



**St John Plessington
Catholic College**
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Newsletter

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Awards Evening 2011



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20th October 2011
with Special Guest
Gordon Burns
7.00pm
Please take your seat by 6.50pm



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Ryan Hanlon receives the SJP Special Award for Exceptional Sporting Achievement

Ryan, pictured here receiving his award from Gordon Burns, is a former SJP student who has always been a keen triathlete.

He recently reached the pinnacle of the sport at amateur level by winning the Gold Medal in the World Triathlon Championships in Beijing for the 20 - 24 age group.

This places him 6th in the overall world rankings. Ryan is now ready to join the professional elite of his sport.



On 20th October our College Hall was packed with award winning pupils, ex-students, parents, carers and distinguished guests for our Twentieth Annual Awards Evening.

Speakers included the Head Boy, Declan Evans and Head Girl, Olivia Webster.

We give particular thanks to our special guest presenter, Gordon Burns who, after giving a very lively and interesting speech, presented the awards to our winners.

Performances by the SJP College Choir and the SJP Swing Band ensured a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Some comments from Open Evening 2011:

"During my visit to SJP I was absolutely amazed at the warm welcoming feeling the school oozed."

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GCSE Exams Information

Exams Information for students taking GCSEs in November 2011

In November, Year 10 and 11 students will be sitting English, Maths and/or Science GCSEs. All students with exam entries for November should have received a green Individual Pupil Timetable from their Head of Learning, Learning Coach or Form Tutor. **If you think you have been entered for an exam, and you have not received a timetable, please ask for the Exams Officer at the Reception Desk.**

A booklet entitled 'November 2011 – Exams Information for Parents & Pupils' is available via the school website. Hard copies are available on Reception. This booklet contains an exam timetable and important information about exam requirements and regulations.

Morning exams will begin at 9.00 am. Afternoon exams will begin at 1.30 pm.

Students must assemble in School Yard at 8.30 for morning exams, and 1.00 for afternoon exams, where they will receive further instructions from staff.

Candidates must bring the correct equipment to each exam:

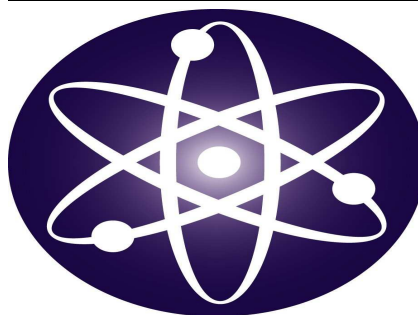
Date	Exam	Students must bring:
Tues am 8 Nov	English Paper 1	Black ballpoint pen Highlighter pen
Wed pm 9 Nov	Maths Paper 1	Black ballpoint pen, pencil, ruler, geometry equipment (in transparent plastic bag or case)
Friday pm 11 Nov	English Paper 2	Black ballpoint pen Highlighter pen
Mon am 14 Nov	Maths Paper 2	Black ballpoint pen, pencil, ruler, geometry equipment (as above), calculator.
Tues am 15 Nov	Science on-screen tests	Pen or pencil (for rough working), calculator

Seating plans will be displayed in the foyer and from the DT classroom window overlooking the schoolyard. You should be able to spot them - they will be printed on bright green paper!

Exams run very efficiently and smoothly at SJP, thanks to the excellent conduct of our students. If you have any queries or questions about your forthcoming exams, please ask your subject tutor, or the Exams Officer.

Good luck everybody!

Science



Science

Some important dates for your planner:

Year 9 Sets 1 & 2

The revision sessions for November are:

Thursday - Nov 3 & Nov 10 - Sc1 - Chemistry
Friday - Nov 4 & Nov 11 - Sc7 - Chemistry

Year 10 Sets 5 & 6

(& Year 11 doing resits)

The revision sessions for November are:

Tuesday - Nov 1 & Nov 8 - Sc4 - Biology
Wednesday - Nov 2 & Nov 9 - Sc3 - Biology
Thursday - Nov 3 & Nov 10 - Sc1 - Chemistry
Friday - Nov 4 & Nov 11 - Sc7 - Chemistry

University Open Days

University	Date/Time	Departments
Warwick	16th November 10am -4pm	TBC
Salford University	26th November 10am -4pm	No booking Necessary
Glyndwr University	3rd December 10am — 3pm	No booking Necessary
Reasehealth College	5th November 10am — 2pm	All

Bowling

Katie Finnigan 8TL has been invited to join the NAYBC England Academy, a three year programme to improve and nurture her natural bowling talent. She was congratulated by local MP, Alison McGovern, documented in an article in the Wirral News.

