



## *Schools Awards*

*Rewarding excellence & teamwork in education*

### **SJP School of the year finalist for the second time**



**The second annual TES Schools Awards will be announced on 17th June.**

*Schools Awards*

The Times Educational Supplement Awards were introduced to celebrate and reward the professionalism and flair of teams making an outstanding contribution to primary and secondary schools in both the maintained and independent sectors. They are open to all schools in every part of the UK.

These awards encompass innovation in teaching, leadership and community involvement. New awards for 2010 include Support Team of the Year, Special Needs School of the Year and Lifetime Achievement.



Last year we were very proud to be nominated to the finals of the awards and shortlisted with five other secondary schools. Although we did not win the award last year we felt that being a finalist recognised the hard work of both our pupils and staff.



We are therefore

delighted that SJP has been nominated for the second year but are particularly pleased to be the only school in the country to be nominated for two years on the run.



The finalists this year are:

- Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Cheshire
- De La Salle Humanities College, Liverpool
- St John Plessington Catholic College, Wirral
- Chafford Hundred, Essex
- Bishop Challoner Collegiate School, London
- St Ninian's High, Glasgow

All the schools on the shortlist have to demonstrate innovation and some, including SJP, have gone beyond their gates to help others.

Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for your continued support. It is this support that has allowed SJP to keep building on our success year on year.



## London History Trip

Twenty five Year 8 pupils were up bright and early on the first day back after the Easter break for a 7am departure to London for 3 days. After a walk by the Thames and lunch we visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. The pupils had a guided tour and were thrilled to experience the sights and sounds from the time of Shakespeare.



On Tuesday morning after breakfast we travelled by coach to the Tower of London. Here pupils visited many areas of the castle. We walked through the Royal Armoury and stood over the excavated sight where Guy Fawkes was executed. We also visited the Crown Jewels and the Bloody Tower.

After eating lunch in Covent Garden we then visited the London Dungeons. Here pupils got a glimpse of many events of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century such as the plague and the Great Fire of London. The pupils also visited a court room and torture chamber, where Mr Austin and Miss Sutton were chosen for punishment! Luckily they made it out in one piece! That evening we visited the London Eye and then went back to the hotel for a well-earned rest before our journey home on Wednesday.

## PFOP MEETING

The next PFOP meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 7pm in the college staff room.

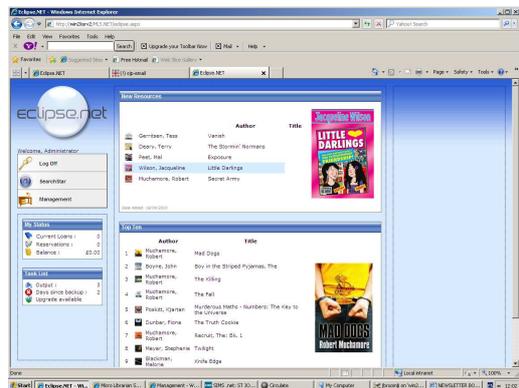
All Welcome!

### Mobile Phones

Can we remind parents, carers and pupils of our policy regarding mobile phones (which is detailed in our Parent Handbook). If pupils have a mobile phone with them in school (which we do not advise), they should be switched off and put away whilst on the premises. Therefore pupils should not be switching on their phones or have them on view during the course of the school day. Phones should only be on view and switched on once pupils have gone beyond the school gates. Should pupils not follow these rules we reserve the right to confiscate their phones without notice. Phones may subsequently be obtained by parents/carers from reception. As ever, should you need to contact your child in urgent circumstances, please use the main SJP phone number.

## Library Corner

### ECLIPSE.net LIBRARY DATABASE



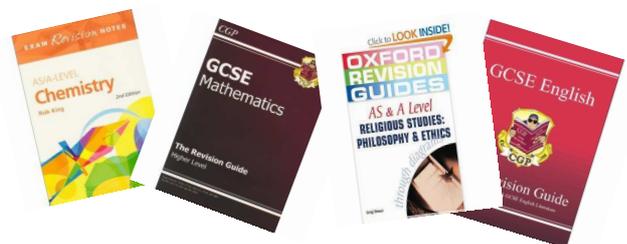
All pupils can now access and view the library database from any networked computer within the school. Everyone will be able to search for resources, make reservations, write book reviews and check personal accounts for resources on loan. The eye-catching home page contains a Top Ten Book List, New Resource section and a 'Book of the Week'. A comprehensive list of books that have **Accelerated Reader** quizzes linked to them can also be accessed. Please see Mrs Broom for log-in details.

**There will be computers available at break and lunchtime for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 who want to use ACCELERATED READER.**

### REVISION GUIDES

With the exam season fast approaching, 'REVISION' is the buzz word of the moment!

Pop up to the library to browse and borrow one of the many Key Stage 3, GCSE and AS/A2 Level revision guides that are available.



