

newsletter



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ENTERPRISING Y10!

All of our year 10 pupils were recently involved in an Enterprise Day here at SJP. As part of their Careers and Work-Related Learning/Enterprise curriculum, they learnt about many of the skills needed to build and run a successful business. In addition, the pupils began to understand how to apply for jobs and what exactly is involved in the recruitment process – this leads into the work they will do next year as part of LP1 in Citizenship.

The whole day was delivered by a very experienced team from the world of business and it was particularly pleasing that once again the participation and application shown by our students was exemplary.

A particular focus of the day was teamwork, which made for an excellent introduction to the next part of the Careers curriculum at KS4 – work experience.



Theme for the Week

29th June 2009 " CALLED TO FOLLOW"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!

A Blessing For Project Week

This week will be a week of excitement and adventure: help us Lord to be fully alive to it all.

May we become more thoughtful and more generous to those in our house groups.

Help us not to be turned in on ourselves but let us be sensitive to the needs of others.

During this week, we ask you Lord to be with us. In all that we say and do, may we always be faithful to you.
Amen.



Attendance

Year 7 attendance 93%
Year 8 attendance 93%
Year 9 attendance 93%
Year 10 attendance 92%

FREE BOOKS FOR OUR COLLEGE!



Please don't forget to keep collecting the **Books For Schools** tokens that appear every day in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. These tokens can be exchanged for a fantastic selection of over 170 extremely popular titles. So far this year we have collected over 600 tokens, resulting in 30 free books for our library.

The campaign ends on 17th July, so there is still time to send in the last remaining tokens. Thanks to everyone who has collected tokens - your help really has made a big difference. For more information go to: www.freebooksforschools.co.uk

FINAL FAREWELL TO YEAR 13

Last week saw Year 13 pupils and staff gather together at the Leasowe Castle Hotel for the Leavers' Dinner. A three-course meal was followed by speeches from Mrs McMahon (Director of Sixth Form), Laura McNally (Head Girl) and Michael James (Head Boy).

Thanks to all the members of Year 13 for all their hard work and contributions in the seven years they have been with us. We look forward to seeing them again on results day later this Summer.



ANOTHER GREAT CHARITY EFFORT FROM TL

TL have already this year handed over a cheque to Christine Blair, a member of our staff who represents the Rock of Joy Trust, a charity that raises money to support educational projects in Africa. Our money has gone towards providing food and drinking water for Ugandan children at lunchtimes – sometimes the only meal they will have during the day.

Not only that, but last week two representatives from the Merseyside Down's Syndrome Society came to SJP to receive another cheque for one hundred pounds (pictured below). This group helps young people in our area with Down's Syndrome by providing facilities, expertise and family support.

The pupils in TL House raised this money through a variety of fund-raising opportunities, including mak-



ing, selling and delivering Valentine's Cookies and Pouches and a 'Sponsor a Good Pupil' day. We are very proud of their selfless attitude and willingness to give up their time to help others.

Well done to everyone in TL!

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to all of our Year 8 pupils from the parishes of St Anne's and St John's who were Confirmed by Bishop Brian on Thursday 19th June. The ceremony took place at St Anne's and it was wonderful to see so many of our young people there with their families. Well done to all of our pupils who showed such enthusiasm and commitment in recent months during the preparation programme. They were a pleasure to work with.

Word of the Week

- **noun 1** a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement or proposition that may in fact be true. **2** a person or thing that combines contradictory features or qualities.
 - DERIVATIVES **paradoxical** adjective **paradoxically** adverb.
 - ORIGIN originally in the sense statement contrary to accepted opinion: from Greek *paradoxon* 'contrary opinion'.