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a Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

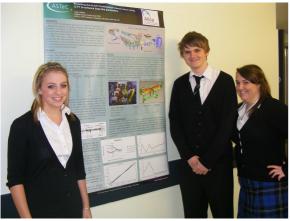
# Newsletter

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#### **Nuffield Bursary Celebration 2009**



**Congratulations** to Holly Chrisop (Deputy Head Girl), Stephanie Riddick (Head Girl) and Adam Griffith (Head Boy). During the summer holiday, Holly, Stephanie and Adam took part in a 4 week extensive research project through the Nuffield Bursary Scheme. Each of them has been awarded a Gold Crest Award for their depth of research and quality of written report.

Adam Griffith worked at Daresbury laboratory, a particle physics research facility and was judged to be the Overall Winner. He holds the title of 'Best Project' in Cheshire and Merseyside. Adam was judged against 132 projects from across the counties.

Judge David Esther said "We were 'knocked out' by his presentation and the quality of the work. Adam is 'making a difference' his project was making changes that will improve Science". David also commented on his excellent presentation and communication skills,

he finished by saying "his project was brilliant".

Holly Chrisop received a highly commended for her project at JMU in the electron microscope department. All 3 students will be entering their projects for the National Science and Engineering competition in Manchester in March 2010.

SJP is very proud of all the students. This is the first year that we have boasted a winner from the prestigious project, which also coincides with the year that SJP was awarded Specialist Status in Science.

# SJP at Young Ambassadors Conference, Old Trafford

Courtney Thomas and Craig McMahon, both year 12 students, have been selected to represent the Bebington School Sport Partnership as YOUNG AMBASSADORS of sport and the Olympic Games 2012.

Their first job as Young Ambassadors was to attend a conference at Manchester United's Old Trafford Stadium last week, where they were inspired and informed about the Olympic and Paralympic Games that will be held in London 2012, and how these games can help change thousands of young people's lives. They were also lucky enough to meet some Olympic Athletes!

Courtney and Craig now have the big responsibility of making young people across the Wirral aware of London 2012, inspiring and leading them through the values of the Olympics and the power of sport. They will be planning and delivering different Olympic themed events throughout

the year for SJP pupils and other secondary and primary schools across the partnership. Keep a lookout for updates and news of upcoming events!



## **HEALTH & SAFETY ADVICE**

The Drama Festival on Tuesday 13th October 2009 will contain flashing images—this may be of concern to any of our parent/carers who suffer from photosensitivity. Further advice may be obtained from Mr Thomas, Head of Music, at the College.



# **Netball News**



#### Birkenhead Netball League news - Tuesday 6/10/09

Well done to the SJP Panthers, once again they have secured a victory! The girls played a stormer of a game managing to finish with a 16-8 win over Dolly 'C' team. The team played extremely well together, on court, with excellent shooting from Megan and Alex.

Player of the match - Alex Scollins 11MT

*Squad:* Megan Gallagher (11MT) Shannon Reid (11OR), Becky Lunt (11MT), Sian Bilko (11SB), Danielle Boughey (11SB), Alex Scollins (11MT), Olivia Webster (11VP) and Fay McCulloch (11TL)

#### Year 11 Netballers take on Bebington High

SJP took on the year 12 team from Bebington High on Wednesday. Outstanding skills were displayed across court with superb attacking and defensive strategies being used throughout the game. SJP were victorious and came away with a 24-6 win. Well Done!

Player of the match – Rebecca Lunt (11MT)

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

## Work Experience—Year 10

Monday, 28th June to Friday, 2nd July 2010

All Year 10 pupils will have received their Self-Placement form concerning next year's Work Experience Week.

All parents/carers will by now have also received their letter regarding work experience. Due to the planning and preparation required to ensure that work experience runs smoothly, in particular Health & Safety checks, all completed forms must be returned to College by:

#### Friday 11th December 2009

Please feel free to contact Mr Harrison at the College for further advice.

#### Successful First Game for the Year 7 Netballers

The year 7 netball team played their first ever game on Wednesday against Bebington High. Due to the excellent attendance at extra curricular club, we were able to select 2 squads for the match. The girls played very well, demonstrating their potential on court. Due to the great standard of play, we were victorious with an 8-3 win.

Players of the match – Kirsten Whitehead (7SB) and Courtney Wynne (7MK)

**Squad A:** Jade Cookson (7MK), Kirsten Whitehead (7SB), Genine Martin (7BH), Caitlin Morris (7MK), Georga Harrison (7TL), Katy Moody (7TL) and Shelby Anderson (7VP).

