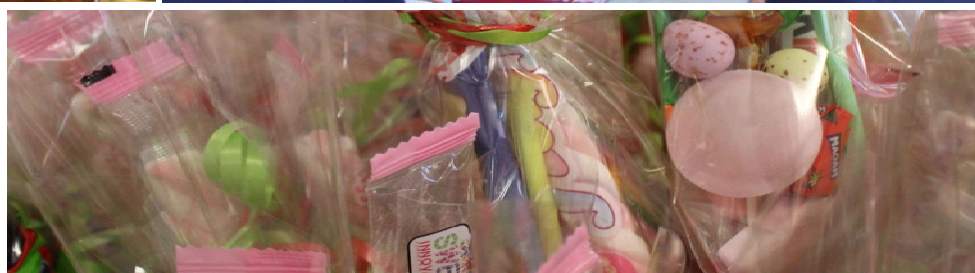




Raising Money for Street Child Africa

During break and lunchtime over the last week year groups have led mini fun activities to raise funds towards their Street Child Africa Funds. Creative and imaginative ideas coupled with lots of hard work has seen pupils flocking to buy SJP candy floss and marshmallows dripped in the finest Belgian chocolate and hot chocolate. They have also played "Beat the Goalie" and taken part in basketball challenges and many more.

Pupils and staff have been working feverishly together and have raised over £1000, with two year groups still to hold their event days, this truly is a fantastic effort which everyone can be proud of.



End of Term Arrangements

Please note that College will be closing at 12 noon on Friday 21st December 2012.

School buses will not be available - please make alternative arrangements.

We wish all our pupils and their families a Happy and Holy Christmas.

A reminder that pupils will return to College at 8.40am on Tuesday, 8th January 2013.

Literacy Corner

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Past or passed?

People often confuse these two words, which sound the same.

Passed.

This word is only ever a verb: I have passed my exams.

Past.

This word can be used in lots of different ways (as a noun, adjective, preposition or adverb).

TRY TO ADD THE CORRECT WORD IN THE SENTENCES BELOW.

She _____ me the parcel.

He cycled _____ the leader of the race.

As he _____ the stadium, he heard a huge cheer.

See Mrs Connolly with your answers and win a prize!

Key Stage 4 Revision Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	ICT	ICT	ICT	ICT	ICT
After School		Applied Science Triple Science SC9	French	History Science Core SC2&SC4 Business Studies	PE BTEC

Sixth Form Revision and Coursework Support Timetable

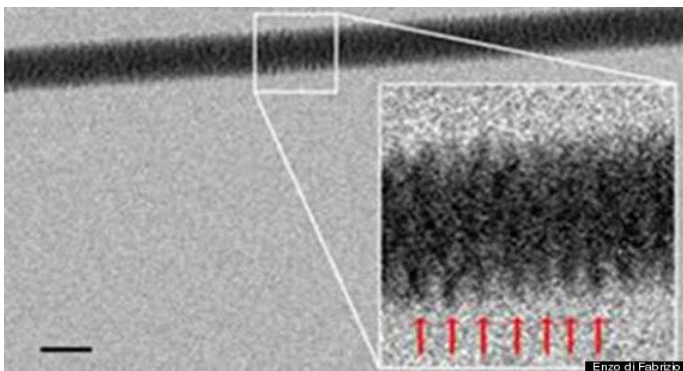
Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12		Psychology Sociology Chemistry History DT ICT	H&S Religious Studies Maths Biology History DT EPQ ICT	H&S Performing Arts Religious Studies Science Applied Media DT	H&S PE DT
13	H&S	Eng Lit (LT1 resit) Chemistry Media A2 Politics DT ICT	H&S Religious Studies Biology DT ICT	Psychology Sociology World Development Religious Studies Maths DT	H&S PE DT

Sixth Form – you are advised to attend all sessions, where possible, to maximise your potential to achieve your best possible grade.

Science Corner

Science in the News

Scientists have taken the first ever photograph of a strand of DNA (pictured). DNA is the genetic material contained in every single cell in our bodies that makes us who we are – every single person in the entire world will have their own unique DNA strand. Scientists James Watson and Francis Crick first suggested that DNA had a “double helix” structure in 1953, but nobody has ever really seen a photograph of it - until now.

