



## Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

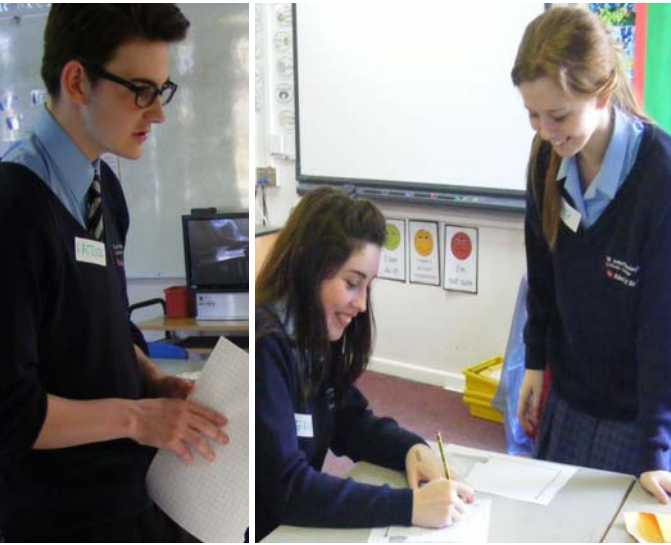
Last weekend saw our final DofE training weekend take place at Llanarmon yn Ial in Clwyd. Fortunately temperatures had risen dramatically and for the first time in four weeks the campers were able to wake up without needing to de-ice their tents. Could summer be on the way? We certainly hope so as we ready ourselves for qualifying expeditions in June and July.

During these practice expeditions the students have been guided and supported by trained staff in the following areas: navigation, how to conduct themselves in the country and abide by the countryside code, how to walk and work as a team, how to put up and take down a tent, how to cook a hot meal on a camping stove and how to break camp and work to a tight schedule.

The qualifying expeditions are now planned for the summer term whereby the teams will be responsible for completing all of the above independently, albeit under the watchful eye of the assessors. In their teams students will assume a variety of different roles ranging from leaders to motivators and with a number of lessons learnt from the practice expeditions we expect rucksacks to be lighter and pupils to have increased in confidence out in the field. Well done to all who have participated and good luck with final expeditions. On a final note a big thank you goes out to the many staff who have made these four expeditions possible.



## Maths Leadership Programme



In December 2012, fourteen Year 10 pupils gave up their free time to be part of a Maths Leadership Programme. The aspiring young leaders spent months developing leadership skills and qualities through school-led and pupil-led sessions, giving them a deeper understanding of what makes a good leader beyond the classroom. More recently the pupils have worked in groups to plan and design mathematics lessons and resources. The pupils currently run their own series of mathematical activities for pupils at St John's Junior School every week. The experience is not only beneficial to the primary school pupils but also to our Year 10 pupils who are developing their leadership skills and mathematical knowledge along the way. They have gained a great insight into the life of a teacher and have designed their own highly creative resources, leading by example with St John's Juniors. The pupils involved will gain a certificate in leadership for all of the hard work and effort that they have put into the programme. The staff at St John's Juniors have been most impressed with the initiative shown. The Year 5 and 6 pupils are thoroughly enjoying the unique and different experience being offered to them by our wonderful Year 10 leaders. Not only did they make new friends along the way but they were able to develop their ability to work as a team and be creative through Maths.

## KS3 Science Revision Guides



Help with homework? Help with revision?

KS3 Science revision guides are available to order to help in preparation for summer assessments. They cover all the topics taught in Years 7, 8 and 9 and are available as a level 3-6 revision guide or level 5-7 revision guide.

To order, bring **£2.50** to your science teacher by **16<sup>th</sup> May**.

## Key Stage 4 Homework Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	ICT	ICT	ICT Geography	ICT	ICT
After School		Applied Science Triple Science SC9 RE Y10 ALPHA (pupils to go to their RE teacher)	French RE Y11(set 2-6)	History Science Core SC2 & SC4 Business Studies Spanish and French RE Y10 BETA (pupils to go to their RE teacher) Geography	PE BTEC

## Sixth Form Support Timetable

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



### Literacy Corner

Find an eight letter word in the grid starting with the first two shaded letters. It can be spelled out by combining adjoining letters: sideways, backwards, up and down.

B	P	P	E
U	R	O	R
L	D	I	T
M	I	V	Y

Good luck! Give your answers to Mrs Connolly to win a prize!

