

Newsletter

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History and Geography Trip to Albert Dock Liverpool

On Wednesday 12th October forty-four Year 7 students set out with Miss Walker, Miss Francis and Mrs Hughes to Liverpool to explore the docks and the new Liverpool Museum. The pupils explored both the geography and history of the Albert Dock with a walking tour and discussed such issues as trade and regeneration.

The company have since telephoned College to tell us that they were the best group of school children they had ever taken out. On the tour the pupils saw the Cathedrals, Liver Buildings, Hope Street and, of course, took to the water for a closer look at the Albert Dock on the Yellow Duck Boat.

The pupils also visited the new Liverpool Museum, looking in detail at the history of Liverpool and particularly Liverpool's cultural roots as influenced by sport and music.

A great day was had by all!



Some comments from Open Evening 2011:

"SJP is a very impressive school with well behaved and well mannered pupils."

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London Visit

On Tuesday 1st November at 7:30 am 20 Sixth Formers met at Bebington Station to start their London adventure. Having made themselves comfortable in coach B on the way down, students shared with morning commuters exactly what was in store for their trip to the capital. Arriving in London we quickly sussed the tube and made our way across the city to our accommodation before setting out again to Westminster.



To develop students' awareness and understanding of politics they had a tour of the Supreme Court where they were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to sit-in on a live court hearing. With 9 of the 12 Judges for the Supreme Court sat deliberating evidence, students got to hear the Lawyer for Lehman Brothers provide evidence and put forward their argument. We then hot-footed it across to St Paul's Cathedral to see politics in action with the anti-capitalist protests in full swing. Students' eyes were opened to how people were feeling and the methods taken to capture the world's media. From there we took a gentle stroll down the South Bank entertained by street performers. We passed the London eye, over Westminster Bridge down Whitehall and past Buckingham Palace eventually making our way to dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

The following morning began with a relaxed breakfast which prepared us for the busy day ahead. At 11:30am students were scheduled to meet local MP for South Wirral, Alison McGovern. We sat in the select committee room close to the House of Commons, students engaged with a question and answer session challenging Alison on her views on the current Coalition and her successes experienced whilst in office so far. This was followed by analysis of PMQ's as it was taking place; again helping students to develop their understanding of the business of Parliament.



The trip concluded with a tour of the Cabinet War Rooms appealing to the historians amongst us. This museum has preserved the underground bunker in which Churchill resided, and directed the military operations throughout the Second World War.

The trip to London not only gave students the opportunity to get to grips with UK Politics and History but also to experience something new. Both the year 12 and 13 students benefited from meeting two ex-pupils who have just started life at university in London. They were impressed by the courses being studied, their accommodation and what university life has to offer.

We are very proud of our students who conducted themselves in a mature and focused manner and we hope that this trip will remain at the forefront of their minds.



Making All the Right Moves

Charlie Edwards-Sutton in Year 7 has an honours list for dance performance that many retired professionals would be delighted with. As a member of 'Expression Dance House' Charlie has risen to fame since the age of three gaining accolades including British Isles 2007,2008, 2009 and 2010 Champion, Great Britain Champion 2010 and Miss Freestyle Scotland 2010. If that wasn't enough, Charlie is a World Championship Finalist in two categories and was recognised as an Elite Performance Champion in 2010. Charlie demonstrates drive, motivation and enthusiasm and deserves all the praise she receives. These are outstanding achievements Charlie and long may they continue!



Science Club Goes Bang

With bonfire night last week, our young scientists investigated how fireworks get their different colours. Working in pairs, they put different chemicals into the flame of a bunsen burner and observed the different colours produced. Sodium produced a warm orange colour while potassium produced a purple colour. Some even tried mixing 2 chemicals together, getting a whole range of colours. Our scientists then got to try some homemade sparklers. Next week, we will be making and launching our own rockets.

Science Club is every Wednesday at 3.30pm in SC4 (Miss Smith's Room)

All Year 7 & 8 pupils are welcome.

Year 7 Football

Year 7 managed to earn a well deserved 4-4 draw at the hands of the University Academy of Birkenhead. In a fabulous game with lots of goal mouth action John Adediran scored a hat trick and Michael Williams blasted home the fourth to tie the game with a minute to go.

Both teams showed great tenacity and skill with star performances from Declan Drysdale, Cameron McGregor, Joe Owens, Daniel Sheppard. SJP were unlucky not to win. Well done to all the boys, man of match was Declan Drysdale.

Martial Arts

Congratulations to Alex Boyd in Year 8. Alex became the North West British Junior Champion.

Year 8 Football

Year 8 slumped to their second defeat of the season to Neston High School. In a fairly even game it was Neston who buried their chances leaving SJP with a mountain to climb.

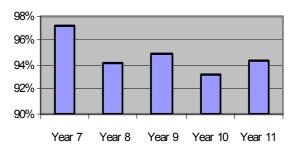
We had some good build up play but not enough goal scoring opportunities were created.

Better luck next time.

COMING UP

- Fri 18 Nov—Year 8 Enterprise Day
- Fri 25 Nov—Review Day Year 7 & 10
- Tues 29 Nov—SJP Experience
- Wed 30 Nov—Year 7 Enterprise Day

Attendance



Year 7 - 97.0% Year 8 - 94.0% Year 9 - 95.0% Year 10 - 92.9% Year 11 - 94.3%

Language Corner

¿Un Artista español?

'El Greco' era un pintor muy famoso. Se llama Domenikos y nació en Grecia en el siglo dieciséis. Vivía en Toledo, una ciudad en el centro de

España durante más de treinta años. Trabajó por el rey Felipe dos. Pintó muchos cuadros religiosos.

Can you answer the questions about the famous painter?

'El Greco' was his nickname - what was he really called?

What nationality was he? Which century was he born in? He lived in Toledo - what part of Spain is that in?

Which king did he work for?

First five correct answers to Mr Joglekar (MFL5) will receive a house point.





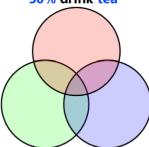
Puzzle Corner

Drinkers

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In the town of Ketterby

80% drink cola 70% drink coffee 50% drink tea



Is it certain there is someone who drinks cola, coffee and tea?

Solution from last week

2. Missing Number

The missing number is 5 (add the bottom two numbers and divide by the top number).

Weekly Theme -



If we are going out somewhere special with our family or our friends, to celebrate something special, we spend time getting ready. Here in College our students who undertake a Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition take a long time to prepare everything that they will need to take with them. It should be exactly the same when it comes to our lives as Christians; we are preparing now to be with the Father one day. The way in which we have to prepare is given to us by Jesus: we have to live justly, act wisely and walk humbly with our God. Jesus tells us if we do this then "We will be exalted".

Matthew 25:1-13

At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten young women who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and the other five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra oil with them, while the wise ones took containers full of oil for their lamps.

The bridegroom was late in coming, so they began to nod and fall asleep.

It was already midnight when the cry rang out, "Here is the bridegroom! Come and meet him!" The ten young women woke up and trimmed their lamps. Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, "Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out." "No, indeed" the wise ones answered, "There is not enough for you and for us. Go to the store and buy some for yourselves." So the foolish ones went off to buy some oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The five who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed.

Later the others arrived. "Sir, sir! Let us in!" they cried out. "Certainly not! I don't know you." the bridegroom answered. And Jesus concluded, "Watch out then, because you do not know the day or the hour, so always be prepared".

Father, God of power and mercy, help our everyday efforts to live a good life.

Our faith as Christians gives us the promise of unending joy and peace with you in heaven.

Remove all selfishness from our hearts that we may live as you will have us live.

Amen





















