



Issue No. 3

Week Beginning 22 September 2008  
Learning Programme Unit 1/3

**Following our highly enjoyable Open Day we now  
look forward to Open Evening:**

### OPEN DAYS

18th September 9.30am - 12noon / 2nd October 9.30am - 12noon

### OPEN EVENING

25th September 6pm - 8pm

**St John Plessington Catholic College**

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

#### Here's what Ofsted say about us

- This year 82% of our Year 11 pupils achieved 5 or more GCSEs at A\*-C
- Boys and Girls joins us from around 40 Primary Schools each year.
- We know all of our pupils well and report to parents 10 times a year.
- Our purpose-built campus provides for the very best in 21st century learning.
- All of our classrooms are equipped with the latest in multi-media technology.
- Our unique virtual learning environment allows pupils to work anywhere and anytime.
- "Students benefit from ... an excellent curriculum that meets their needs and aspirations."
- "Exemplary and rigorous assessment ensures all students know how well they are doing."
- "I am happy in the knowledge that my child's education is in the best possible hands."
- "Students get on very well with each other and with staff. Behaviour is exemplary."
- "Relationships throughout are very positive; students show respect and consideration for others."
- "In this school, it is both acceptable and expected to do your best." (Ofsted)

The 2008/2009 Open Evening Head Teacher talk is scheduled for 6.15 and 7.15 pm on Thursday 25th September 2008. Feel free to call Mr Simon Rylance on 0151 645 5049 to arrange a visit or take a look at our virtual tour of the College at [www.stjohnplessington.com](http://www.stjohnplessington.com).

*"This is an outstanding school in which exceptional things happen."*

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OFSTED

We welcome applications from all parents seeking a Christian education for their child.

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK:



**Blessed are the  
Peacemakers**

This week's theme 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' has been chosen because Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is the UN International Day for Peace.

In a world of conflict and ongoing war, we can reflect too on the call to live peacefully within our own communities.

#### Choose...

Choose to love – rather than hate.  
Choose to build – rather than destroy.  
Choose to persevere – rather than quit.  
Choose to praise – rather than gossip.  
Choose to heal – rather than wound.  
Choose to give – rather than grasp.  
Choose to act – rather than delay.  
Choose to forgive – rather than curse.  
Choose to pray – rather than despair.  
Amen

### OPEN Evening 25 SEPTEMBER 2008

Parents are reminded that the College will close to all pupils at 1.30 p.m. on the above date to accommodate Open Evening arrangements.

#### ALSO FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Year 7 Family Mass  
Tuesday 23 September  
at 2.00 p.m.  
In the College Hall  
All Year 7  
Parents welcome**

visit our College website [www.stjohnplessington.com](http://www.stjohnplessington.com)

# OPEN DAY IMPRESSES PARENTS

***‘SJP is welcoming, very impressive and will definitely be our first choice.’***

This is just one of many positive comments made by visitors who came to look around the College on Open Day, Thursday 18th September. Parents took great interest in seeing us at work during a normal busy day. Many commented on the excellent facilities and the exciting learning that was taking place as they toured around the College. The exemplary behaviour of pupils in classrooms, on corridors and on the yard was noticed, as was the purposeful and vibrant atmosphere around College.

Our visitors also said...

***‘We are very impressed by the whole school ethos. It is a calm, hard working school.’***

***‘The immediate impression on entering the building is of an organised, well-disciplined school.’***

***‘The support structure for pupils is excellent.’***

***‘The displays on corridors clearly reflect the pupils’ achievement and the pride the College takes in that.’***

We look forward to welcoming yet more parents to our Open Evening and second Open Day, when we can proudly share the experiences pupils enjoy at SJP.

## Outstanding Science Results

Stephen Drinkwater, 11BH and Hannah Condron, 11BH are to be congratulated on gaining the highest score in the country for their Applied Science Unit 1 Portfolio. Both pupils deservedly achieved A\* by producing work that the Exam Board deemed to be worth 100/100.



