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Haiti Earthquake

I am sure that over the last week we have all been shocked and upset by the horrific pictures and news reports on our television screens following the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The loss of life and suffering of the Haitian people is impossible for us to imagine.



At SJP, the first response of our Community was to pray for those who lost their lives in the earthquake and the thousands of survivors left without homes, possessions or hope.

We then turned our thoughts to what we could do to help practically. Mr Quinn offered to donate £1000 from the proceeds of "Here Comes Christmas" to the CAFOD Haiti Disaster Fund. The students and staff are now resolved, through collections and various fundraising activities, to match the College's donation - currently more than £700 has been raised in additional funds.

Pictured below is Sue Bownas, CAFOD's Shrewsbury Diocesan Manager, collecting our initial cheque for the money we have raised so far.

If, as a parent or friend of SJP you would like to make a donation to our Haiti Appeal Fund please send your donation via the College Office. Cheques can be made payable to "CAFOD Haiti Appeal".

*Loving Father, fill our hearts with compassion,
we who watch from afar as the people of Haiti
find only misery upon misery.*

*Move us to act swiftly to give generously every day,
to work for justice always and to pray unceasingly for
those without hope.*

Amen



Year 8 Girls' Basketball

On Wednesday 20th January the Year 8 girls had their first basketball match and they played against South Wirral. The girls played their best showing off many skills and they should be very proud of how they played. It was particularly pleasing to see ten girls from Year 8 turn out after school bringing supporters with them.

Overall a very physical South Wirral team was just too much to handle and our girls were defeated.

Thank you to everyone involved: keep training every Friday and success will be on the cards.

The girls taking part were :

Stacey Johnson	Jess Marton
Ebony Kane	Molly Bryan
Jess Johnson	Shannon Green
Molly Brabie	Abbie Barton

Netball News

Congratulations to the Year 7 Netball Team who came away with a 4-0 victory against Pensby on Tuesday.

The girls put on an excellent display of skill and performance throughout the game. Great defending from Dionnes and Jess meant that we were able to finish with a clean sheet! Well done to Lauren, Caitlin, Jordan and Eleanor who kept control in centre court and fed some great balls up to our shooters, Jade and Kirsten.



Player of the match – Dionnes Tilston (7SB)

Squad: Jade Cookson (7MK), Kirsten Whitehead (7SB), Lauren Edge (7VP), Caitlin Morris (7MK), Eleanor Baxter (7MT), Jordan Thompson (7MT), Dionne Tilston (7SB) and Jess Murphy (7MT)

The Year 8 team also played against Pensby but unfortunately the game ended in a 6-4 result to Pensby. However, this does not reflect the level of play from the girls as their performance on court was exceptional. Great dodging and defending strategies allowed the girls to put up a hard challenge for the Pensby squad.

Player of the match – Allysha Billington (8JB)

Squad: Kayla Pearson (8), Grace Jones (8OR), Allysha Billington (8JB), Chloe Lucas (8VP), Jismi Gladwys (8MT), Emily Marriot (8OR), Faye Burnell (8VP), Beth Guttridge (8JB) and Hollie Jones (8OR).

SJP Panthers—Netball League

SJP Panthers – Birkenhead Netball League

Congratulations to the Year 11 SJP Panthers team who are currently third position in the Birkenhead Netball League, following another victory. If the girls continue with this level of success they will be promoted up to the next division next season. Well done girls!

Squad: Megan Gallagher (11MT), Alex Scollins (11MT), Shannon Reid (11OR), Rebecca Lunt (11MT), Sian Bilko (11SB), Danielle Boughey (11SB) and Olivia Webster (11VP).

Basketball News

Basketball News – Thursday 21/1/10

Well done to the Year 11 boys Basketball Team who drew against Wirral Grammar Boys on Thursday. The boys worked well to achieve a draw from being 7 points down at the start of the last quarter.

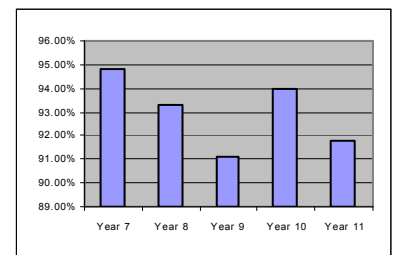
Player of the Match – James Kinsella (11)

Squad: James Kinsella (11BH), Jonathan Adkins (11MT), Joe Mullen (11VP), Michael Cain (11MT), Robert Worsley (11MT) and Conor Fields (11MT).

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 22.01.2010

Year 7 - 94.9%
 Year 8 - 93.3%
 Year 9 - 92.0%
 Year 10 - 94.1%
 Year 11 - 91.9%



Year 9 Barcelona Trip

Reminder to parents/carers of Year 9 pupils going on the Spanish trip to Barcelona during the Easter Holidays.

There is an information meeting on Tuesday 2nd February 2010 which will take place at 5pm in the College Hall.

Literacy Corner

Here at Literacy Corner we have a fascination with the origins of words, particularly those that seem as familiar to us as the names of the month. So as we head into the last week of January, it's interesting to note the origin of this, the first month of the year.

