

Newsletter

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Water Sports Trip to Spain













Over the half-term holiday, 20 Y7 - Y9 pupils headed off to L'Estartit in Spain for a week of action packed water sports. Our pupils kayaked, snorkeled, sailed, swam and even scuba dived across the Mediterranean, sea smiling and laughing all the way. A fantastic time was had by all!







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RAF Trip



In recognition of the hard work and preparation Year 10 pupils have been making for their first History GCSE exam, a trip was organised to RAF Cosford. Not only did this trip provide the pupils with an excellent opportunity to consolidate their learning but it also afforded them the chance to work with RAF personnel in developing their teamwork and thinking skills. The RAF made all pupils and

staff feel very welcome and had laid on an excellent itinerary for the day which started with the group being divided in two with some carrying out low ropes training whilst the others visited a Cold War 'bunker' and had a lesson on the situation of Europe in 1945. Pupils were given the opportunity to dress up in RAF uniform dating from the Second World War, through the Cold War and up to the present day. Pupils were then given lunch in the 'mess' with other airmen and women- gaining a real experience of life as a training cadet in the RAF.

The low ropes training was great fun and encouraged all pupils to develop their thinking skills, teamwork and consideration for others. One of the challenges was to get the whole group across the 'shark infested waters'

onto a 'small island' which, of course, they succeeded in completing! Another challenge was to get across an assault course without falling off whilst carrying a log – this proved to be very challenging both physically and mentally!

The day was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again.



Peru Fundraising

On Tuesday 7th June the Challengers all attended a session with a World Challenge Leader practising practical camp craft skills. They got to put up the tents they will be living in during their expedition and use the Trangia camping stoves. They are another step closer to the realities of their expedition!

In addition, on Sunday 29^{th} May, the Peru Challengers once again made their way to Sainsbury's in Upton to spend the day packing bags. They were lucky enough to raise £771 towards their total expedition fees from donations from grateful customers. Thanks again to Sainsbury's who have been a great support to the SJP World Challenge team.



Next **PTA** meeting: Tuesday 5th July 2011 7pm in the College Staff Room. All are welcome!

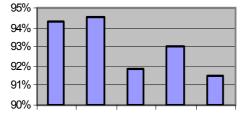
Virtual Tours

We are delighted to announce that our newly-updated virtual tours are now available on the SJP website. Go to www.stjohnplessington.com and click on the link at the bottom of the page to see for yourselves!

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 10.06.2011

Year 7 - 94.4% Year 8 - 94.5% Year 9 - 91.9% Year 10 - 93.1% Year 11 - 91.6%



Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11



Science Revision Schedule

AS & A2 Revision Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 13 th June | 14 th June | 15 th June | 16 th June | 17 th June |
| A2 Biol4 Resit Exam | Biol5 Mr Marsh Sc5 | A2 Chem4 Resit Exam | | |
| | Applied Sc14 Mrs Howarth Sc12 | Applied Sc14 Mrs Garland Sc5 | | |
| | PhyB4 Resit Mr Sheldrake Sc7 | 1 113 331313 323 | | |
| 20 th June | 21st June | 22 nd June | 23 rd June | 24 th June |
| | A2 PhyB4 Resit Exam | A2 Biol5 Exam | | A2 Chem5 Exam |
| | Biol4 / 5 Mr Marsh Sc5 | A2 Applied Science SC14 Exam | | |
| | Applied Sc14 Mrs Howarth Sc12 | | | |
| | PhyB5 Resit Mr Sheldrake Sc7 | | | |
| 27th June A2 PhyB5 Exam | 28 th June | | | |

Science GCSE Revision Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------------|--|
| 13 th June | 14 th June | 15 th June Y10 Triple Science Chemistry1 Resit Exam | 16 th June | 17 th June Y10 Triple Science Physics1 Resit Exam |
| 27 th June | 28 th June Y10 Core Science Y10 Triple Science Resits Y11 Core Science RESIT | | | |

