



SJP welcomes the Pope to the UK



School children from all over the UK gathered together last week at St Mary's College, Twickenham, for 'The Big Assembly' 4000 of us had a giant assembly, except this time it

wasn't with a Head Teacher, Head of Learning or our school chaplain, it was with POPE BENEDICT XVI.

SJP was asked to send one of our pupils to welcome the Pope to the UK. So that was how on Wednesday evening Mrs Crawford and Ellie Smith in Year 10 found themselves on a train heading to London.

There was a whole day of rehearsals to get it just right. Ellie said: "I was so nervous, it is such an honour to be asked, but you're so worried that you're going to mess up your words or trip in front of all those people."

The event's Master of Ceremonies, Blue Peter's Andy Akinwolere, helped everyone calm their nerves (mainly by getting things wrong himself!). So after a few run-throughs, using a Fiat as a stand-in for the Popemobile, Ellie was ready!

Once the Pope arrived the atmosphere was amazing. His Popemobile pulled up really close, he was literally within touching distance (although not quite as he had a lot of security!).

Once seated, Ellie was the first young person to

speak to the Pope, welcoming him on behalf of the children of the UK.

"I was so nervous on the stage. If I messed up then everyone would see it, all my friends in school. But once I was up there it was fine and to be on the same stage as the Pope was a massive honour. After my introduction I could relax and watch everything else that was happening. The Pope's speech was really interesting; he made me think about why it was so important to be in a Catholic school."

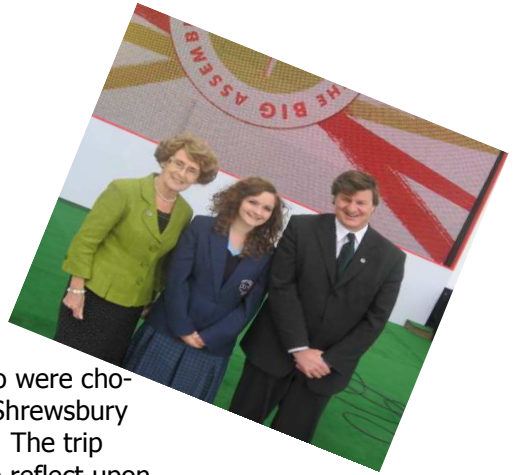
"The Pope was such a gentle person, so kind towards the children he met; it allowed us to see a very different side to him from the man we hear about in the media. It was such a special day, and it was a privilege to have been part of such a historic and momentous day."



Diocese of Shrewsbury Building Fund

Attached to this week's newsletter is a colour leaflet from Bishop Brian outlining the Diocese of Shrewsbury Building Fund and extending an invitation to parents to make a contribution towards the fund.

Year 13 at Hyde Park



I was one of the thirteen lucky pupils who were chosen to represent SJP and the Diocese of Shrewsbury during Pope Benedict's visit to Hyde Park. The trip opened my horizons and gave me time to reflect upon my achievements, mistakes, family, friends and the future. During the trip I was able to truly think. Thought is something we experience every second of everyday, however, are we ever really thinking?

The focus of our pilgrimage was to see the Holy Father's vigil in London's Hyde Park. We took part in the procession leading up to the Pope's arrival. This was such an honour for SJP pupils to be on stage representing the whole Diocese of Shrewsbury. When the Pope arrived the atmosphere was overwhelming; I felt part of something truly special, something that I belonged to. How can you explain the moment when the Pope is within a few feet of you? When you see someone famous and you get a huge adrenaline rush lasting for hours leaving your emotions on a real high?

Words seem quite unworthy to describe these moments and the opportunity that I had been blessed with. The man who leads 1.1 billion people around the world was right there, our hearts beating together. It felt like a dream — the whole weekend was something I will never forget. It was a truly inspiring journey one that helped changed my perspective on so many issues.

Caoimhe O'Neill Y13



SJP Summer Camp

A Whirl Wind of Fun!!

