



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

Newsletter

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Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all pupils and staff. We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and now feel refreshed to start a new year at SJP. What a fabulous start, with yet another set of outstanding results – even better than last year!

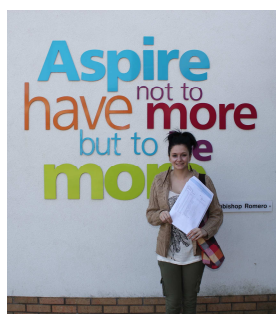
SJP was certainly the place to be on results days. The College Hall was buzzing with excitement as pupils received their grades and many staff were there too, sharing in the successes of their pupils.

A special welcome to all our Year 7 pupils and new staff as they join our community. SJP is an exciting place to be; may we all enjoy this year and make the most of all the fantastic opportunities available to us.

Record Breaking Exam Results - Again!

We are delighted to report on another record-breaking year at SJP, the TES School of the Year 2010-11, with 97% of our Year 11 pupils achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A*-C, with 64% of these including English and Maths at these highest grades. These results follow on from the record-breaking A Level results, where 99% of the grades were at A*-E, of which 50% were at grades A*-B.

Head Teacher Mr Quinn said: "I am delighted at these results. We took the decision two years ago to significantly increase the number of Maths teachers at SJP in order to have small class sizes in the subject for the pupils throughout their time at the College. The impact of this is evident in the results this year, with 73% of the pupils achieving a grade of A*-C in this subject. We are also extremely pleased that 95 of our students have secured progression on to university degree courses in what is arguably the most competitive round of university applications in a generation. The hard work and dedication of the pupils and staff have been rightly rewarded in these excellent results and we look forward to the College going from strength to strength in the exciting school year ahead."



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PTA

*Join us for An Evening
of Cheese & Wine*



A great opportunity for new parents to the College to meet the current members of the SJP PTA and find out what's coming up in yet another exciting year at SJP!

Tuesday 20 September 2011
7pm - The College Atrium



Cricket News



Here are the Year 7 Wirral Indoor Cricket Champions. The fabulous team scored a maximum 21 points over seven games and beat Hilbre High School by four runs in the final to lift the trophy at the end of the summer term. Well done.

TO ALL PUPILS
Don't forget to
be on the yard by
8.35am
Wear full winter uniform

Safeguarding

Use of Images/Photographs

To protect our pupils, we do not publish their full name and photograph together, we ensure children are appropriately clothed for photographs and we do not allow commercial media photographers unsupervised access to pupils.

We ask for your consent for the school (or someone commissioned by the school) to take and use photographs and video recordings for educational purposes, to record events and to publicise the work of the school on our website, in the school prospectus and in our local and national media.

Should you wish to 'opt out' of this consent, please do so in writing to your child's Head of Learning.

Open Evening

If you have a child currently in Year 5 or Year 6 we invite you to take the opportunity on Thursday 15 September 2011 (6-9pm) to hear our Head Teacher talk about the SJP experience and to meet the staff and pupils of SJP. Mr Quinn's Talks will take place at 6pm, 6.45pm and 7.30pm.

We are also having two Open Mornings this year - SJP will be open to prospective pupils and their families on Tuesday 20 September 2011 (9.30am - 12noon) and Wednesday 28 September (9.30am - 12 noon). We look forward to seeing you then.

RAF Cosford

Year 8 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a day of activities at RAF Cosford in July 2011. Sixteen pupils went to the centre as part of a trip arranged through our Geography and Science Departments. The pupils were split into 2 teams both completing an obstacle course on the low wires. The activities gave pupils the opportunity to experience how to work effectively in a team and how to problem solve under pressure. Everyone made a fantastic effort and both teams successfully completed the two challenges. Our RAF instructors were fantastic and guided us through the courses.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Language Corner

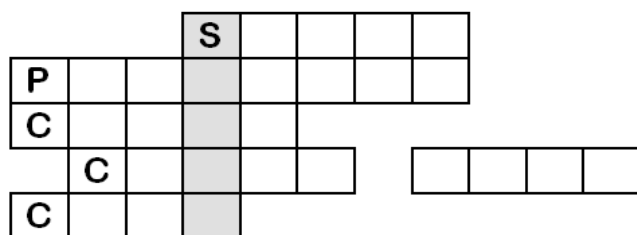
El mundo hispano – The Spanish Speaking World

Can you find the names, in English, of some countries where the people speak Spanish?

(hint – a map of South America will be useful!)

When you have found them, use the shaded boxes to work out the word in Spanish as your answer.

First 5 to Mr Joglekar will receive a house point!



Answer =

Puzzle Corner

Number Block 1

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 12.
The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.
The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

						30
1			10	6	2	36
	8	6	5			32
1		12	7		1	41
11	3	5	5		1	27
8		6		11	1	39
7	2	0	6	7	11	33
39	40	37	38	37	17	48

Weekly Theme - 'Encouragement'



Encouragement is something we all need: young or old, male or female, pupil or teacher. It's not easy being a new pupil in Year 7, but it's not easy being the Head Teacher either. The most encouraging thought is that we are all loved, that people care about us

and want to help us reach our full potential in life.

Everything in the Christian life centres upon love. Jesus told us that we must love everyone as much as we love ourselves. Sometimes that can be really hard. But love is the only debt we owe to one another.

Romans 13:8-10 *Be under obligation to no one, the only obligation you have is to love one another. Whoever does this has obeyed the Law. The commandments, Do not commit murder; do not steal; do not desire what belongs to someone else all these and any others besides, are summed up in the one command, love your neighbour as you love yourself. If you love others, you will never do them wrong; to love, then, is to obey the whole Law.*

God our Father, you have reached out to us in love and drawn us into the circle of your life.

May we share with one another the encouragement that we draw from you, so that we may all experience the warmth of your love.

Amen

Thursday 8th September is the Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been celebrated in the Church at least since the 8th Century. The Church observes the birthdays of only two saints: Saint John the Baptist and Mary, Mother of Jesus.

The birth of Mary was miraculous. She was conceived without sin as a special grace because God had selected her to become the mother of his Son Jesus. The feast of her Immaculate Conception is celebrated on 8 December.

"My soul magnifies the Lord

And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; forever is he blessed"

As the 10th anniversary of the horrific events of 9/11 approaches, the world remembers the tragic terrorist attacks that murdered thousands. We remember in our prayers the families and friends who lost loved ones that fateful day, we also pray for peace, harmony and understanding between all the peoples of our world.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you in serving all people: in the cause of peace with justice and for the relief of want, fear and suffering.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit;

that we may become rich in wisdom, courage, and hope; and keep us faithful to this pledge: for the glory of your Name, for our good, and the good of all people.

Amen