**TOP 5 BORROWERS** this week are: Liam Fields 9VP, Thomas Hughes 8TL, Shelby Anderson 7VP, Hannah Riley 10MK and Catherine Higgins 8OR

## Business Studies at the Zoo

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April our Year 10 Business Studies students enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo where they attended an educational seminar. The aim of the visit was to help students understand the structure and operation of a large organisation. Students had the opportunity to consider the responsibilities of some key job roles and stakeholder involvement in the operation of the zoo.



After a drizzly start to the day, the sun shone down on us giving the students an opportunity to spend a productive afternoon outside visiting the animals.

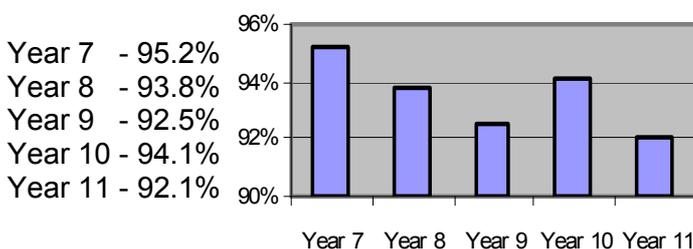


### SJP Elections— Thursday 6th May

Next Week all pupils are invited to be asked to participate in a 'mock' election at SJP. There will be a number of events over the next two weeks where student representatives of each Party will try and persuade you to vote for them. Look out for details on SJP LIVE and be ready to cast your vote on Thursday 6th May.

## Attendance

Attendance figures up to 16.04.2010



## Wirral Inter-School Relay



Well done to all pupils who competed in the Inter-School Relay at the Oval. All of them performed well in what proved to be a difficult and demanding race.

A special congratulations to the Year 7 girls team who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their race.

## Football News

The Year 11 football team are the third SJP team to reach the Semi Finals of the Wirral Cup. Last week the boys managed to progress with victory over Mosslands. It was all level after extra time and during penalties SJP missed their fourth chance, meaning we were staring defeat in the face with Mosslands just needing to score their final spot kick to win. Up stepped stand-in keeper Jack Jones to make a great save to level the penalty shoot out at 4-4. During sudden death Mosslands' number 7 missed their tenth penalty crashing it against the crossbar and it was up to Ritchie to make the difference. He stepped up confidently, staggered his run up and shot low. The ball raced passed the Mosslands keeper. This now means the SJP Year 11 team moves into the Semi Final. Star performances all over the pitch, with man of the match going to Jack Jones for his penalty shoot-out heroics accompanied by a number of impressive and key saves throughout the game. Well done boys!

## SJP Trip to Lourdes



This year once again several of our students along with our College Chaplain will be going to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, to work with the sick pilgrims. Fundraising is underway and on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May** in St Joseph's Parish Centre in North Road, Birkenhead, there will be a Family Night. Entertainment will be provided by "Old School" and there will also be a Family Quiz and Raffles. Tickets are £2.00 or £5.00 per family. Why not come along and join in the fun? Proceeds will be donated to the SJP Lourdes Fund.

## Language Corner



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Think you know your Spanish colours? See if you can unscramble the words for these Spanish colours!

- eevrd \_\_\_\_\_
- zlau \_\_\_\_\_
- grone \_\_\_\_\_
- mllaaoir \_\_\_\_\_
- oojr \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to keep practising your vocabulary- you can never know too much!

As well as logging onto Linguascope you can also try [www.espanol-extra.co.uk](http://www.espanol-extra.co.uk) which has lots of different games and activities aimed at improving your Spanish vocabulary.

See your Spanish teacher for login details.

For those of you learning French try the French version: [www.francais-extra.co.uk](http://www.francais-extra.co.uk)

ANSWERS

1. verde (green) 2. azul (blue) 3. negro (black) 4. amarillo (yellow) 5. rojo (red)

## Maths Puzzle Corner

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Solution for last week

## Weekly Theme — The Good Shepherd



### John 10:11-16

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

On our way to College, we will often see school patrol officers, better known to you and me as "Lollypop men and ladies" shepherd" – who cares for us, his "mixed herd". Following our good shepherd can give real meaning and direction to our loves.



Their job is to guide school children safely across the road. Shepherd's however we don't see, but their job was very similar. At the time of Jesus a shepherd was a tough out doorman, who led mixed herds of sheep and goats which wandered stupidly all over the place. Jesus said, "I am the good

**Almighty and caring God,  
Your Son called himself the Good Shepherd.  
May we follow our shepherd with courage, especially  
when we are mocked for being Christians and his  
friends.  
Amen**

This week in our College community we will be raising money to help support the work of the Catholic Childrens Society.

The Catholic Children's Society provides post-adoption support, grief education for children who have suffered loss, family support to help families with complex issues and positive parenting to ensure children reach and fulfil their potential.

  
**VISION**  
**All children and families enjoy a fullness of life.**

**MISSION**  
**In the spirit of the Gospel,**  
**we work with children and families to build stronger supportive communities wherever there is current disadvantage.**  
**Please give generously**