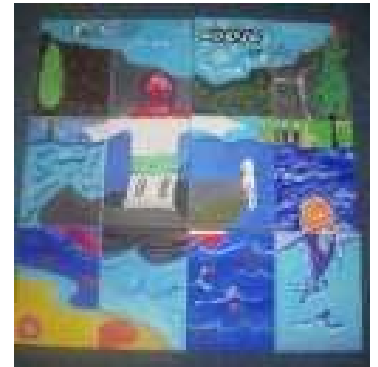




Year 8 Experience



Last week fifty five students from Year 8 went to Castlerigg Manor in Keswick to take part in our Year 8 Experience

They worked together in exploring the theme for the experience "Building Community".

But it wasn't all hard work. There was plenty of time for walking in the beautiful countryside around the Manor, for socialising together, and not forgetting eating some great food.

Comments from our students about their Year 8 Experience.

"I enjoyed painting our section of the collage. It was good fun seeing it all put together and I liked working as a team with people I didn't really know that well."

"My favourite part of our visit to Castlerigg was when we all walked up a mountain. The view at the top was calming and beautiful."



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.

Literacy Corner

Word of the week



execrable (adjective)

Definition

If you describe something as execrable, you mean that it is very bad or unpleasant.

Example:

It was an execrable performance

The word can also be used as an adverb:

Example:

He was treated execrably.

Next PTA meeting:

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

Maths News

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



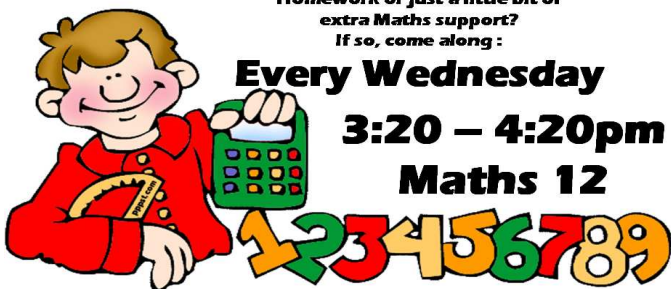
Sum Help?!

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

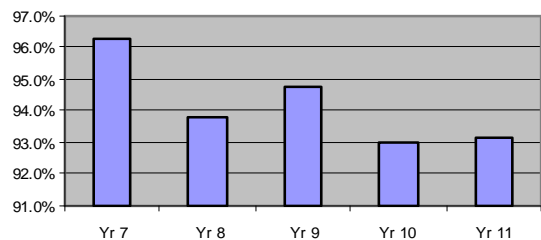
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Exam Information

23-Jan-12	am	GCE / A2	Sociology 3
23-Jan-12	pm	GCE / AS	History: British History Depth Studies
23-Jan-12	pm	GCE	APPLIED ICT UNIT 7: DATABASE S/WARE
24-Jan-12	am	GCE	Applied ICT Unit 7: Database S/Ware
24-Jan-12	am	GCSE	Applied Science-Unit 2 Foundation
24-Jan-12	am	GCSE	Biology Unit 2 Foundation
24-Jan-12	am	GCSE	Biology Unit 2 Higher
24-Jan-12	am	GCSE	Biology Unit 3 Foundation
24-Jan-12	am	GCSE	Biology Unit 3 Higher
24-Jan-12	am	GCE / AS	Geography 2
24-Jan-12	pm	GCE / A2	Physics A 4 }
24-Jan-12	pm	GCE / A2	English Literature LT4
24-Jan-12	pm	GCE / A2	English Language and Literature LL4
25-Jan-12	am	GCE / A2	Biology 4
25-Jan-12	am	GCE / A2	Media Studies 3
25-Jan-12	pm	GCSE	Health & Social Care: Personal Dev & Relationships
25-Jan-12	pm	GCE / A2	Religious Studies:Philosophy of Religion
26-Jan-12	am	GCSE	Chemistry Unit 2 Foundation
26-Jan-12	am	GCSE	Chemistry Unit 2 Higher
26-Jan-12	pm	GCE / A2	Chemistry 4
26-Jan-12	pm	GCE	Applied ICT Unit 7: Database S/Ware
27-Jan-12	am	GCE	Applied ICT Unit 7: Database S/Ware
27-Jan-12	pm	GCE / A2	Psychology A 4
30-Jan-12	pm	GCSE	Physics Unit 2 Foundation
30-Jan-12	pm	GCSE	Physics Unit 2 Higher
30-Jan-12	pm	GCE / A2	Applied Science 14
02-Feb-12	am	GCE / A2	Geography 4B
End of Examinations			