Stephen Drinkwater, 11BH



Hannah Condron, 11BH

Congratulations must also go to the following pupils who achieved either an A or A\* in their Unit 1 Portfolio:

Jessica Cadden 110R, Louise Cross 11MK, Gareth Delamere 11MK, Jordan Ezard 11SB, Antonia McArdle 11SB, Rachael Nugent 11OR, Jodie Watson 11MK, Mercedes McCulloch 11SB, Jasmine Simpson 11BH, Charlotte Thompson 11OR, Faye Trippitt 11BH and Thomas Tudor 11SB.

We are looking forward to similar results for their Unit 3 Portfolio work, and exceptional results in the Summer!

The Science Department would also like to congratulate pupils achieving A or A\* in Core Science:

Grant Gamble 11TL, Grace Johnson 11SB, Ashwin Ajay 11VP, Julia Edge 11JB, Jamie Flynn, 11SB, Rachael Lowton 11VP and Aaron Mason 11VP.

**Well done everybody!**

# Merseyside Netball Trials

## ***Congratulations to:***

Bryony McNelis, Amina Talib and Lauren Lefebvre – Year 8

Rebecca Lunt, Shannon Reid, Sian Bilko and Olivia Webster – Year 10

The Year 8 girls above attended a netball talent Identification Training Day on Sunday 14th September. The girls were outstanding and played exceptionally well, managing to shine amongst other elite performers. All girls will remain in this elite system and have been invited to attend training sessions in order to progress to the Merseyside Academy.

Well done to **Lauren Lefebvre, 8VP** who made it straight through to the Merseyside Netball Training Academy and will begin training next month.



Lauren Lefebvre, 8VP

## **Attendance**

**Year 7—11 94.8%.**

Year 7 96.2%

Year 8 95.3%

Year 9 94.8%

Year 10 94.2%

Year 11 93.6%

Well done Year 7! You are leading with the best attendance so far!

All other Year Groups are close behind. Keep it up!

Remember that good attendance is very important in helping you succeed and enjoy school.

## **Punctuality**

This is also very important. You should be on the yard **no later than 8.35 a.m.** every day.

## HOUSE OFFICERS' NOMINATIONS

Are you organised? Are you hard working? Do you wish to be a leader?  
Are you a good role model?

A reminder to Years 10-13 pupils that applications for **House Captain** and **Charities Officer** are to be obtained from your Form Tutor. The deadline for applications to Head of House is 26 September.

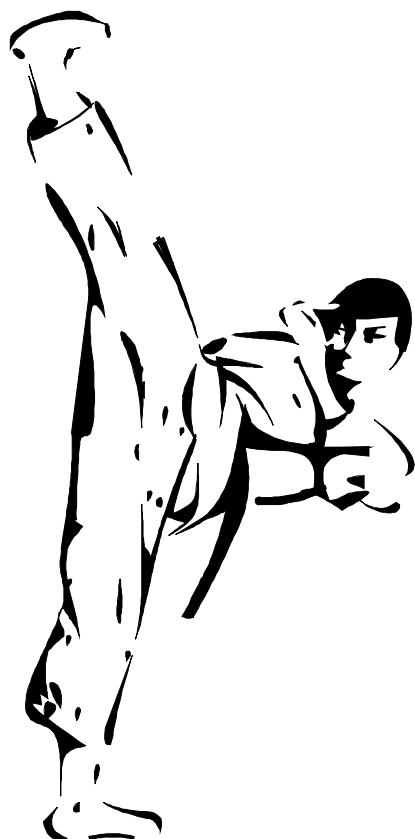
## House Competitions Get Under Way

This week the Geography and Maths Department have held exciting competitions, in which pupils have competed with each other to win House Points. Read the next page for their news...

## Mass

On Wednesday Fr Nick will celebrate our weekly College Mass in the Chapel at 2.50pm.  
If you would like to join us you would be most welcome.