Science Trip





Four superb Year 8 pupils took part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at the University of Liverpool on Wednesday. The objective of this fun event is to help promote the appreciation of chemistry and related sciences among the young. Bradley Gallagher, Genevieve Neal, Jessica Murphy and Oliver Thomas showed outstanding teamwork and investigative skills during their practical activities in university laboratories. They suc-

ceeded in finding the chief suspect in a murder mystery before dramatically saving the dilithium crystals of the Starship Enterprise from overheating! The pupils really enjoyed the day and would recommend it. Fun prizes were awarded and all pupils received participation certificates.



Language Corner

¿Qué es Perú?





Perú esta en Sudamérica. La capital de Perú es Lima. En Perú se habla Español. Perú hace frontera con cuatro países, Ecuador, Colombia, Brasil y Bolivia. Tiene una populación de más de 30 millones de personas. Un lugar muy túristico es Machu Pichu que se ve en la foto. Es una poblada antigua de los Incas. Un grupo de SJP va a ir a Peru el año que viene.

Can you answer these questions?

- 1. In which continent is Peru?
- 2. What's the name of its capital city?
- 3. What is the name of its most touristy spot?
- 4. Who is going there next year?

First 5 returned completed tasks get a house point.

Puzzle Corner



Two salesmen (A and B) hired a taxi to take them from their office to call on their customers.

Salesman A's customer lived 10 km away from their office, and Salesman B's customer lived 20 km away. The road to B's customer went directly past A's customer.

The trip cost £20 in total.

What part of the bill was it fair for each salesman to pay?

Solution for last week

Barry opened the box labelled "pears & oranges". This box must contain only pears or only oranges. If he picks a pear then he knows the box open is "pears" and the other two boxes must contain "oranges" and "pears and oranges". The one labelled "oranges" must be wrong so it is labelled as "pears and oranges". A similar argument works if he picks an orange.

| He picks | Pears | Oranges | P&O |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| A pear | Oranges | P&0 | Pears |
| An orange | P&0 | Pears | Oranges |

Weekly Theme - 'Stand Up and Be Counted'



Jesus promised his followers that he would send them the Spirit of love, to fill them with faith, courage and strength. On Pentecost Sunday we remember when Jesus, keeping his promise, sent the Holy Spirit down upon his followers. The wonderful faith and courage of

his followers spread throughout the Church and around the world.

We have seen that same faith in the life of our college patron St John Plessington, who was martyred because he would never give up his faith in Jesus. We also see that faith in the stories of our house patrons, who give us a wonderful example of how we can be "Faithful to Christ". And in our world today, we too have people who are "Spirit filled", people who stand up for what is right, fair and just. People who speak out against oppression and violence and corruption in the world and they are our example to follow.

Sometimes, it's really hard to do the right thing, but we

too have been given the Holy Spirit as our gift from God and filled with God's Spirit we can do great things.

John 14: 15-16, 23-26

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever. Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you

Father of light from whom all good gifts come, send your Spirit into our lives, that we may be filled with the faith and courage which we need to live as faithful Christians in a troubled world.

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Dear Parent/Carer

Sports Day - Thursday 16th June

The time has arrived for our annual sports day event which is to take place on Thursday 16th June. All pupils are aware of this and have been working within their form groups to select their teams. The main event will take place from 12.15pm-3.20pm, however, there will be competitors taking part in the throwing events during the morning.

Pupils should arrive to school in their uniform and with their equipment for periods 1, 2 and 3. All pupils in years 7-10 will be involved during the day and are reminded that they need full and correct kit. If a pupil is not taking part in a physical event due to illness or injury, they must still be changed into PE kit. There will be allocated changing times throughout the day for pupils.

We are generally very lucky with the weather and in case of another hot day it is important that pupils come to school prepared with sun cream and plenty of water.

Unfortunately, due to safeguarding considerations parents/relatives will not be able to come and spectate during the day.

Yours sincerely

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