookson 10SB

WELL DONE to everyone who took part, it was really difficult to choose the winners from this group of extremely talented writers.

PFOP Race Night!

Thursday 26th March 2009 at 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME!



Mathematics Revision Sessions

Date	Foundation Topic	Staff	Higher Topic	Staff
24.3.09	Finding missing angles and distance between two points.	MT in MA4	Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying and Dividing Fractions.	ACM in MA3
31.03.09	Changing the subject of a formula.	JMG in MA2	Solving equations with unknowns on both sides. Answers being fractions or negatives.	MT in MA4
21.04.09	Plot a quadratic graph and use it to make estimates for solutions.	ACM in MA3	Using trial and improvement to solve equations.	PLB in MA5
28.04.09	Reflections, Rotations, Translations and Enlargements.	MT in MA4	Increase and decrease by a given percentage. Share an amount in a given ratio.	JMG in MA2

Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.3%
Year 8 attendance 92.9%
Year 9 attendance 92.2%
Year 10 attendance 91.5%
Year 11 attendance 93.8%

In the lead this week is Year 11.

Year 9 Science News

As part of our Year 9 Science examination preparations, students have been invited to attend Extension Science Booster Classes.

These are being held in Science 7 and 8 **every Wednesday** from **3.30pm – 4.30pm through to 29th April**. The classes will cover all aspects of Scientific Enquiry skills which are important for success in the forthcoming exams and are also essential for all aspects of the GCSE Science courses.

Revision groups will also be created on the VLE for all pupils, to help them achieve their target levels. Through these groups, pupils will be assigned regular online activities and revision quizzes.

First CD release for SJP Chamber Choir

SJP Chamber Choir have been busy in the College's studio recording songs for their first CD. There are many new songs as well as some old favourites such as 'You Are the Shepherd', 'You Raise Me Up' and 'Footprints in the Sand'. Alongside this there are also solos and duets as well as a bonus track from our very own SJP's Got Talent winner Ellie Smith. Ellie not only sings the song but she also composed it and played the guitar accompaniment. The CDs are £5 and available from Miss Stott. All proceeds are going towards the Choir and Brass Band tour of the German Rhineland in May.



Literacy Corner

Word of the week

Terse /k^ə ntemp^ə rayni^ə ss/

• **ADJECTIVE** (**terser, terser**) meaning abrupt or sparing in the use of words

— DERIVATIVES

- **NOUN** **terseness**
- **ADVERB** **tersely**

— ORIGIN Latin, *tersus* 'wiped, polished' .

Words that begin with the letter A

Clues Across		Clues Down	
2. We are dismissed from school in the _____.	1	1. I am behind Ben in the queue. I am _____ him.	5
3. I keep my pictures in an _____.	2	3. Liza walked _____ the street. She is now on the other side of the road.	6
4. How _____ you today?	3	4. _____ an apple to my apple and we have two apples.	7
5. My mother does not _____ me to play outside.	4	5. We often go to the park. We went once _____ today.	8
6. My balloon is full of _____.	5		

Arts Celebration Evening

31st March and 1st April

We are looking forward to celebrating the many talents of pupils from all ages at our first Arts Celebration Evening. We will be showcasing examination pieces from Drama and BTEC Performing Arts (including work done in Ingestre with Year 9) and we will also see a variety of Dance and Music examination work. Arts and DT will also display the work of pupils in the atrium. It will be an eye-catching event, be sure to come and see!

Tickets will be on sale from Friday.
(£3 adults and £2 concessions)

Year 11 Spanish Revision Classes

Revision classes will take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.20-4.20. Pupils will be able to prepare/revise for their GCSE speaking test in May and practise for their Listening/Reading exam.

Science telescope

The Science Department have been successful in their bid for a 70mm telescope from the Society for Popular Astronomy (SPA) so we all look forward to scanning the skies!



The Society for Popular Astronomy

Britain's **BRIGHTEST** astronomical society for more than 50 years!

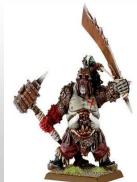
The department plans to use this in conjunction with Starlab, the inflatable planetarium which will also be in school for two weeks from 23rd March. This year is the International Year of Astronomy. Log on to <http://www.popastro.com/> for more information and to take part in some International Research! Why not view the night sky and try to answer the question below then add your answer to the thousand already posted online at the address above.

How many stars can you see in Orion

WarHammer Club

Monday and Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20
in the Library

Everyone is welcome from beginners to experienced gamers



RE Revision Timetable

Revision lessons Year 10 Wednesday evenings

25th March – Ministry / The Pope/ Bishops/ Priests/ Deacons J2 (D McCaughan)

1st April – Celibacy of the Clergy and the Ordination of Women J2 (R Woods)

Revision lessons Year 11 Tuesday evenings
with Mrs Davidson in RE 4

24th March – Life after Death C2

31st March – The Sanctity of Life / Abortion and Euthanasia C2