### Library News

## THE TEN BOOK CHALLENGE

**DO YOU NEED A NEW CHALLENGE?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN HOUSE POINTS AND PRIZES?**

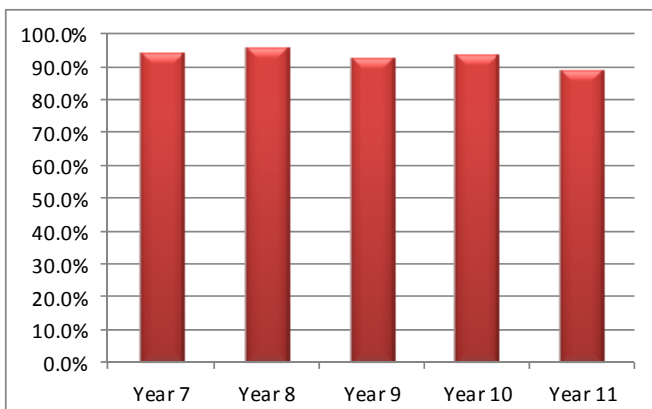
If you would, then why not take part in this great new challenge.

Simply read ten books and complete a book review for each of the books you have chosen from the selection on display by some of the best, award-winning children's authors. House Points will be awarded for each book and certificates and prizes awarded on completion of the challenge.

Call into the library to collect your 'Challenge form'.



### Attendance - 29/04/13 - 03/05/13



Year 7 - 95.1% Year 8 - 96.6% Year 9 - 93.6%  
Year 10 - 94.7% Year 11 - 90.0%

### Coming up

- Summer Exam Session begins: 13th May 2013
- Y11 Fancy Dress Ball: 24th May 2013
- Half Term: 27th May - 31st May 2013
- School Open: 3rd June 8.40am

#### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 18th June 2013  
in the College Staff Room.  
All are welcome.

## Language Corner



En mi opinión soy bastante sana porque hago muchos deportes. Mi deporte preferido es el fútbol y lo juego cada sábado por la mañana. También me encanta practicar la natación porque es muy relajante pero odio jugar al tenis. Creo que es demasiado aburrido y prefiero jugar al baloncesto. Voy al club de baloncesto los miércoles después del colegio.

Lo malo es que no me gustan nada las verduras. Las verduras son buenas para la salud pero pienso que son asquerosas. Prefiero comer los pasteles y el chocolate porque son más sabrosos.

Your challenge: Is it Pablo or Paula who has written about themselves? How do you know?

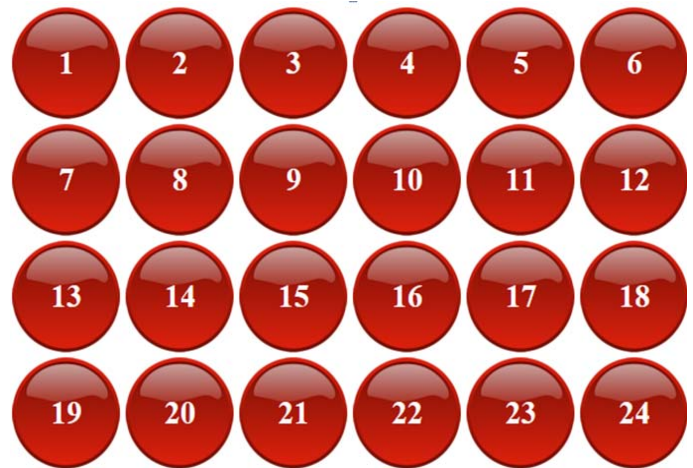
The first 5 people who bring the correct answer in Spanish to Señora Smart in MFL 5 will receive a house point.

Last week's winner was:

Abigail Christelow 7BH, Liam Pearson 8MT, Elliott McLean-Carratt 8VP, Thamieran Kukendran 8VP

## Maths Corner

What is the longest sequence you can make from the numbers below?



Each number in the sequence must be a factor or multiple of the previous number

**Solution for last week**

# D and F

## Weekly Theme - 'Living in Peace'

*Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."*

*"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

*"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe."*

It's great when we feel all-together, at peace with ourselves and the world around us. Peace comes from inside us, from feeling good about ourselves and knowing that all our relationships are in good working order. We can only keep such a wonderful sense of peace if we remain

close to Jesus and live our lives in the way that he wants us to, then we share in his peace. When we turn away from Jesus and become concerned only about ourselves, we become selfish and self-centred wanting to take rather than give. Peace is replaced by greed. We only have to look at the newspaper headlines to discover that our world is a far from peaceful place.

Let's take up the challenge today and be people who live in peace with each other, then our way of living will become an example that others will want to follow.

**Ever living God, fill us with the Spirit of your truth, love and peace.**

**Help us to live by the truth and enjoy the peace that only you can give. Amen.**

