



Y13 Prom



Last Friday saw our Year 13 students celebrate their time at SJP in style at The Hard Days Night Hotel in Liverpool. The evening began as the Vintage Bus from the Wirral arrived, delivering the student in style to the Hard Days Night Hotel. The girls looked as glamorous as ever in their fabulous dresses, with the boys looking especially smart in their suits. After sitting down for our three course meal our Head Girl, Charlotte Obermuller, addressed staff and students with her heart-felt speech. She spoke highly of her fellow peers and thanked staff for their support and guidance throughout their journey with SJP. We then moved in to the Zuger Suite where Head Boy, Sam Roach, presented 'Oscars' to the winning students; categories included 'Most likely to win a Brit Award', 'The Perseverance Award', 'Loudest Person' and many many more. One of the key attractions was the photo booth, which captured plenty of snaps of our Sixth Formers in a variety of accessories. The Students then danced long into the night. We would like to wish the Class of 2013 Good luck in their future ventures.



Big Bang



A group of Year 10 Triple Science pupils travelled to the World Museum and St George's Hall in Liverpool on 26th June 2013 to take part in the Big Bang North West Festival. Based around the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) the festival aims to demonstrate to young people the range of higher education, research and employment opportunities available in these areas.

The pupils started their day with some careers networking, which was a bit like speed dating, with a wide variety of people who currently work in scientific industries. Pupils asked questions about career pathways and discovered the steps required to achieve a successful career in STEM. They then went to an interactive talk by staff from Mexichem Fluor, a chemical company based in Runcorn, who make gas molecules containing fluorine used for air-conditioning refrigerants and the propellant for asthma inhalers, as well as chemical feedstock to make toothpaste additives and non-stick coatings for pans! Pupils assisted with chemical reactions, pressurising a rocket train and dressing up in a HazMat suit. After lunch the pupils had a chance to look round the interactive displays from a range of STEM-based companies and research organisations, including controlling robotic vehicles, riding on a mechanical horse simulator and creating DNA models from sweets.

Important Information

Parent/Carers can access the Learning Programmes for SJP by going to the college website www.stjohnplessington.com

Click on the top heading Learning Programmes

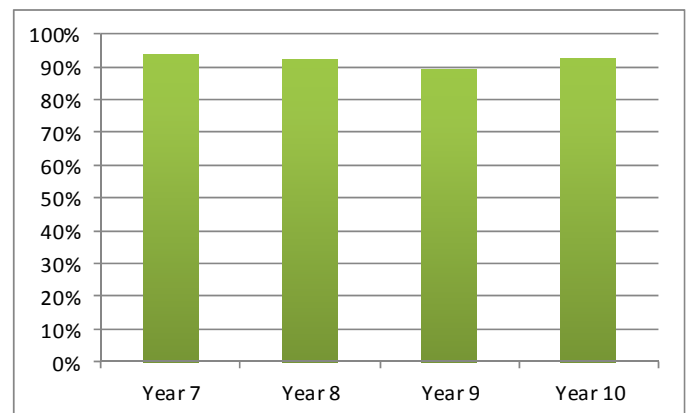
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STEM Master class

A group of Year 12 students travelled to the University of Liverpool on 25th June 2013 to take part in a range of workshops based on STEM subjects. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths, and the workshops were designed to give students an insight into undergraduate courses in those subjects. Using equipment and facilities in the university's state of the art Central Teaching Laboratories, the students made and tested chemical esters, solved a murder using grain size and composition analysis, investigated tsunamis using analysis of foraminifera, measured the size of craters on the moon, solved a series of complex mathematical problems, tracked particles and completed an engineering challenge.



Attendance - 03/06/13 - 07/06/13



Year 7 - 93.6% Year 8 - 92.4% Year 9 - 89.1%
 Year 10 - 92.5%

Food Revolution



SJP's Food Revolution journey continued last week at Open Evening when pupils made and served a range of delicious seasonal recipes to our potential future pupils. They were all very impressed that we grew our own food for cooking lessons! The Easy peasy pizza, fruit kebabs and mini cream teas went down a treat.



Coming up

- DofE Bronze Expedition: 7th & 8th July
- SJP Experience: 15th July - 17th July
- DofE Gold Expedition: 14th & 15th July

Literacy Corner

Can you find the words listed below? They are all words that link to the weather.
Good luck and bring your completed searches to Mrs Connolly to win a prize!