## Taekwondo Club & Cheshire Jets Come to SJP



On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, we have a Taekwondo instructor coming into College to lead a taster session for all those pupils who may be interested in participating in a club here at SJP, to commence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

We will be running a ten week block on Monday evenings, 3.45 – 4.45 pm, based on a first-come first-served basis. All those interested will have to collect a letter after the taster session, and return the reply slip as soon as possible in order to secure a place.

I am sure this will be an extremely popular addition to our extra curricular programme.

Cheshire Jets have been interested in developing our basketball talent here at SJP for some time, having worked with us in the past during 'Here Comes Christmas' and in taster sessions. As a result, they have decided to set up our very own 'Plessington Jets', for both U14 & U16 players on a Tuesday evening.

This will start on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, with the U14 club running between 4.30 and 5.30pm. The U16s will start at 5.30 and finish at 6.30. All welcome!

This is a great opportunity to participate in an activity, led by high class coaches, at your College. Don't miss out, get involved and improve your fitness levels, as well as having fun!

## PUPIL FOCUS:

Record your homework on the correct page in your planner

## Year 7 Mathematics House Competition Pi Day Launch!



'Pi Day' went off with a real bang for the launch of M a t h s Competition week. Year 7 & 8 were all gathered in the Hall and at exactly 3.14 on 15th day of the 9th month, 265 party poppers were set off

simultaneously to represent the first 9 digits of Pi (3.14159265....)!

As part of the celebration for 'Pi Day', the Mathematics Department has held a series of events based around Pi Competitions. They have been ongoing all week for Years 7 & 8 and the winners have been selected to take part in the Grand Final on Friday 19th September. The finalists are:

### Year 7

7SB	Rebecca Wright
7JB	Thomas Mottrom
7BH	Ava Hodgkinson
7MK	Rachel Evans
7OR	Jack Callaghan
7MT	James Finegan
7VP	Yazzmin Bonner
7TL	Hope Murray

### Year 8

8A1	Marcus Fong, 8TL
8A2	Matthew Dillon, 8TL
8A3	Ian Meeks, 8MT
8A4	Amy Lamb, 8TL
8A5	Daniel Buckley, 8JB
8B1	Stephen Evans, 8BH
8B2	Jack Caplin, 8OR
8B3	Jake Wingfield, 8SB
8B4	Conor Williams, 8MK
8B5	Daniel Smith, 8MK

Good luck to all the finalists.

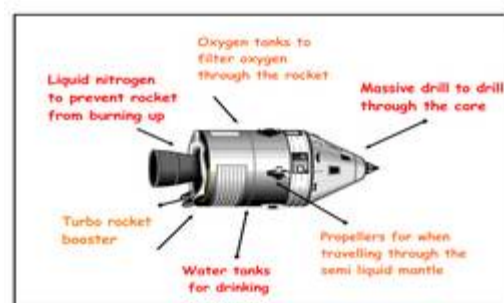
Look out in next week's SJP News for the winners!

## Year 7 Geography House Competition 15th - 26 September

### Journey to the Centre of the Earth

The challenge for Year 7 is:

Design your own rocket or protective suit to withstand a journey to the centre of the Earth. Watch the 'SJP LIVE' screens around College for some ideas.



## Numeracy Summer School

During the first week of the Summer Holidays, Miss Hodges had the pleasure of being joined by some of our newest pupils for the Summer School.

Pupils worked really well together, getting to know each other and working in teams to solve the mysteries of the Treasure Hunt. They undertook a detailed analysis of what comes in a tube of Smarties (followed, of course, by a taste test!) and played a selection of games to get their mathematical brain cells working! The pupils all worked really well together and behaviour was excellent.

We are all looking forward to taking part in a similar event next year, thanks to the fabulous success and behaviour of this year's pupils! Well done to all!

Look out on 'SJP LIVE' for photographs of the event.



# INTRODUCING OUR SIXTH FORM LEADERS...

## HEAD BOY

“My name is **Michael James, 13MT**, and I am the current Head Boy. I am undertaking three A levels: English Literature, Psychology and Theology.

