



## Year 7 Welcome Mass

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September our Year 7 Students gathered in College Hall together with their Form Tutors, their families and members of staff to celebrate Mass together marking the beginning of our journey together as members of the SJP family.

The theme of the Mass was 'Using our Gifts and Talents.' Fr Nick (who celebrated Mass along with Fr Peter) asked the children to think about the gifts and talents that God had given them and how they could be used and developed in the years to come, not only for themselves but also for the service of others in the SJP community and the world around us.

Students from each of our form groups took part in the various parts of the liturgy, while members of our newly formed Year 7 Choir led the singing and sang two solo items during the distribution of Holy Communion.

We believe as a Catholic community that the best gift we can possibly give to our young people as they begin their journey with us, is the celebration of Mass together which is our reminder of God's great gift to us— his Son Jesus.



**Open Morning  
Wednesday 28th September  
9.30am—12pm**

## Oxford Application Workshop



On Tuesday, SJP welcomed over 40 students from across the North West to an 'Oxbridge Application Workshop.' Throughout the afternoon, students, including 15 from SJP, completed a series of mini workshops including application techniques and interview skills to give them every opportunity of achieving a degree place at one of the world's most prestigious universities.

The workshop, led by Oxford University's school liaison officer from St Peter's College, was the third event since July to be run in collaboration with SJP. Last term, over 200 of our students from Years 7-13 were provided with an overview of the University - its history, courses and entry requirements - whilst last week a number of Year 13 students visited the University itself for a national open day. This week sees ten SJP students from Year 11 visiting the University for a taster day and a further ten students from Year 10 visiting Oxford early next year.

### APPOINTMENT OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Following the recent invitation to parents /carers requesting nominations for the vacant position of Parent Governor, I am pleased to inform you that Mr Quentin Neal has been successful.

As there were the same number of nominations as vacancies there has been no requirement to hold an election. Mr Neal will commence his 4 year term of office with immediate effect.

## University Open Days

University	Date/Time	Departments
Edinburgh University	1 <sup>st</sup> October 10am-3pm	All
Newcastle University	1 <sup>st</sup> October 9.30am-3.30pm	All
University of Chester	1 <sup>st</sup> October 10am-3pm	All
University of Exeter	1 <sup>st</sup> October 10am-3pm	Booking essential
University of Liverpool	1 <sup>st</sup> October 9.30am-3.30am	All
Lancaster University	5 <sup>th</sup> October 1pm-3pm	Departments open prior to appointment
Edge Hill University	8 <sup>th</sup> October 10am-3pm	All
Liverpool Hope University	8 <sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm	All
Reaseheath College	8 <sup>th</sup> October 10am-2pm	All
University of Leeds	8 <sup>th</sup> October 9am-4pm	All
University of Manchester	8 <sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm	Visit <a href="http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/opensdays">www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/opensdays</a> for list of departments
Lancaster University	12 <sup>th</sup> October 1pm-3pm	Departments open prior to appointment
University of St Andrews	19 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-4pm	All

## Business studies

The Business Studies department is continuing to run its after school club this academic year every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.30 – 4.30 for all Business Studies students. The aim is to support pupils with their course of study by providing an opportunity to complete their portfolio work, homework tasks, conduct independent research or improve the quality of their assignments with dedicated teacher support and guidance, thus ensuring all students go on to maximise their grade.

### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 4th October 2011  
in the College Staff Room.

All are welcome.

## St Vincent de Paul's Feast Day

This week we also celebrate the Feast Day of two of our SJP House Patron Saints

**St Vincent de Paul's** Feast day is celebrated on **27<sup>th</sup> September**.

Vincent lived in France just over 300 years ago; there were many cruel and unjust practices then. Vincent was a model of generosity; although a priest, he offered to take the place of galley slave and he took the poor into his own home to look after them. His work continues today through the Sisters of Charity and the Society of St Vincent de Paul, which can be found in many of our parishes.



*"We should spend as much time in thanking God as we do asking him for benefits"* St Vincent de Paul

**God our Father, you gave Vincent the courage and strength to work for the poor. Help us to show the same concern and care for anyone who is in need Amen.**

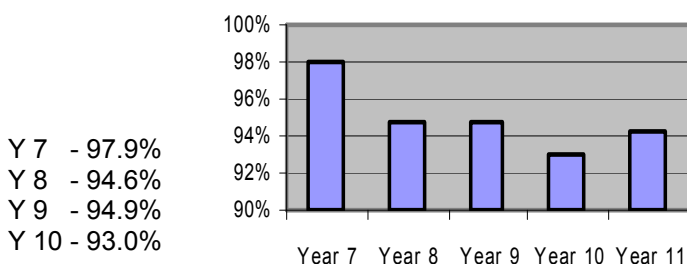
## Operation Christmas Child



Monday 26th September marks the beginning of the 4 Week Christmas Box Challenge for Operation Christmas Child. This year there is a prize for the form that fills the most boxes, so get packing!

