

# newsletter



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## PROJECT WEEK IS COMING!

**JUNE 29th TO JULY 3rd 2009**

In just three weeks from now pupils will move into house teams for a week. They will work with pupils from Year 7 to Year 9 and Year 12, making new friends and learning skills from others.



## WORK EXPERIENCE

Just a reminder that Work Experience week for Year 10 pupils is: **JUNE 29th TO JULY 3rd**

## Theme for the Week

**8th June 2009 "LIVING AS FAMILY"**

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

**All welcome!**

We all sometimes moan and groan about the members of our family; we can fall out and sometimes as a family we have to deal with hurt and pain. No matter what the make up of our family is, sometimes we forget that home is also a "Holy Place", a place where we can be ourselves, a place in which we learn so many things, a place where we develop our relationships and a place where we can recognise and respond to God's presence in the ordinary events of our daily lives: in the deep joys and sorrows we experience together and in our relationships with one another, whether we are children, siblings, parents, spouses, friends or neighbours.

*"God calls people to lead holy lives within the ordinary circumstances in which they find themselves." John Paul II*

**Don't forget: SJP closes at 1pm  
on Tuesday 9th June**

Please see the attached letter for further details.

## MUSIC TOUR

On Friday 22nd May as most of SJP were making plans for their half-term holiday and Year 11 were celebrating their prom, 45 students were getting ready for our International Music Tour to Germany. We left SJP at 1am and after a very long journey we arrived at our hotel at 6pm the following evening. The next three days were spent sightseeing and performing in concerts. Various activities were undertaken – including a cruise on the River Rhine, a visit to a mechanical musical instrument museum and a fantastic chair-lift ride which took us to the top of the hills from where we could overlook the whole valley.



There were three concerts as part of the tour. The first saw the choir singing mass at St Severus' Church in Boppard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The acoustics of the church made the choir sound amazing and the church organist said that we were the best choir that they had had perform there! Two further concerts followed which were joint performances of our choir and brass band. The final concert has to have been the best concert the choir and band have ever performed - their singing and playing stunned everybody and made the staff really proud. Well done to everyone and thanks to all those who made this such a fantastic trip.



## SJP Football Update

This year has seen many of our football teams put in fine displays in highly competitive matches. Year 9 and Years 12&13 were particularly successful, reaching the semi-finals of the Wirral Cup.

The Year 9 team were up against Mosslands for a chance to play at Prenton Park. The game was a very close affair with both sides creating numerous chances. Unfortunately for SJP it was the Wallasey team who took advantage of some lacklustre defending to gain a 1-0 lead. To make matters worse, they were gifted a 2-0 lead soon after as SJP failed to clear their lines again. On a more positive note the attitude shown from the team was outstanding. Their determination and endeavour were excellent and they were rewarded with a sensational 35 yard strike from Rhys Hanlon (who is actually in Year 8). As the ball broke just over the half-way line he struck it right-footed into the top corner. Although the goalkeeper attempted to save it, he had no chance of keeping out such a powerful shot. From then on the pressure was one way and SJP created several chances to rescue the game. Unfortunately they ran out of time and were unable to grab that vital equaliser. Well done boys and better luck next year!

The U19 team were up against Birkenhead Sixth Form College in their semi-final. The game was very close with chances being created by both sides. Charles McInnes and John Skipsey (Year 11) were benefiting from some incisive passes but were unable to capitalise on these chances. The Birkenhead team were beginning to show their pedigree and prove how they had managed to play a full season with only two defeats.



They deservedly took the lead just before half time with a well worked goal. SJP refused to give up though and started the second half brightly. As the clock ticked on, SJP were forced to gamble in search of an equaliser.

Unfortunately we were caught twice on the break and ended up losing 3-0. With a number of Year 11 players gaining valuable experience, the signs are promising for next year's competition.

## Praise for Brave Pupil

While Anthony Evans (10JB) was on a recent family holiday, he saved the life of an eight year old boy who had got into difficulties whilst swimming in the hotel pool. Anthony lifted the boy out of the water and swam with him to the poolside.

The Grandparents of the boy wrote to Anthony to thank him and praised him for his responsible and decisive actions. We are very proud, Anthony - well done!

## Booktrust Teenage Prize 2009

This is a fantastic opportunity to become part of a panel which will judge the Best Book for Teenagers in 2009. It is an external competition in which there will be four national winners. The awards will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2009. In order to enter you need to write a short story (no more than 500 words) about what you would do if you were the Prime Minister of this country.

Please pass your stories to Miss McGowan in English 7 by the 26th June if you would like to be entered.



## Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.5%  
Year 8 attendance 92.9%  
Year 9 attendance 92.4%  
Year 10 attendance 91.6%  
Year 11 attendance 94.1%

**In the lead this week is Year 11.**


## English Competition

This is a chance to win a £5 W H Smiths voucher and 3 House Points for three lucky pupils. We would like you to write a letter (of no more than 200 words) about what you have enjoyed in English this year. We would love some feedback from every year group so anyone can enter. Please pass your entries to Miss McGowan in English 7 by the 12th June (next Friday).

## Year 7 Cricket

Last Wednesday the Year 7 boys played away at Park High. Captain Matthew Doogan won the toss and chose to bowl. Park ended up with 30 runs for 4 wickets and in response SJP scored 36 runs for 2 wickets & won by 6 runs.

Well done to everyone who took part. Don't forget that cricket coaching is every Wednesday after school.



**SJP's Science Department Presents...**

# The Vision of Science

**Photography Competition 2009**

**Prizes**

10 finalists - their image printed and displayed in school  
The winner - their image printed and framed.

**Categories:**

- Category 1 - Action
- Category 2 - People
- Category 3 - Concepts
- Category 4 - Art


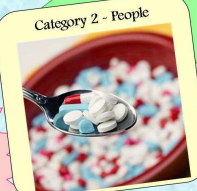
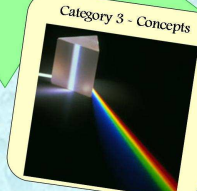
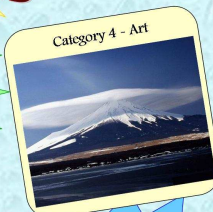
**Open to all Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils**

Include a caption describing your 'vision of science' (max 25 words)

Images must be in DIGITAL format. And handed to your science teacher.

Deadline for Entries **Friday 12th June.** The winners will be announced

Label your image with your Name and Form and the category you are entering your image in to

## EXAMS WEEK

Pupils in Years 7-10 are reminded that we are now approaching Exams Week, which begins on 22 June. All pupils in those Year groups should now be following the revision and preparation guides given by their teachers in lessons this week and next.