Katie's first training session is in Sheffield; bowlers who meet the required standard have the opportunity to represent England.

Year 7 Football

The team experienced their first loss at the hands of Pensby last Tuesday. In a closely fought game many chances were missed by SJP leaving the game in the balance at half time. Pensby were fortunate to score twice. Although defeated the boys showed great endeavour and motivation to keep going to the final whistle. Man of the match was Declan Drysdale.

The Greatest Story Ever Told

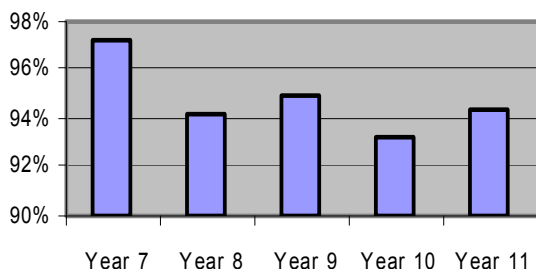
110 Year seven students descended on the Well of the Liverpool Cathedral to watch the production of *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. It investigated what happened when four teenagers get together over *Facebook* to discuss a bible homework project. It explored different bible stories using stunning props and visual aids.

Coming Up

- Tuesday 1st November : LP1 Reports to Parents
- Friday 18 November: Year 8 Enterprise Day
- Friday 25 November: Review Day Year 7 & 10
- Saturday 26th November: Airbus Open Day

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **31.10.2011**



Year 7 - 97.2% **Year 8 - 94.1%** **Year 9 - 95.0%**
Year 10 - 93.2% **Year 11 - 94.4%**

November - A Time to Remember



During the month of November we especially remember those who have died, from our families and among our friends.

We are grateful to them for the faith and for the gift of family they have passed on to us or the friendship they have given to us. We thank God for all those who have touched our hearts and our lives.

Remembering those who have gone before us

The most beautiful memorial we can give to those we love is a living memory nourished by prayer, gratitude and ever-deepening affection.

During November our College Book of Remembrance will be on display in the College Atrium.

Memorial Plaque

"We will remember them"
Pte Douglas Halliday RIP



It was with sadness, but also with a great sense of pride that we unveiled a memorial plaque in the college Peace Garden to the memory of Douglas Halliday a former student of our college community who was tragically killed whilst on active service in Afghanistan last year.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Doug's parents, family, members of staff who had taught Doug and representatives of the college community, as well as Mrs Marks our Chair of Governors

Doug was just twenty years of age when he died.

*They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old;
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we
 will remember them.*

Parking Enforcement Notice

After the half term break there will be increased parking enforcement activity both outside SJP and St John's Infants and Juniors. Please remember there are 1 hour bays by the Infants and Juniors and also that parking in the Oval car park is permitted.

Civil Enforcement Officers can issue tickets for parking on parking restrictions, whereas the Police, who will also be involved in the enforcement activity, can issue tickets for obstruction e.g. preventing the buses from manoeuvring / blocking vehicle entrances.

Although the increased parking restrictions can appear inconvenient, please remember they are for the health and safety of all our pupils, students, staff and visitors, particularly as daylight hours reduce towards and after Christmas.

Next **PTA** meeting:

7pm Tuesday 22nd November 2011
in the College Staff Room.

All are welcome.

Rene Magritte Exhibition

The Art department GCSE and A Level students spent a Saturday exploring the Tate Art Gallery in Liverpool's Albert Dock. They were some of the lucky few to catch the last weekend of the visiting Rene Magritte exhibition. Pupils then went on to explore the current sculpture exhibition and create some Art works of their own in their sketchbooks. The trip was a great success with pupils seeing world famous art works and gaining lots of inspiration for their coursework projects.



See Inside Manufacturing

A group of Year 12 and 13 Product Design student's visited the 'See Inside Manufacturing' event at Vauxhall Motors, Ellesmere Port on Wednesday 18th October.

The 'Careers Fair' gave pupils the opportunity to gain information on apprenticeships, undergraduate and graduate opportunities and the benefits of working at Vauxhall's.



The student's took part in a range of exciting hands-on activities where they learnt about different aspects of manufacture at the site. They learnt about the impact of different car engines on the environment. Students tried out different types of safety gear to learn about the importance of health and safety in a busy factory environment.