Attendance - 20.01.2012



Year 7 - 96.3% Year 8 - 93.8% Year 9 - 94.8%

Year 10 - 93.0% Year 11- 93.2%

PTA News



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 help us 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.

Basketball News

Year 9 Basketball

In the final tournament of the year, Year 9 basketball team produced an outstanding level of performance. In a season first the boys took points from St Anselms with a 14-8 score and drew in a 12-12 battle with Wirral Boys. They also beat Ridgeway 14-2. There were outstanding performances from all boys but 'man of the match' went to Michael Andrew Jones and Joe O' Sullivan, for a superb performance overall.



BETC Sports News



The Year 11 pupils have been working hard in their PE BTEC lessons to plan and prepare sports events for younger pupils within SJP. As part of their assessment which involves them working within their group to plan, promote and lead a sports event. Last week 5 events took place each night after school and were very successful. The events included dodgeball, kickball and football.

Congratulations to the Year 11A PE BTEC pupils and thank you to the pupils who participated in the events. From these events approximately 120 pupils from Years 7 – 9 have participated which is a great turnout.

Next week, pupils from 11B PE BTEC will be leading their events. If you would like to get involved, you can sign up with the Year 11 pupils when they visit your academic review.



Language Corner

Read the text, answer the questions and see if you can work out who the celebrity is!



Bonjour! Je m'appelle ?????? et je suis français. Je suis né le 17 août 1977 donc j'ai 35 ans. J'ai les cheveux noirs et les yeux bruns. En ce moment, je joue pour l'équipe de foot qui s'appelle 'Arsenal' et je suis considéré comme l'un des meilleurs attaquants de ma generation et l'un des meilleurs joueurs français.

- What country am I from?
- Why am I famous?
- What do I look like?
- Where do I work?
- Who am I?

The first five correct answers to Miss Kingsland in LA2 will receive a house point!

Puzzle Corner

Petrol Prices

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Some petrol stations display prices by sticking **segments** together to make numbers.

78.2

What is the **largest** number you can make with **10 segments**?

0123456789

What is the **largest** you can make with **16 segments**?

Solution for last week

8. Number Race

The 12th Square and Fibonacci number are both 144. After this the Fibonacci number are in the lead. The 10th Fibonacci and triangular numbers are both 55. After the triangular numbers are forever doomed to 3rd place. A good opportunity to explore the Fibonacci numbers.

Weekly Theme -



Just as Jesus called Simon and his brother Andrew to follow him, so he makes the same call to each one of us today. Being a Christian in our world today is difficult; it's not easy to do what Jesus asks us to do. It seems that our

culture today calls us to look after ourselves first, to make sure that we are ok, and not to worry about anybody else. Being a Christian, a follower of Jesus, requires courage determination and a real effort to be unselfish. Our college community is a place in which we try to live to the gospel values of Jesus in our daily lives by loving God and loving our neighbour just as much as we love ourselves. Imagine for a moment what our world would be like if every person loved their neighbour war; violence and terrorism would be a thing of the past.

This coming Friday is Holocaust Memorial Day, when we remember what can happen when hatred replaces love in the world. We remember in our prayers the six million Jews who died in the concentration camps as well as the survivors and their families who have had to live daily with the horrors they experienced. We pray also for those through-

out our world who today are still being persecuted, tortured and maimed and who have lost their God given Dignity as a child of God, through violence and war and hatred.

Mark 1:16-20

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**Almighty and ever present Father,
Your loving eye is always on us, and even the tensions and frustrations of life cannot destroy your plans for us.**

Help us to believe in you and trust you no matter what happens