On August 20th fifty two local primary school children descended on SJP to take part in an action-packed fun week of sports and arts activities. Children aged between 5-11 came to SJP and were treated to a fabulous experience comprising of anything from tennis sessions to a real life zoo. The children took part in an "SJP's Got Talent" and even enjoyed trampoline sessions. The week flew by. On our final day we were sad to see the children leave us, although I think we all needed a good rest! In an expression of how well the camp went a parent said, 'I would just like to say a big thank you to you and all the guys that helped at the Summer Camp this year. Savannah has told all who would listen of how she had a wonderful time and if the opportunity for something similar comes up again she would be more than willing to attend'.

Science Club



See Miss Smith for details

Business Studies

Business Students Get to Work!



Sixth Form Business Studies Students researched NatWest Bank as part of their portfolio work. Following links with the company, they were invited to apply for two summer jobs in branches in Liverpool City Centre.

We would like to congratulate Adam Gillmore and Bethany Mclean who were offered the positions and commenced their roles on July 12th. This opportunity provided them with a full range of experiences from applying for the role, developing interview techniques and subsequent training leading to valuable work experience.

Both students really enjoyed the experience. Adam stated "I have learnt a lot about dealing with customers and the experience will really help with the Business Management Degree that I will be studying at university".

The Branch Managers were so impressed with their attitude and performance they offered them part-time posts whilst studying at university.



Safeguarding

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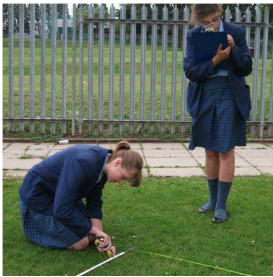
To protect our pupils, we do not publish their full name and photograph together, we ensure children are appropriately clothed for photographs and we do not allow commercial media photographers unsupervised access to pupils.

We ask for your consent for the school (or someone commissioned by the school) to take and use photographs and video recordings for educational purposes, to record events and to publicise the work of the school on our website, in the school prospectus and in our local and national media.

Should you wish to 'opt out' of this consent, please do so in writing to your child's Head of Learning.

Archaeology News

Following on from the success of last summer's Archaeology Taster Course, SJP's Science Department is proud to announce the arrival of the SJP Archaeology Club! The club is exclusively for pupils in Years 10 and 11 and is an exciting opportunity to explore the amazing world of archaeology.



Last year our budding archaeologists were able to handle real archaeological finds up to 100,000 year old, courtesy of the Weston Discovery Centre at World Museum Liverpool. They also learnt how ancient peoples made weapons and tools, how forensic archaeologists record

human remains and how to read ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics!

If you would like to try your hand at something new this year, learn about ancient civilizations and the ancient wonders of the world, handle real artefacts, or fancy yourself as the next Indiana Jones, and are in Years 10 or 11, come along to SJP's Archaeology Club! Starts Wednesday 22nd September, Sc11.



Business Studies Club

The Business Studies department is continuing to run the after school club this academic year every Tuesday from 3.30 – 4.30 for all Business Studies students. The aim is to support pupils with their courses of study by providing an opportunity to complete their portfolio work, homework tasks, conduct independent research or improve the quality of their assignments with dedicated teacher support and guidance, thus ensuring all students go on to maximise their grades.



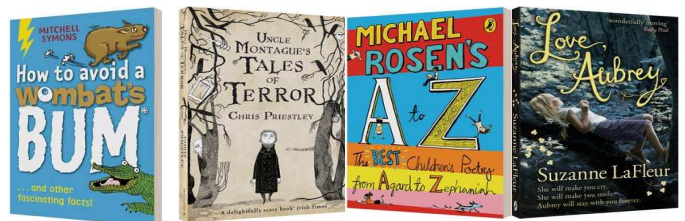
Library News

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FREE BOOKS FOR ALL YEAR 7 PUPILS!

All our new Year 7 pupils are entitled to choose a **FREE** book of their choice from the specially selected books that are on display in the College Library and have been written by some of our favourite authors.

This is the fourth year that our College has run this extremely popular campaign which is supported by the Department for Education, encouraging young people to read for pleasure.



All Year 7 pupils will shortly be receiving a leaflet which contains reviews of the books as well as help and advice on selecting the books and there's lots more information to access on the '**BOOKED UP**' website, www.bookedup.org.uk. Orders need to be given to Form Tutors by **Friday 24th September**.

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HEALTH and SAFETY REMINDER

Pupils/students on crutches or in plaster casts/slings.

