



SJP in Election frenzy!

To coincide with the General Election, SJP is holding its very own mock election which, like the General Election, will take place on Thursday 6th May. Year 12 Government & Politics students are standing as candidates for the Labour party (Rachael Statham and Laura Weedon Jessop), Conservatives (Liam Crossley and Matthew Dodd), Liberal Democrats (Thomas Critchley and James Coughlan) and the Green party (Caoimhe O'Neill and Joe O'Gorman).

The candidates have been campaigning for the past week, rallying support across the school. They have been into assemblies making speeches about their policy ideas and

spreading their message to get pupils in all Year groups to support them.

On Wednesday the candidates will take part in a live debate open to all members of the school to come and observe and on May 6th all pupils in school will have the chance to vote. The results will be broadcast live across school at 3pm.

According to the candidates "Saving the World begins at school" is the message coming from the Green party, whilst Labour talk of "Building a better future for you." Voting Liberal would mean "equal opportunities" and a vote for the Conservatives would mean a "vote for change".



Alison McGovern, Labour Candidate visits SJP!

Year 12 Government & Politics students have had the opportunity to quiz Wirral South Labour candidate Alison McGovern with burning questions about how she became involved in politics and why she chose to stand for election. She also gave them the opportunity to quiz her about issues that they feel are facing them as young people, such as tuition fees, employment, crime, stereotyping of the young and facilities for young people in the local area. On Wednesday night after her visit she wrote on her Twitter page:

"Young people at St John Plessington will be the political stars of the future - their analysis was sharp and questions tough!"

Please note: candidates from other parties were also invited to come to SJP.

Year 7 Football News

Congratulations Year 7 football team

Well done to the Year 7 Football Team who produced one of their finest performances of the season to see off Oldershaw in the Semi Final of the Wirral Cup Competition.

4 goals from Callum Burridge and a goal each from Jack Rhodes, Jerome Smith and Sean Simmons saw off an energetic Oldershaw side.

This result means that the Year 7 side are now through to the final of the Wirral Cup and will play South Wirral in the final at Prenton Park. This is a fantastic achievement and all pupils should be congratulated on their success.

The players competing for SJP were Connor Shaw, Liam Siddorn, Erin McNeil, Sean Simmons, Joseph Wingfield, Jack Rhodes, Callum Burridge, Corey Taylor Joseph Hamm, Norbet Babol, Jack Maybury, Steven Healy and Jerome Smith.

Year 10 Football News

Year 10 Football Race into the Wirral Cup Final!

The Year 10 Football Team have booked their place at Prenton Park for the Wirral Cup Final early next month. The boys have become the second team to reach the finals from SJP after Year 7 booked their place late last week. In this semi final SJP took on Hilbre and after a bright start we found ourselves 1-0 up. After half time Hilbre were able to get back into the game with a rare break-away and goal. SJP soon took control again with a side-footed goal from Lewis Hopkins after the keeper failed to save the original shot from Anthony McCarthy. SJP were strong and fierce and Hilbre couldn't handle it. It could easily have ended four, five or six nil. Well done all Year 10 boys: Prenton Park here we come!

PFOP MEETING

The next PFOP meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 7pm in the college staff room.

All Welcome!

Athletics News

Wirral Athletics Competition – Wednesday 27th April

Well done to all athletes who participated in the first Wirral athletics competition of the season. Our pupils were up against athletes from Wirral Grammar, St Anselm's, Upton, Birkenhead High, West Kirby Grammar & Pensby. The level of talent was very high, with many of the opposing athletes being club competitors. Congratulations to the following pupils who were placed in their events.

Christian Brown (9MT) – 100m (1st place)
 Lauren Lefebvre (9VP) – Discus (2nd place)
 Daniel Williams (9OR) – 200m (2nd place)
 Jordan Thompson (7MT) – 200M (3rd place)
 Jack Rhodes (7OR) – 100m (3rd place)
 Hollie Williams (8MT) – 200m (3rd place)
 Jordan Hughes (8MK) – 800m (3rd place)
 Ryan Nolan (7BH) – Shot Putt (3rd place)
 Hannah Riley (10MK) – 100m (3rd place)

Next athletics competitions:

Tuesday 4th May (The Oval)
 Wednesday 12th May (The Ridings)

SJP's Champions League



The Year 7 Attendance Initiative 'The European Super League' kicked off last week with Arsenal (7MT) racing to the top of the table with 98.1% attendance for the whole form. In second just 0.1% points behind Arsenal are Barcelona (7SB) on 98%. Teams score points based on the number of students in school every day and on time.