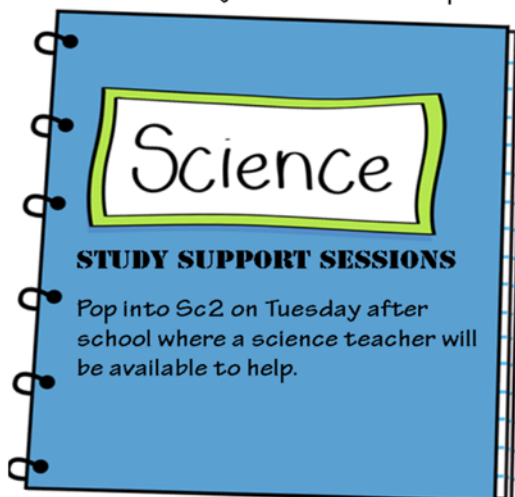


Science Riddle

If a cork is put into a glass of water, the cork will almost always drift to the side of the glass. There is one simple way, however, to get the cork to float in the centre of the glass (the horizontal centre, not the vertical). What is it? Water, the glass, and the cork are all that is required.

Please submit all answers to Mr Gale in science 6

Are you struggling with your Science homework? Are you unsure how to revise for an exam? Do you need to catch up?



Maths & ICT Competition



The national competition is run by the University of Manchester & it is open to all students up to Year 11. You need to enter a team of at least four, in order to solve a series of cryptographic puzzles beginning in January 2013, with prizes for chapter winners and an overall winner. For more information please see Mr McGrath or Mrs McGagh.

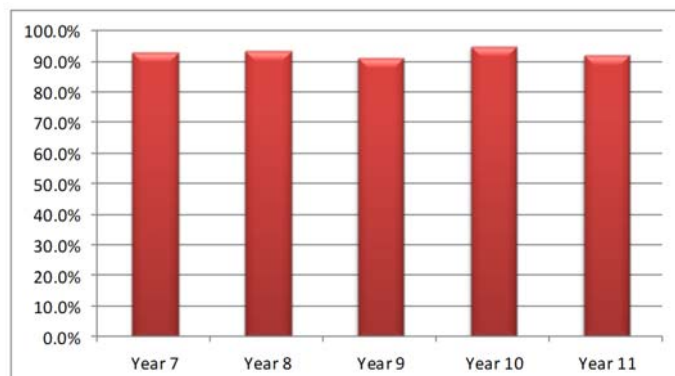
Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 22nd January 2012
in the College Staff Room.
All are welcome.

Coming Up

- Carol Service: 19th December 7pm - tickets are available from the school reception
- Half Term 24th December - 7th January
Pupil Return Tuesday 8th January
- Sixth Form Information Evening
- 15th January at 6pm

Attendance - 03/12/12 - 07/12/12



Year 7 - 93.1% Year 8 - 93.8% Year 9 - 91.4%
Year 10 - 95.1% Year 11 - 92.0%

Language Corner



Spanish Challenge

Tiene el pelo castaño bastante corto y liso. También tiene los ojos marrones oscuros. Es bastante bajo pero es muy simpático y divertido. Es profesor de español entonces habla español pero también habla francés e inglés.

Your challenge: Who am I describing?

The first 5 people who bring the correct number in Spanish to Señora Smart in MFL 5 will receive a house point.

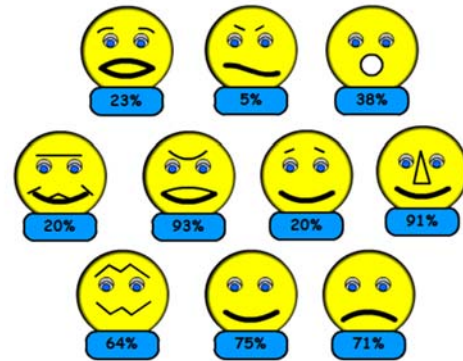
Last week's winners were:

Orrin Hall 7BH
Joe o'Shea 8VP
Liam Pearson 8MT
Adam Naybour 8JB
Reagan Cole 8MT

Maths Corner

The Average Smile

Find the median, mean and range of the Smile test scores:



Solution for last week



Weekly Theme - 'Prepare the Way'

Luke: 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God's salvation."*

It's easier to prepare things than to prepare people; it's easier to buy a Christmas card than to make one yourself. It's easier to spend money on a gift for someone than perhaps spending some time with them. Christmas these days seems to be more about 'things.' As Christians, we are asked to prepare our-

selves for Christmas by saying no to selfishness and being more aware of the needs of others. So this Advent let's take time to prepare ourselves really well.

Father in heaven,

As the birth of your Son draws closer, may the greed and selfishness which tempts so many people at this time of year not make us blind to the real meaning of what Christmas is really all about. Amen

