

newsletter



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Learning Programme 6/1

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Lead up to Project Week

Self managers
team work *enterprising*

Project Week

Project week: 29th June – 3rd July 2009

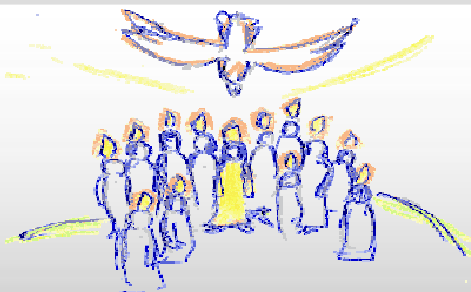
Project week is only 4 weeks away! Staff at SJP are busy putting the finishing touches to each house experience. Ask your form tutor about what your house will be doing and look on the VLE for more information about the activities. Have you paid your contribution yet and returned any forms?

Theme for the Week

1st June 2009 "GIFTS AND TALENTS"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!



The Feast of Pentecost which we celebrated last Sunday comes fifty days after Easter. This great feast day celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Jesus had promised that the Spirit would continue to inspire, guide and protect his followers after he had gone to heaven. The disciples received the Spirit, symbolised as tongues of fire and the sound of wind as told in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Day of Pentecost

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-7

On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind" It filled the house in which they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone and they began to speak whatever language the Spirit led them to speak. Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem and when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. But they were surprised, because they heard everything in their own languages. They were excited and amazed.

Spirit of God, be present with us in our College community and our homes today and surprise us with your amazing gifts.
Amen

SJP Awarded

Artsmark Silver Award



We are delighted to announce that the Arts Council for England has awarded the College the prestigious accolade of the 'Artsmark Silver Award' for our outstanding work in the Performing Arts.

This is a tremendous achievement for a non-specialist College in this field but a worthy one as any one who has experienced our many performances over the years will testify.

Well done to everyone!

Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.8%

Year 8 attendance 93.0%

Year 9 attendance 92.7%

Year 10 attendance 91.8%

Year 11 attendance 94.3%

In the lead this week is Year 11.

Year 11 Prom

Friday 22nd May was a big day for our Year 11 pupils. We started with a moving and joyful Celebration Assembly early in the day and in the evening we had our Year 11 Prom.

A fantastic evening was had by all, from the red carpet arrivals to the fireworks at the end. Thanks to all the staff and pupils who worked so hard to prepare for these events and for creating such a wonderful atmosphere, but special thanks in particular to Mr Dolan and Mrs Davis for organising a day to remember.



Accelerated Reader and SAM Learning Club

Every Tuesday Year 7 and 8 pupils are welcome to come and join a new club which will be held in English 5 (Mr Pearson's room) during lunchtime. You will be able to access SAM Learning and Accelerated Reader during this time. In addition to this, pupils in Year 7 will be able to come into this room to complete any English homework set and we'll even throw in some free help! We look forward to seeing you on the first Tuesday after half term.

Year 10 Science Revision

Day	Date	Module	Subject matter
Wed	3 rd June	B1b	Evolution and environment
Thur	4 th June	P1a RESIT	Energy and energy resources

Literacy Corner

Word of the week

Abstemious / ˈbsteɪmi əss/

- **adjective** not self-indulgent or greedy, especially as regards eating and drinking.
- DERIVATIVES **abstemiously** adverb **abstemiousness** noun.
- ORIGIN Latin *abstemius*, from *ab-* 'from' + a word related to *temetum* 'alcoholic liquor'.

Revising Sentences

This week we're continuing with sentence structure. This week we're looking at what a compound sentence is.

Key terms

COMPOUND SENTENCE: one consisting of more than one main clause

CONJUNCTION : A word class consisting of words which join either words or clauses together within a sentence.

- **and** is a conjunction and joins the sentences.
- **but** and **or** are other conjunctions used to join what could be separate simple sentences.
- Two simple sentences being joined together in this way is known as a **compound sentence**.

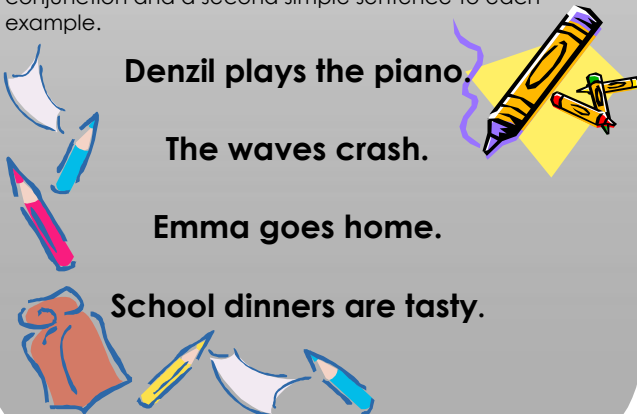
Have a go! Make a compound sentence by adding a conjunction and a second simple sentence to each example.

Denzil plays the piano.

The waves crash.

Emma goes home.

School dinners are tasty.



Cricket News

Last week Years 7,8,9 and 10 took part in the Wirral Inter-cricket competitions.

Year10

The year 10 pupils played extremely well, winning all games in a round-robin tournament resulting in them winning the competition.

Schools played and beaten were Oldershaw, South Wirral, Ridgeway and Rock Ferry Team: Andrew Powell, Luke Camden, Ryan Bennett, Jamie Igoe, Lawrence Mapar, Jack Jones, Aaran George and Connor Eakins.

Year 7

The competition was split into two groups. SJP played Ridgeway and won, drew to Wallasey and beat South Wirral, making us group winners. Unfortunately we lost to Hilbre who went on to win the final.

Team: Tom Morgan, Jack Jessop, Joe Murray, Matthew Doogan, Matthew Doolan, Billy Johnson, George Bailey and Declan Horton-Clark.

Well done everyone—a fantastic effort!

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..

Annual Higher Education Conference

Just before half term break a number of our Year 10 pupils attended the 7th Annual Higher Education Conference at Hope University. All secondary schools on the Wirral were represented at the Conference and were welcomed with a Key Note address from Professor Bill Chambers, the Vice Chancellor of the University.

Pupils spent the day experiencing the various workshops they had chosen to participate in, among which was a presentation by the Police, explaining routes through university into the Police Graduate programme. Other sessions included Vocational Pathways to a Degree and various subject areas offering degree courses such as Creative Computing, Drama and Maths.

Other workshops offered insights into student life and preparation for university through subject choice, student finance and voluntary work.

Feedback from our own pupils was extremely positive and they felt their day to have been well spent in offering motivation for pursuing Higher Education.