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C R G R I E E L U U O D N E R M
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ATMOSPHERE	BAROMETER	BREEZE
CIRRUS	CLIMATE	CONDENSATION
CUMULUS	EVAPORATION	FOG
HUMIDITY	HURRICANE	INSOLATION
ISOBAR	LIGHTNING	PRECIPITATION
TEMPERATURE	THUNDERSTORM	TORNADO
TROPOSPHERE	VAPOR	WEATHER

Fundraising

Year 8 have been raising money for Street Child Africa by participating in a 'Walk to school week' the total amount raised was £644.04.

Well done to all Year 8 pupils.

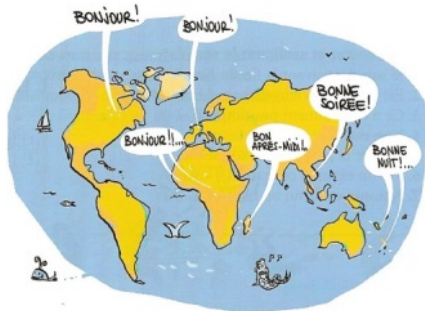


Language Corner

French fact of the fortnight

France is the third largest country in Europe in terms of landmass after Russia and the Ukraine. However, nearly 20% of French territory is outside of France. These regions are called DOM-TOMs (over-seas departments and territories).

Your Challenge: - Can you name two DOM-TOMs?



The first 5 correct entries to Madame Smart in MFL 5 will receive a house point.
Last week's winner: Jessica Jones 8JB

Maths Corner

ROWS-ROSES

Can you draw 4 straight lines, without taking your pencil off the paper, which pass through all 9 roses?



Solution for last week

If the houses are numbered consecutively they could be:
24,25,26,27 and 28
If however, the street has odd numbers on one side and even numbers on the other they could be:
22,24,26,28 and 30

Weekly Theme - 'Commitment'

Luke 9 : 51-62

As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for Him; but the people there did not welcome Him, because He was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then He and His disciples went to another village. As they were walking along the road, a man said to Him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No-one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

This week's gospel is a tough one for us to read, Jesus is asking those who want to follow Him to be totally committed to following Him. There can be no half measures.

Did you enjoy watching the London 2012 Olympics on TV? Michael Phelps is 23 and a swimmer who won eight gold medals at the 2008 Olympics more than anyone in history. How would you like to win eight Olympic gold medals?

Michael was eleven years old, when a swimming coach Bob Bowman first spotted him. After convincing his parents Michael had the potential to become an Olympic athlete, Michael began training. Michael made many sacrifices but he never looked back and found great fulfilment in life as an Olympic champion.

Just as Bob Bowman saw great potential in Michael Phelps, Jesus sees great potential in each of us. That is why He has called us to become His disciples. Will it be easy to follow Him? No! Jesus once told His followers that to be His disciple would be very difficult. "If any of you want to be my follower, you must forget about yourself, take up your cross, and follow me." Jesus took up His cross and carried it up a hill where He was crucified. He knew He was going to have to suffer, but He also knew He would eventually be victorious and so will we. Jesus promised, "If you give up your life for me, you will find it." Do we have what it takes to follow Jesus? If we do life won't be easy all the time, but it will be worth it!

Loving Father, you call us to commit ourselves to you in the name of your Son.

Give us the courage that we need to live a good Christian life and so accept Jesus as our friend.

Amen



Attendance Policy

Information to Parents of changes in the policy

Regular attendance at College is expected. The reasons for this are obvious: pupils learn best and receive most from College when they are actually there. This issue is highlighted regularly in the parents' handbook, the weekly College newsletter and is featured in the Home/School Agreement which all parents are asked to sign at the beginning of each year. The importance of attendance is explained during the interviews of all pupils who wish to come to St. John Plessington. Full attendance is rewarded via Achievement Assemblies, Head of Learning rewards and attendance rewards.

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Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Numbers of days of lost learning	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost	47.5	95	142.5	190
Number of lessons lost for a six day period	57	114	171	228

As part of the on going review of all policies, the attendance policy for SJP has recently been updated. A copy of this can be found on the College website or you can make a request for a paper copy via your son/daughter's Head of Learning. This policy also includes information about the use of Fixed Penalty Notices by the Educational Social Worker service working with SJP.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations from the Department for Education (which come into effect from September 2013) remove references to family holidays and extended leave. "Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances".

Please note 'exceptional circumstances' do NOT include a situation where parents choose to take pupils out of school to fit in with their work related holiday dates. Please refer to the DfE "Amendments to School Attendance Regulations" for further details. If you believe that your circumstances meet the 'exceptional' criteria, please put your request in writing to the Head Teacher at least one month in advance of the date. Parents who take pupils on an unauthorised holiday in term time will be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