In the future I plan to go to University and study either English Literature or Journalism. After this I hope to become a Secondary School teacher, or maybe even a Journalist.

I am a self taught guitarist and I spend my free time enjoying life, and practising with my band.

I am looking forward to the responsibilities of Head Boy, and I am sure you will see me around!”



## HEAD GIRL

“I am **Laura McNally, 13MT**. I am studying English Literature, ICT and Psychology A Levels.

I plan to go to University and then follow a career in Media as an Editor or Director.

I enjoy playing piano and singing.

I am excited about taking a leading role in the College, and undertaking the responsibilities of Head Girl.”



## DEPUTY HEAD BOY

“My name is **Stephen Bilko, 13MT**. I am studying Chemistry, English Literature and Biology A Level.

I enjoy Science and plan to study Medicine or Physiotherapy at University.

I play football for Vauxhall Motors Youth Football Team and enjoy most sports. I also enjoy playing guitar.

I too, am looking forward to the responsibilities of Deputy Head Boy and being a leader in the College.”



## DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

“My name is **Gemma Wise, 13TL**. I am studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths A Level.

In the future I plan to work in Forensic Science (CSI).

My hobbies are playing the guitar and cooking.

I feel privileged to be Deputy Head Girl and I am looking forward to being an excellent role model and carrying out my duties well.”



NUMERACY CORNER

Su Doku Challenge - 2

Here is the next instalment of your weekly Mathematics Department Su Doku Challenge! Remember you have to put all of the digits from 1 – 6 inclusive in the six boxes, but no number should appear twice in one set of six, or twice in a row, or twice in a column! Good luck!

Puzzle

	6	4	2		
			5		4
6	2				3
3				2	5
4		2			
		6	4	5	

Solution

5	6	4	2	3	1
2	1	3	5	6	4
6	2	5	1	4	3
3	4	1	6	2	5
4	5	2	3	1	6
1	3	6	4	5	2

I finished this in.....

My record time is .....

Literacy Corner

Word of the week



**Vociferous** (voh-SIF-uhr-uhs )  
Adjective: Making a loud outcry; clamorous; noisy  
**Origin:** Vociferous derives from Latin vociferari, "to shout, to cry out" from vox, "voice" + ferre, "to carry."  
**Related forms:** vociferously, adverb vociferousness, noun

Literacy quiz

Find the characters from ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ along with the author’s name in this word search.

To Kill A Mockingbird

M X G L M B V W V F Z X Q H L M D J S P  
I A J M I E B W U G O J R Q M N V X Z K  
C K H R V P A X H Y U G Q C D H H Q Z C  
R Y X G Z I K T D Y I S C D W C L D V Y  
P S J Y N C U O B C F G O L N L V R O K  
C S H B O I C C I R J L G I E J T T Z F  
N U Z G S V N B T A P H F F Y H I R O U  
E Q P Z N U M N C H C S C A Q K B M L P  
S U W P I J L M U N U E I N U L A L H L  
G K T G B K J R I C D N V V I X A R X Y  
L C Y G O N A F I W R P P N Q F L N Z G  
L B D U R Y T T D U K E K E Y I M B K W

ATTICUS FINCH  
BOO RADLEY  
CALPURNIA  
DOLPHUS RAYMOND  
HARPER LEE  
HECK TATE  
JEM FINCH  
LINK DEAS  
MAYELLA EWELL  
SCOUT FINCH  
TOM ROBINSON  
WALTER CUNNINGHAM

Numeracy Brain Teaser

Haretown and Tortoiseville are 50 miles apart. A hare travels at 7 miles per hour from Haretown to Tortoiseville, while a tortoise travels at 3 miles per hour from Tortoiseville to Haretown.

If both set out at the same time, how many miles will the hare have to travel before meeting the tortoise en route?

Correct answers to Mrs. Bell in Mathematics Room 7 by **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008**. All correct entries will be awarded 1 House Point and will be put into a draw for a £5 WH Smiths gift voucher. Good Luck!