A real mid-table battle between Chelsea (7TL) and AC Milan (7OR) has formed with just 0.1% points separating them in the first week. As we move into game week 2, things are shaping up nicely for a competitive and action packed 5 week finale. Keep working with your team's Year 7 captains!



Science News



What did we look at in science club this week?

This week we have been learning about how a rainbow is formed and how we see colours. We used some equipment to see the law of reflection and what happens when refraction takes place.

Deadlines in Science

Year 10

Unit 1 WJEC Coursework 30th April
 Unit 2 WJEC Exam May 28th
 Chemistry Unit 3 AQA Higher Tier May 26th
 Biology OT AQA June 28th
 Chemistry OT AQA June 28th

Year 11

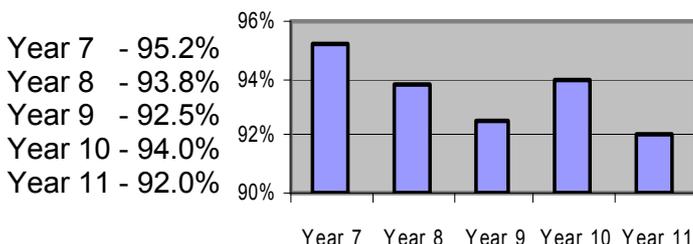
Unit 3 WJEC Coursework deadline April 30th
 Unit 2 WJEC Exam (re-sit) May 28th
 Additional science exam AQA May 28th

Trips

Year 8 off to the Zoo!
 Year 8 pupils have the opportunity to visit the zoo. Science and Geography are coming together to look at the topic of ecosystems and habitats, and to look at how animals are adapted to live in some harsh environments. The trip is on 26th May, keep an eye out for further details.

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 30.04.2010



Science

Science Week Key Rings Now Available

If you ordered a Science Week Key ring, these are now available from Mr Marsh.

If however you didn't, but know that your picture was taken during this week and would like this mounted into a key ring, then please see Mrs Moore who will arrange this for you.



Year 8 Retreat

"Don't Label Me"

Last week our Year 8 Students attended their annual Retreat Days at the Franciscan Friary in Pantasaph.

The day was packed with games and activities aimed at helping our young people to understand how sometimes we stereotype people because of the way they look, the clothes that they wear, the accent that they may have or the colour of their skin.

One of the activities included watching a scene from the movie "Shrek," in which Shrek is talking to Donkey about the way people treated him. "Ogres" says Shrek, "are like onions, they have layers."

We should perhaps remember Shrek's advice about Ogres. People are like onions - they have layers too, sometimes, however we see only the outer skin and not the wonderful layers of gifts, talents and skills that God has given to them.



The Franciscan Friary at Pantasaph

Language Corner



Did you know.....

...that in France the 1st of May is know as 'La Fête du Muguet', and the tradition is to give the ones you love a little bouquet of 'lily-of-the-valley' flowers, for good luck and to celebrate the arrival of spring. Originally the idea was to take the kids into the forest and then pick your own muguet together. Of course, in the city you would be more likely to buy it from the florist's, or better still, from one of the many stands that appear overnight on every street corner and every road in France, most of these stalls sell the flowers to raise money for charity.

This dates right back to 1561 when King Charles IX of France received a lily of the valley as a lucky charm!



Maths Puzzle Corner

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		7				6		
6	9						5	8
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Solution for last week

8	2	9	3	1	4	7	5	6
4	1	3	6	5	7	2	9	8
7	5	6	8	9	2	1	3	4
6	7	5	9	2	8	4	1	3
3	4	1	5	7	6	8	2	9
9	8	2	1	4	3	6	7	5
2	9	8	4	3	1	5	6	7
1	3	4	7	6	5	9	8	2
5	6	7	2	8	9	3	4	1

Weekly Theme - Learning to Love



When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man receives his glory, and God receives glory through him. If God receives glory through him, then God will give glory to the Son through himself. And

God will give him glory quickly."

Jesus said, "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and what I told the Jews, I tell you now: Where I am going you cannot come."

"I give you a new command: Love one another. You must love one another as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."

John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you.

These are some of the most potent words Jesus speaks. They are also some of the hardest words for us to follow.

It is hard to know how to put these words into action. People are not always that easy to love, and it can be difficult to act on this love when it comes to people thousands of miles away. Even when we have the internet and television, problems in different parts of the world can seem remote and distant.

But we are called to love others as Jesus loves us. Jesus was not bound or inhibited by the rules and barriers of his time, but showed his love to those who were considered set apart from everyone else. To follow Jesus, we are asked to do the same.

God of love, enable us to follow your greatest commandment, to love one another, even when it seems difficult.

Help us to discern how to put these words into action.

Amen.