



Sixth Form Leavers Dinner



Last Friday was a spectacular occasion, with staff helping to send Year 13 off in style at their Leavers' Dinner, held at the Hilton Hotel in Liverpool. Staff and students alike donned their glad rags and danced the night away, following an a delicious three course meal, during which they were addressed by the Head Girl, Courtney Thomas. Her speech touched on memories from the past seven years and brought a tear to many a dry eye in the room.

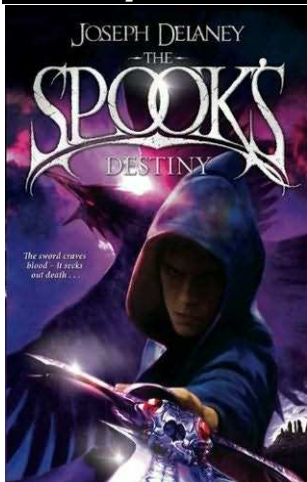
This was followed by an 'Oscars' ceremony, presented by the Head Boy, Andrew Crawford. Students had voted for winners of awards such as "Most Likely To Be Prime Minister" as well as more light hearted awards like "Cheesiest Grin". The recipients of all awards were very proud of their Oscar statues and clutched them proudly throughout the night.

It was sad to say a final goodbye to such a wonderful year group; they will be sorely missed. We now look forward to results day on August 18th, when all the hard work over the last two years will hopefully come to fruition, providing them with the results needed to begin the next part of their journey. We wish them every success in the future, whether this be at university or in chosen careers.

Good luck to you all and thank you for all you have contributed to SJP.



Library News



Back, by popular demand! Popular children's author, Joseph Delaney dropped into SJP last Thursday lunchtime to promote his long awaited new book, '*Spooks Destiny*'. Pupils from all year groups had a fantastic opportunity to chat to him about the latest addition to the series and about the 'Spooks' movie which is currently being produced. The event was rounded off by Joseph signing books. and post-



Congratulations to Jak Collis 8JB and Alex Roberts 7BH. Jak recently broke the one thousand point barrier and Alex has far exceeded two hundred points; he is currently the highest achieving Year 7 pupil on the Accelerated Reading programme. To celebrate their success, Mr Pearson, Head of English presented them both with a selection of goodies provided by Renaissance Learning UK (provider of Accelerated Reader) in recognition of their outstanding performance.



Year 12 Work Experience

All Year 12 students have completed a week of work experience in a wide variety of employment areas. This is to help them experience the world of work and develop key employment skills.

Students wishing to be a teacher are spending an additional week in schools to gain further experience.



'Mini Me'



Pupils in Year 9 were given the opportunity to think about what they want to be in 10 to 15 years time. They had to construct a model to represent themselves doing this job in the future.

Some of the jobs included were: author, teacher, interpreter, lawyer, judge, crane design and physiotherapist.

All the pupils looked at what qualifications they need and other skills and qualities required for the jobs.



Blackpool Fieldwork



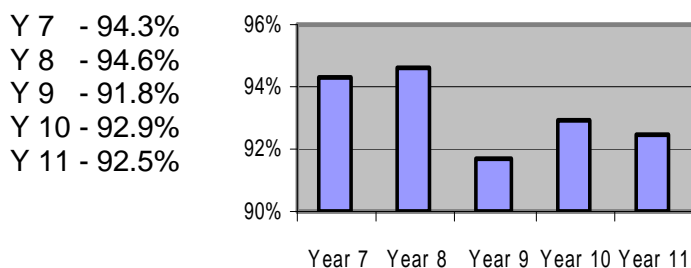
Forty pupils taking GCSE Geography and Humanities visited one of the UK's most popular tourist destinations, on the 24th June. The day began with pupils conducting questionnaires and environmental surveys as they walked along the promenade from the iconic Blackpool Tower to the Pleasure Beach Resort.

The pupils investigated how the town has changed and looked at the ways in which Blackpool has rejuvenated itself and its image for tourists. After collecting data for their controlled assessment, the pupils then went to experience the major tourist attraction in Blackpool, the Pleasure Beach. The weather was fantastic and fun was had by all.



Attendance

Attendance figures up to **01.07.2011**



Next **PTA** meeting:
Tuesday 5th July 2011
7.00pm
in the College Staff Room.
All are welcome!

Language Corner

French Borrowed Words

Did you know that there are hundreds of words and expressions that we use in English that are actually French? Here are some of the most common examples that we use without even realising:

À la carte – we use this to describe a menu in which the prices are listed separately.



Ambulance – This comes from the French term 'un hôpital ambulant' which literally means 'a walking hospital'.



Faux pas - This literally means 'false step'. We use this to describe something we somebody may have done wrong that is embarrassing or a 'blunder'.



Can you find any more words or expressions that we have borrowed from the French? The first three pupils to bring another one to Mrs Sadler in LA3 will win a prize!

Puzzle Corner

Pirates Puzzle

5 pirates of different ages have a treasure trove of 100 gold coins.

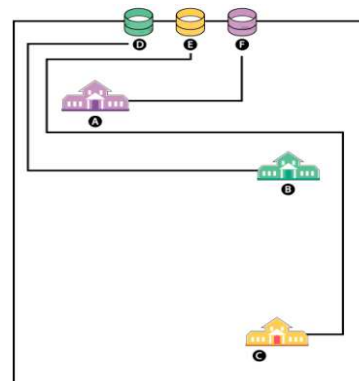


On their ship, they decide to split the coins using this scheme: the oldest pirate proposes how to share the coins, and ALL pirates (including the oldest) vote for or against it.

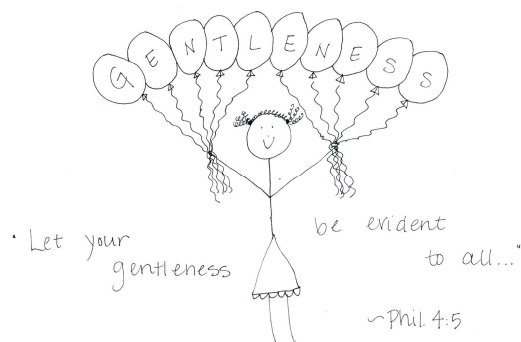
If 50% or more of the pirates vote for it, then the coins will be shared that way, otherwise, the pirate proposing the scheme will be thrown overboard, and the process is repeated with the pirates that remain.

Assuming that all 5 pirates are intelligent, rational, greedy and do not wish to die (and are rather good at maths): what will happen?

Solution for last week



Weekly Theme - 'Gentleness'



Today, the word "gentle" is more often associated with products for sale than people. "Gentle on your skin" means being soft; but the word really means "kind", "courteous" or "caring". Jesus describes himself as gentle: "Learn from me, for I am gentle...." We live in a sometimes hard and cynical world, a violent age and we need to be gentle people, we need to show other people that we are followers of Jesus by the way we live. We need to show others that there is a better way to live.

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do."

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Father, through the gentle obedience of your Son you saved a hard and fallen world. May that gentleness inspire us to learn from Jesus, to be more gentle and caring in our daily lives.

Amen