**Squad B:** Jess Murphy (7MT), Courtney Wynne (7MK), Rochella Operiano (7SB), Ashlea Steens (7SB), Genevieve Neal (7OR), Hannah O'Neill (7VP), Chloe Keenan (7MK) and Lucy Gough (7VP).

#### Next fixtures:

Thur 8/10/09 – Yr 10 netball v Park High, West Kirby and Weatherhead at Woodchurch.



# **Brockway in Running Heaven**

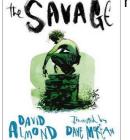
A' level student David Brockway has proven that dedication and hard work to training and competition really does pay off. This young man completed the Liverpool 10k in a staggering forty minutes and twenty three seconds. Brockway explained "after the 10k I felt that I ran well throughout the race but at the 4k mark I was running too quick. I think it was because of the crowds of people there, pressure from family on the sidelines also meant that I was trying too hard to go too fast. Due to this I did not finish as quick as I wanted to." This remark highlights Brockway's intelligence to look at his own performance and highlight were improvements are needed. Improvements which he makes by training Tuesday and Thursday with Wirral A.C. David's target is to continue to train hard, and he is desperate to go under 40 minutes when running a 10k. Watch this space.....

# **Free Book from Wirral Libraries**

### The Savage

by David Almond

David Almond's 'The Savage' is the 2009 'Liverpool Reads' book this year and <u>ALL</u> Wirral Libraries have <u>FREE</u> copies to give away. Part story, part graphic novel, this moving story is about loss, family, bullying, survival and the



 $\eta$  healing power of words.

If you would like a copy of the book written by this award-winning children's author, simply call into any of the libraries and ask for your **free** copy.

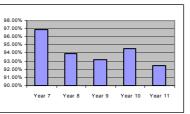




# Attendance

Attendance figures up to 09.10.09

Year 7 - 96.9% Year 8 - 93.9% Year 9 - 93.2% Year 10 - 94.5% Year 11 - 94.2%



## Year 7 Geography Trip



Miss Walker took a group of 50 fantastic Year 7 pupils, along with Miss Mills, Miss Majdandzic, Mrs Jones and Mrs Ferry, to

Liverpool to find out more about the history of this great City, which we study in LP1. We started the day by getting the train from Bebington to Liverpool and had a walk along the Albert Dock. We all boarded the yellow duck marine and enjoyed our guided tour around the city. We walked through the new "Liverpool One" shopping complex, which showed us some of the regeneration that is happening due to the Capital of Culture 2008 funding. In the afternoon we made our way to the World museum in Williamson Square, where the pupils got to explore the worlds of bugs, fish and music all under one roof. The day went really well and the weather was exceptional. The pupils were extremely well behaved and this was mentioned by lots of people during the day.

Well done to all those who went on this trip!



#### **Forthcoming Visit to Edinburgh**



The Science Department, working in conjunction with the History and Geography Departments, are running an educational visit to

Edinburgh on 24th & 25th November 2009. Year 10 students studying these subjects will benefit from this experience by enjoying a wide range of activities. The cost of this great experience is  $\pounds$ 125. Places are limited to 40 so, if you are interested, please see Mrs Moore in Science 2.

# Foreign Affairs



#### What is a cognate?

Cognates are words from two different languages which stem from the same origin. This means that often they look exactly the same or very similar in both languages!

Look at these French cognates. Can you work out what these words would mean in English?

Un biscuit
Une catastrophe
La géographie
Le cinema
Le badminton
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but be careful of **False friends**– words which look alike but have different meanings.



Travail = work, not travel Journée = day, not journey Pays = country, not pay

# **Puzzle Corner**

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Last Week's Solution

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9	2	4	6	1	8	5	7	3
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## **PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**

Mrs Penny Carty has been successful in her nomination as Parent Governor and takes up the post with effect from 7th October 2009.

# THEME FOR THE WEEK "GOD'S WORLD"

Sometimes we forget just how powerful God really is. He "spoke" and the universe, with all of its solar systems and planets, began exploding into life. God spoke and tiny organisms sparked into life and grew and evolved. God spoke and humankind was created in his own likeness. God spoke and he entrusted the world to us, to look after for future generations.

However you believe things came to be, God's creative spirit continues to blaze through the universe, bringing us an incredible world, filled with beauty, wonder and awe.

Recognising God's presence in the world helps to bring light into every corner of the earth - even when things look a bit bleak or gloomy.



Lord, forgive us. Lord, heal us, Lord, inspire us, Lord, guide us, Lord, fill us with your energy to turn our ideas into love and our love into action for the benefit of others and the well-being of your creation. Amen

## SJP Music Festival - Tuesday, 13th October

The SJP Music Festival takes place on Tuesday 13th October at 6.45pm. Entrance is by ticket only. For further details, please contact the College.