A tour of the factory floor gave students an insight into the manufacture of different Vauxhall car models, allowing them to watch each stage of production from the delivery of the components to the finished product. The students were introduced to heat sensor equipment used by the quality team to check the cars are correctly assembled and even had their photograph taken by a mini sensor which they took away on their own souvenir keyring! All student's thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Luke Mallinder in year 12 said...

"I particularly enjoyed the tour of the factory as I got to learn about the different stages of manufacture. I didn't think it would be so interesting. It was really informative and a great experience getting to learn something new and do something I wouldn't normally get the chance to do".

Language Corner

Des bonbons ou la vie!



Match the following Halloween-themed words up with the correct words in French.

Use wordreference.com if you need help translating them!

A black cat
A spider's web
I'm scared!
A wizard
A ghost
A broomstick
A witch

Un fantôme
Une sorcière
Une toile d'araignée
J'ai peur
Un sorcier
Un chat noir
Une manche à balai

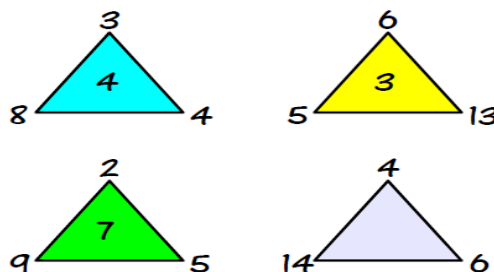
The first five correct responses to reach Miss Kingsland in LA2 will receive a house point!

Puzzle Corner

Missing Number

☆ 2

Which number should go in the empty triangle?



Solution from last week

18. A Fishy Tale

COD: 2, HAKE: 3, COLEY: 6, SALMON: 10

The formula for a word of length n is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n-1}{2})! (\frac{n-1}{2})!} & , \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2}-1)! (\frac{n}{2})!} & , \text{ if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

So BARRACUDA gives $8!/(4!4!) = 70$.

This is discussed in [Appendix B](#).

Weekly Theme -



"Serving others"

People remember surprises! The Disciples who followed Jesus I am sure never forgot their surprise, when at the height of his fame, massive crowds came flocking to

see him, he said, "I came into this world to serve, not to be served." Almost his last action was to get up from the dinner table and wash the feet of his friends.

"Now serve one another, like that," he said. To be a true follower of Jesus, we have to help others without being asked to do so.

Matthew 23:1-12

Now Jesus turned to address his disciples, along with the crowd that had gathered with them. "The religion scholars and Pharisees are competent teachers in God's Law. You won't go wrong in following their teachings on Moses. But be careful about following them. They talk a good line, but they don't live it. They don't take it into their hearts and live it out in their behaviour. Instead of giving you God's Law as food and drink by which you can banquet on God, they package it in bundles of rules, loading you down like pack animals. They seem to take pleasure

in watching you stagger under these loads, and wouldn't think of lifting a finger to help. Their lives are perpetual fashion shows, embroidered prayer shawls one day and flowery prayers the next. They love to sit at the head table at church dinners, basking in the most prominent positions, preening in the radiance of public flattery.

Don't let people do that to you, put you on a pedestal like that. You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates. Don't set people up as experts over your life, letting them tell you what to do. Save that authority for God; let him tell you what to do. No one else should carry the title of 'Father'; you have only one Father, and he's in heaven. And don't let people manoeuvre you into taking charge of them. There is only one Life-Leader for you and them - Christ. Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty."

God of power and mercy, only with your help can we be gentle and humble in helping and serving one another. Help us to imitate the loving service of your Son, Jesus. Amen

Some of our Award Winners



Player of the Year — Netball



Outstanding Early Entry Achievement



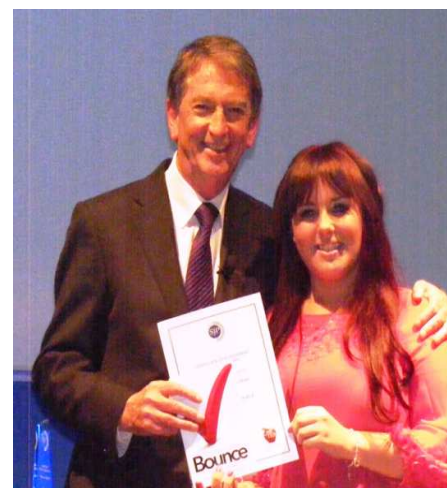
Outstanding Early Entry Achievement



Outstanding Early Entry Achievement



Head Boy Award



Head Girl Award



Major Subject Award — Psychology



Major Subject Award — RE



Major Subject Award — Science