Please arrange for a risk assessment at 8.30 am on the morning of returning to College with Mr Harrison, Health and Safety Officer. Parents/Carers need to be present.

Thank you

Work-Related Learning

Throughout the year pupils will be able to attend work-related talks which will focus on specific job roles and the different routes available into that area of employment. These will ensure pupils are better informed about the world of work.

Programme for Autumn Term

Peter Goodhew-Monday 27th September 11.00 to 12.00

Professor at Liverpool University's Engineering Department. He is an Academic Materials Engineer.

Sophie Grinnell- Tuesday 12th October 9.40 to 10.40

Sophie has a BEng (Hons) and MSc relating to the environment. This includes contaminated land, remediation of contaminated land, waste and water. Her current role looks at health and sustainability. She was also worked as an Environmental Planner for a utilities company. Before University she was involved in a management capacity within varied leisure establishments e.g. pubs and restaurants.

Jane Harrison-Williams Tuesday 2nd November 11.00 to 12.00

Jane is a Biomedical Scientist and will speak about Healthcare Scientist in general, current routes of entry into the profession and what the future holds for this specialism.

Steve Hunt Wednesday 17th November 9.40am – 10.40am.

Steve is the Managing Director of a local Mechanical and Electrical Consultancy and Vice Chairman of the regions CIBSE. His expertise is the design of services for commercial buildings which includes environmental control, thermal modelling and providing low energy solutions for modern construction. He is keen to encourage budding engineers in to this rewarding and interesting sector and would be delighted to provide presentation materials or simple one-to-one advice on how best to move forward in industry and engineering.

Jane Winstanley 1st December. 11.00am to 12.00

Jane will speak about the role of a Biomedical Scientist in a hospital setting.

Help for Heroes



Fundraising has been carrying on apace over the last year.

Since January the T.As have raised almost £200 selling biscuits at break and lunchtimes.

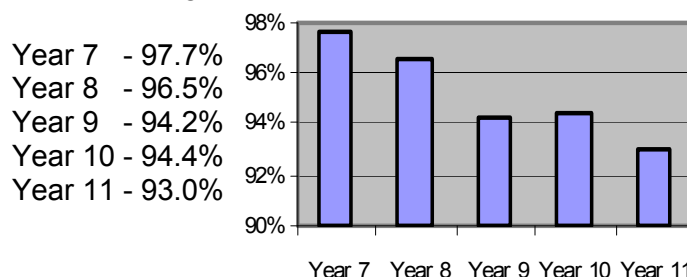
Many thanks to all the pupils who bought ice-pops at break and lunchtime in June and July and raised nearly £500. To the staff who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets at the end of year raffle that raised £150 and to Steph Baty who organised a sponsored walk up Moel Famau in the summer holidays that raised nearly £3,000-a magnificent effort.

In addition, break and lunchtime fundraising on the playground last term took us to the £1,000 mark.

A fantast amount for a worthy cause.

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **17.09.2010**



Language corner



Nombre : José Antonio Domínguez Banderas

Fecha y Lugar de nacimiento:
10 de agosto 1960, Málaga,
España

Profesión: Actor, Director

Altura: 175cm

Esposa: Melanie Griffith
(Actress)

Did you know.....

He wanted to play football professionally, but his dream ended when he broke his foot aged 14.

Also.....

He was arrested by the Spanish police for performing in a play because of political censorship under the rule of General Franco. Antonio spent a whole night at the police station.

Puzzle Corner

This Week's Puzzle

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Weekly Theme - 'On the Side of Poor'

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, all you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying,
"When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?"—
skimping the measure,
boosting the price
and cheating with dishonest scales,
buying the poor with silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.
The Lord has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I
will never forget anything they have done.

Reflection

One child dies every eight seconds on our planet from hunger or hunger - related diseases. That must concern Jesus. He was

always on the side of the poor. He knew what it was to be poor. Jesus was born in someone else's stable and buried in another man's grave. As followers of Jesus today, we are called to speak up for the poor. In a rich nation like ours we have a special responsibility to share what we have with God's poor: it's what He really wants us to do.

Prayer

Loving Father, guide us, as you guide creation according to laws of your love. Fill us with your own generous love that we may find this love in each other as we help and support one another.

Amen

