



## Poland Trip

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March Miss Francis, Mrs Hill, Mrs Hughes and Mr McHale set out from Liverpool John Lennon Airport with 39 sixth form and Year 11 students to Krakow. Arriving in Krakow the sun was shining, a perfect day to explore the medieval areas including the Wawel Hill, Krakow Castle and Cathedral and the old town square with St Mary's Church. On Monday the group set out by coach to visit Auschwitz Birkenau Concentration Camp. The pupils commented on the different ways this affected them, especially such sights as the piles of hair and shoes of the victims of the camp and the sheer scale of Birkenau. The group spent some time lighting candles and taking time for reflection at the memorial. On Tuesday the group set out for another packed day of sightseeing and exploration, taking a 3 hour walking tour around the former Jewish Ghetto and the Jewish District of Krakow, home to just 180 Jews today. The students were able to visit a Jewish Synagogue and Cemetery and see first hand sights where the filming of "Schindler's List" had taken place. They were also able to visit the newly opened museum of Polish occupation during World War Two, housed in Schindler's former factory. In the afternoon the group were fortunate to hear the stories of a survivor of the Holocaust whilst on a visit to the Galicia Jewish Museum. They found out about his time in Mauthausen Concentration Camp in Austria, terrible stories about how the American soldiers nearly left him behind when they liberated the camp and how when he returned to Poland he received the news that his family had all been killed. This was a truly moving experience for all pupils and staff. Whilst in Krakow we also found time for a spot of shopping.



### End of Term Arrangements

Please note that College will be closing at 3.20pm on Friday 30th March 2012.  
A reminder that pupils will return to College at 8.40am on Monday 16th April 2012. (Week1)

## Dance Weekend



Pupils from years 8 and 9 travelled to Boreatton Park for a PGL Street Dance Weekend. Over the weekend the girls took part in intense dance coaching sessions during which they learnt some very impressive dance movements. The girls worked with choreographers and dance coaches to put movements together and devise 2 fantastic dance pieces.



During our stay, the pupils also had the opportunity to participate in some multi activities (climbing and trapeze). The weekend allowed the pupils to work together and increase their confidence and performance skills. On the last day, all pupils performed and the 2 SJP dance pieces really did take control of the floor. Look out for these performances in the forthcoming Dance Revolution Show.

Thank you to all of the girls, you made the weekend very enjoyable.

### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 27th March 2012  
in the College Staff Room.  
All are welcome.

## Accelerated Reader

Our Accelerated Readers are racing towards the Winter term finish line! With competition for certificates very high, we now have over two hundred and thirty pupils in Year's 7, 8 and 9 that have actively been taking quizzes and scoring a substantial amount of points by passing the Reading Practice quizzes. **Congratulations** to the pupils below that have exceeded a hundred points or more.

James Allen	7JB
Maria Nielsen-Scott	7JB
Kirstina Evans	7MT
Rosin Joseph	8SB
Kieran Richardson	9MT

Miss Hall, English Department said "I am pleased to see that even more pupils than before are enjoying using the Accelerated Reader programme and making considerable progress especially those in Year 9 that have returned to it after a break." There is a vast selection of books in the college library that have quizzes, so there is plenty of choice for everyone.



It's really easy to search for books on Accelerated Reader. All you need to do is log in via **About Us** on the college homepage (if you're not sure of your password please see Mrs Broom, the Librarian), click on: **Take A Reading Practice Quiz** then you can search for the book either by the **Title** or the **Author**.

### Additional Sessions - 3.30pm start

	MFL	Geography	PE	RE	English	Maths
<b>Monday</b>				Homework Catch up club, All Years		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y10 French Y13 Spanish					
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y9 set 1, Y10 & Y11 Spanish	Y10, until 14 <sup>th</sup> June				Year 12
<b>Thursday</b>	Y12 French				Controlled Assessment catch-up session, Y9, Y10 & Y11	Year 13
<b>Friday</b>			BTEC Course-work Session			

### Careers



Year 11 and 12 are reviewing a new career online resource which informs the pupils about the

world of work , using media-rich applications such as video case studies, virtual tours helping them to make informed decisions about their future.