## Attendance

Attendance figures up to **23.09.2011**



## Rugby News

The Year 11 Rugby Team played their first three games of the Wirral Central Venue League on Tuesday night at Old Anselmians' RFC. The Team played exceptionally well winning all three games, beating Bebington 17:0, Oldershaw 7:0 and UAB 12:5. This leaves the team joint top of the league with Mosslands after round one. There were some excellent individual performances from Cy Longstaff, Jamie Hankin, Matthew Brown and Jordan Fleet both in attack and defence.

Well Done Year 11.

## Football News

Year 7 A and B team vs South Wirral.

In the second round of fixtures for Year 7 both the A and B teams were victorious claiming 9-0 and 4-2 victories respectively. Both teams dominated their matches from the start and it was only a matter of time until both teams broke through to start the goal scoring. Outstanding performances from Daniel Shepherd, Cameron McGregor, Declan Drysdale and John Adediran meant SJP were too much for South Wirral to handle.

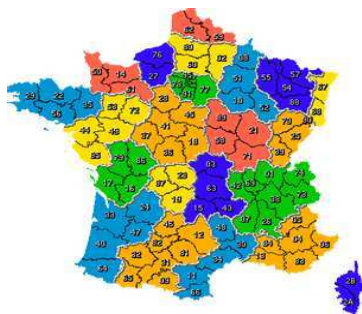
The Sixth Form Football Team opened their season on Wednesday night with a comfortable victory over Bebington. The Sixth Form were victorious with a 4-0 win and it should have been more. Outstanding performances from Adam Mazier and Michael Degan made it a close run for 'Man of the Match' although Danny Williams just pipped them both showing control and class for a Year 11 playing in a Sixth Form team.

## Coming Up

- Thursday 29th September: Year 11 Parents Evening
- Thursday 29th September: Healthy Lifestyles Day Year 9 beta
- Thursday 6th October : Sixth Form Parents Evening
- Tuesday 4th October, 7pm : PTA Meeting
- Friday 7th October :CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day



## Language Corner



France is a country in the European Union that is divided into twenty two different regions. The official language of France is French.

Some of its famous monuments include the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, which can be seen in Paris.

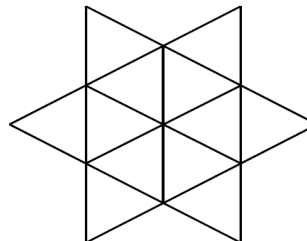
Can you answer the following questions about France?

1. Who is the current President of France?
2. What does the name 'France' mean?
3. Name five other countries in which French is the official language
4. What are people called who speak fluent French?

## Puzzle Corner

**How Many Triangles?** ☆ 3

How many triangles can you see in this picture?



**Solution for Last Week**

### The Monty Hall Problem

You should switch (assuming you would prefer a car to a goat). It is tempting to assume that the two remaining doors have an equal chance of hiding the star prize, but this neglects the fact that the host's choice of door to open is not independent of your initial choice. The probability of your initial choice being correct is  $1/3$ . This probability that the remaining door hides the prize is  $2/3$ . You can find lots more on the 'Monty Hall Problem' at:  
<http://math.rice.edu/~ddonovan/montyurl.html>

## Weekly Theme - Act Justly. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly



"It's not fair." How often have you said these words? Children especially are quick to point out unfairness, real or imaginary. Today there are many people in our world who have a very hard life; things have not often been fair for them.

This time of year is harvest time, when people in churches, communities and schools remember to thank God for all the wonderful things they enjoy. They collect food as part of their thanksgiving to God, which they will give to people who are in need of help and support.

As part of our community's celebration of the Harvest, we will be supporting CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day, which takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

### Matthew 21:28-32

*"Tell me what you think about this: A man had two sons. He went to the first son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' The son answered, 'I will not go.' But later the son changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' The son answered, 'Yes, sir, I will go and work,' but he did not go. Which of the two sons obeyed his father?"*

*The priests and leaders answered, "The first son."*

*Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you do. John came to show you the right way to live. You did not believe him, but the tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Even after seeing this, you still refused to change your ways and believe him."*

**Almighty God, you are a just and loving Father. May we always act fairly and show our concern by our love and generosity for those who suffer from injustice of any kind. Amen**

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<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/schooladmin/ims/datamanagement/privacynotices/a0064391/who-the-department-passes-pupil-data-to>

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London  
SW1P 3BT  
Website: [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)  
email: [info@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:info@education.gsi.gov.uk)  
tel: 0870 000 2288

### **Connexions Services**

Once you are aged 13 or over we are required to pass on certain information to the Connexions services. Connexions is the government's support service for all young people aged 13 to 19 in England.

We must provide both your own and your parent/s' name/s and address/es, and any further information relevant to the Connexions services' role.

However, you (if you are over 16) or your parents can ask that no information beyond name and address be passed to Connexions. Please inform Chris Lamb, Office Manager, if you wish to opt-out of this arrangement. For more information about Connexions, please go to the LA website as shown above.