January



- Is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.
- The month itself is named after Janus (Ianuarius), the god of the doorway who had two faces - one facing forward to the New Year and one looking back on the old.
- The name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (*ianua*).

So, as you continue to stride confidently through this door you might like to try and solve the anagrams below. A small tip.....they are all selected from eleven other names closely related to the one we have explored above!

MOBNERVE GUSATU ROBECOT
PLIAR FARBUYER EMBEDREC

Answers at bottom of page

SJP's Got Talent 2010

Round 1 of the auditions stage took place last week with close to 60 acts hoping for a place in the SJP's Got Talent Finals. The level of talent within the auditions has been immense, with a variety of acts performing.

Well done to all of the pupils that auditioned during Round 1: it takes a lot of courage to be able to stand up in front of a panel of judges to showcase personal talent.

The SJP's Got Talent Semi-final will take place on Thursday 4th February, with pupils aiming to make it to the GRAND FINAL on 11th February.

Look out for the video coverage of auditions and acts on SJP LIVE.

Reminder

Please remember that SJP LIVE and the SJP Website use video and pictures of our school children. If you would like your child not to appear on either site please inform your child's Head of Learning in writing.

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FURTHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 + 12

TEENS' TOP 10 CAREER CHOICES

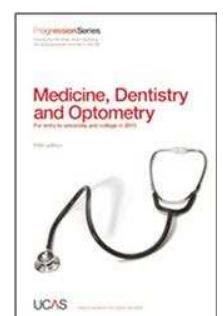
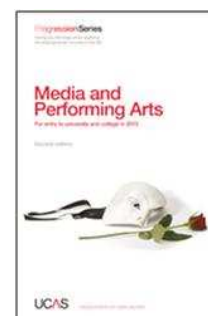
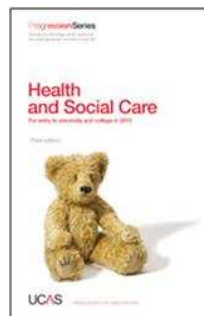
Gallup asked teens to pick three careers they would like to pursue. Here are the most popular choices.

Teacher
Doctor
Lawyer
Sports field
Science/biology
Architecture
Business
Military
Engineer
Nurse

SOURCE: GALLUP YOUTH SURVEY 2005

Are you still unsure about your future? There is now a designated area in the College Library that houses a comprehensive collection of University prospectuses, guidance on writing a good personal statement, careers information and The Apprenticeship Guide for 2010, which are all aimed at students in Years 11 + 12 who are making career and further education choices over the coming months.

New for 2010 are the UCAS Progression series of books, written by experts in applying to university and college in the UK. These books provide students with detailed and up to date information across a broad selection of careers. Within each publication you will find all the information and qualifications you need to help give you the edge when applying to university.



Some useful websites to browse include:

www.ucas.ac.uk
www.hotcourses.com
www.connexions-direct.com

College Network Information

May we remind parents/carers that as from today, **Monday 25th January 2010**, pupils will not be given access to the College Network unless there is a signed Acceptable Use Agreement for using the Internet in their planner.

If you have not already done so, could Pupils & Parents/Carers please sign the Agreements and place in planners immediately. Thank you.

Foreign Affairs

Puzzle Corner

Language Corner

French Idioms

An idiom is a sentence in which the meaning is not clear from the actual words in the sentence.
 An example in English is 'it's raining cats and dogs'. Somebody who was from another country would probably have to ask you what you meant if you said this, even if they understood every word.
 Here are some common French ones-
 First I have given the French, then the meaning of the words in English underneath and in brackets how we might really say it!

Faire le pied de grue.

Poser un lapin.



To stand like a flamingo.
(To wait.)

To leave a rabbit.
(To stand someone up.)

C'est la fin des haricots.



It's the end of the green beans.
(It's hopeless.)

There are hundreds of idioms in French, some are more common than others. Do you know any others?

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Last Week's Solution

Weekly Theme - Legacy of Hope

Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the lives lost in the Holocaust as a result of Nazi persecution during the Second World War. Six million Jewish people were killed, alongside homosexuals, Roma (Gypsies) and people with physical and mental disabilities.

HMD also remembers the victims of recent genocides in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur. It's a chance to pray for forgiveness and healing, for freedom and acceptance.

We all have an opportunity to become part of **The Legacy of Hope** by listening to the voices of the past and using their hopes and memories to shape our lives. Their words can make us:

- Become part of The Legacy of Hope
- Think about our own attitudes
- Think about our behaviour
- Help to inform our choices
- Respect one another
- Help us to build a safer future together
- Inform the way we vote
- Think about the ways we interact with one another
- Celebrate the differences between us

"The Butterfly" by Pavel Friedman

The last, the very last,
 So richly, brightly, dazzlingly yellow.
 Perhaps if the sun's tears would sing
 against a white stone. . . .
 Such, such a yellow
 Is carried lightly 'way up high.
 It went away I'm sure because it wished to
 kiss the world good-bye.
 For seven weeks I've lived in here,
 Pinned up inside this ghetto.
 But I have found what I love here.
 The dandelions call to me
 And the white chestnut branches in the court.
 Only I never saw another butterfly.
 That butterfly was the last one.
 Butterflies don't live in here,
 in the ghetto.