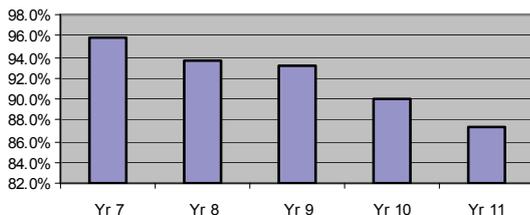
All pupils can access this by logging onto [www.u-explore.com](http://www.u-explore.com)

Username: WirralGuest

Password: u-explore

Please feedback any comments to Mrs McMahon Head of Work Related Learning . The trial log in lasts for a month.

### Attendance - 19/03/12 - 23/03/12



Year 7 - 95.8% Year 8 - 93.6% Year 9 - 93.1%

Year 10 - 89.9% Year 11 - 87.3%

### Plant Sale



**St John Plessington  
Catholic College**  
Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 7LF

**SJP PTA  
are holding their Annual**

## BEDDING PLANT SALE

on

# Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012

## 9.00am – 11.30am

In the College Garden

If you wish to pre-order, please telephone 0151 645 5049 or call into the College Reception for an Order Form to be returned to us by Friday 30 March 2012

**Wide choice of high quality plants available**

**Order early to avoid disappointment**

## Language Corner

Read the following description of Juan's morning routine and see if you can work out the puzzles at the end.

"Hola me llamo Juan. Hoy, me despierto a las siete y media. Me ducho a las ocho menos veinte. Desayuno cereales y un zumo de naranja con mi hermano a las ocho menos cuarto. Me visto a las ocho. Me peino y me lavo los dientes a las ocho y diez. Voy al colegio St John Plessington a las ocho y cuarto.

- How many minutes passed between Waking up and having breakfast? \_\_\_\_\_
- Having a shower and getting dressed? \_\_\_\_\_
- Getting dressed and brushing his teeth? \_\_\_\_\_
- Waking up and leaving to go to school? \_\_\_\_\_

The first five correct answers to Mr Joglekar in MFL 5 will receive a house point.

## Maths Corner

### Times Table

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There is something strange about this addition square. Can you work out what the missing number is?

+	3	8	11
3	6	11	2
8	11	4	7
11	2	7	

### Solution for last week

25. Back to Front  
The answers are all multiples of 9. Its not too difficult to prove this: The original number can be written as  $x = 10a + b$  where a and b are two digits. The reversed number is therefore  $y = 10b + a$  and the difference is  $(x - y) = (10a + b) - (10b + a) = (9a - 9b) = 9(a - b)$  ie. 9 times the difference in the digits of the original number. For three digit numbers you will get multiples of 99.

## Weekly Theme - 'Holy week'



**Holy Week** The season of Lent has always been an important time in the life of the Catholic Church. It begins very dramatically with the reception of ashes, in a sense, marking us as God's people. Near the end of the season we receive palms which remind us of the people's love for Jesus -

a love which turned to hate and indifference quite rapidly. The special practices of Lent...added prayer, fasting, abstinence, almsgiving... remind us that this is no ordinary time. Because Lent is a season with a personality of its own, we tend to think of it as a season which has its existence just for the sake of itself. However, it is important to remind ourselves that Lent exists only as a preparation for something bigger. That something bigger is the **Easter Triduum**.

The term **Easter Triduum** is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us.

Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for these 3 great days. What is remembered during these three days is so spectacular and miraculous that it takes the Church 50 days to celebrate it. From the close of Easter Sunday until Pentecost we celebrate with great joy that which Jesus has done for us.

Just imagine that someone you loved was torn from you unexpectedly, dying a painful, hideous death, and suddenly that person is brought back to life. Imagine your joy. How would you express that joy? Could you be happy for one day and be done with it? Probably not. It would take many days, perhaps a lifetime to express your joy. Because that person's life has been restored, your life has been restored.

That is exactly what happens. Jesus dies a hideous death. God's only Son sent to save us has been put to death. And then suddenly he is alive again. We need fifty days to celebrate this great miracle - or perhaps we need our lifetime to express it. Thus we take forty days (Lent) to prepare, three days (Easter Triduum) to experience, and fifty days (Easter time) to celebrate the great mystery of our faith. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter and a time to celebrate with your families.

**From heav'n You came, helpless Babe, Enter'd our world, Your glory veiled;  
Not to be served, but to serve, And give Your life that we might live.  
This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him;  
To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.**