



**St John Plessington
Catholic College**
a Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

Newsletter

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Message From the Head Teacher



We are delighted to announce that in the NEW *Department of Education Performance Tables*, St John Plessington Catholic College is the **HIGHEST PERFORMING SECONDARY SCHOOL ON THE WIRRAL** for the new value added measure.

This indicator does not take context into account and therefore is a true level playing field when comparing schools.

Our Value Added (VA) of 1027.3 means that our pupils at SJP make the best progress of all pupils in the Wirral Local Authority from when they join us in Year 7.

This places SJP in the top 8% in the country. Well done to our pupils and staff in continuing to make SJP one of the best schools in the country.



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Peru Challenge update



On Saturday 21st January, the Peru Challengers faced their fears and completed a colossal abseil from the ceiling to the floor of the Manchester Velodrome, a height of 40 metres. After months of seeking sponsorship the day finally came and there was a mixture of excitement and trepidation. One thing is for sure, all of our pupils who took part felt an enormous sense of achievement. In this event alone, they managed to raise almost £1500 towards their expedition fees. The added bonus was that we all got to witness the Great Britain Olympic Cycling team in training!



Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 6th March 2012
in the College Staff Room.
All are welcome.

Parent Voice - Drop In Session

As part of our ongoing efforts to listen to parents the senior management team will be available for a 'drop in' session Monday 30th January 3.30pm - 6.30pm.
No appointment necessary.

Work Related Learning

A past Head girl Beverly Ridyard (nee Lam) who is now Head of Marketing at Manchester Airport gave an inspiring presentation to a group of Year 11 and 12 pupils.

Bev studied A levels at SJP in English, Business Studies and Geography achieving grade A's across the board. She studied at Lancaster University and achieved a *first class* (1:1) degree in Marketing. She recently won a placement on the prestigious marketing academy where they recruit future leaders in this area.

In her presentation she covered what it is like to work at Manchester airport using a short video. She outlined what her job involved; Half her week is spent in meetings as she is working on specific projects and the other half is writing reports and budgets. Her main responsibility is to ensure that airline companies using Manchester Airport have most of their seats filled and her latest project is to encourage businesses to use Manchester Airport to fly to America.

Pupils were asked to write down what they wanted to achieve in the next few months. Their lists will be returned to them after Easter to see where they have been successful.

Beverly left the students with her "top tips" for success

- Always be yourself
- Listen to others and take their advice
- Study lots and read more
- Volunteer your time to others
- Have the right attitude and buckets of enthusiasm
- Network with people who can help you (and who you can help)
- Have fun along the way; Balance work and play

Pupils comments

"It helped me to understand how to promote myself"

"It was inspirational"

"It was amazing, easy to follow and it helped me to think about my future career goals"

Work experience Year 10 and Year 12

A reminder that all self placement forms need to be completed as soon as possible and handed into reception. Please see Ms McMahon if you need any further help and support.

Maths News

SJP Maths Department present Maths Homework Club.
A further programme of support to help pupils achieve.

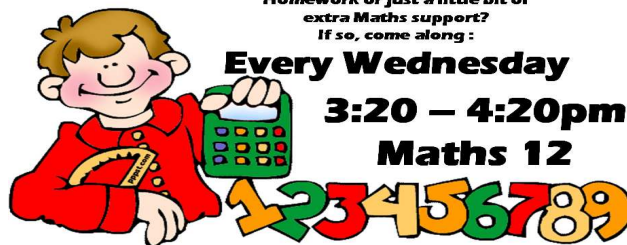
Sum Help?!

Do you need extra help with your Maths Homework or just a little bit of extra Maths support?
If so, come along:

Every Wednesday

3:20 – 4:20pm

Maths 12



Community Support

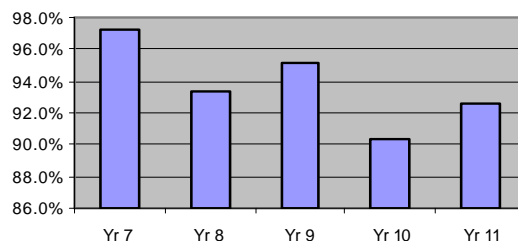


Can you Help?

The PTA has secured funding for a small commercial polytunnel. We need volunteers to help construct the polytunnel, to build raised beds and to

move topsoil and woodchip into the polytunnel. We will also need people to help provide refreshments and collect equipment donations on the day. If you can spare a few hours on a Saturday 3rd March, to meet new people and learn new skills whilst helping SJP to get our indoor vegetable garden up and running we would love to hear from you. Please e-mail; ecoteam@stjohnplessington.com to express an interest. Please email your name and any specialist skills you have or a preferred role for the day.

Attendance - 20.01.2012



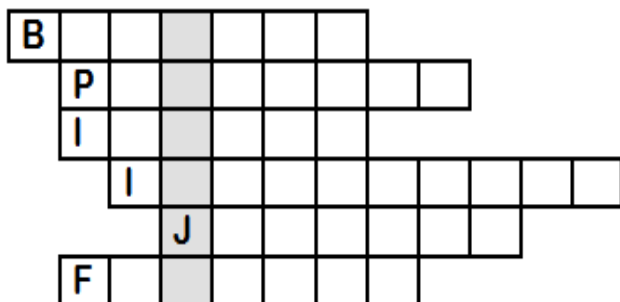
Year 7 - 97.3% Year 8 - 93.3% Year 9 - 95.1%

Year 10 - 90.3% Year 11 - 92.6%

Language Corner

Can you solve the puzzle by filling in the Spanish names for different countries?

When you have found them, use the shaded boxes to work out a type of place where you could live:








Answer = UNA _ _ _ _ J _

First five correct answers to Mr Joglekar will earn a house point.

Puzzle Corner

Crooked Calculator ☆☆ 21






Eric has got all the sums wrong. Each time he pressed exactly **one** wrong key.

 2 5 + 3 6 =	900
 5 + 3 + 2 =	317
 8 + 8 + 2 =	3
  1 6 + 1 =	41

Can you work out which keys he actually pressed?

Eric manages to press the right keys but gets them in the wrong order.

Can you get the keys in the right order?

 2 3 + 5 6 =	61
 5 + 3 - 2 =	8
 8 + 8 4 2 =	103
  3 1 + 6 =	7

Solution from last week

17. Petrol Prices

A good way of showing the importance of place value. A more interesting question it to ask how many different numbers can be made with 7 segments.

Weekly Theme—'Authority'



Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came he went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority

quite unlike the teachers of religious law. Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit began shouting, "Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are the Holy One of God!" Jesus cut him short. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion and then came out of him. Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee.

Mark 1: 21-28

Young people question authority; it is a natural part of growing up to question 'Why should I ?' authority of Jesus was questioned, but it was clear to everyone that when He taught, 'He taught with authority' that is, God was behind what He had to say.

Christians have always taught that we should always respect each other and this is the foundation stone upon which our college community is built. As Christians we should also have respect for those in authority over us as long as they are not breaking God's laws.

Father in heaven, from the days of Abraham and Moses you have gathered and formed a people, from whom you have expected love and obedience.

May our love and our willingness to do your will grow and develop.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, you gave your complete obedience.

Amen