



"Jewels in the crown"

Our pupils celebrated their fantastic GCSE results. 71% of pupils achieved 5A*- C including English and Mathematics.



We were delighted to record another fantastic set of A Level results with an overall pass rate of 99%, with 50% of students achieving A*-B grades. There was also a significant increase of students achieving the 'gold standard' A*-A grades.



Parking

Increased parking restrictions are in place around school although they can appear inconvenient, please remember they are for the health and safety of all our pupils, students, staff and visitors. Your co-operation is appreciated.



Summer School



St John Plessington surpassed itself this year with a highly successful, two week Summer School. Pupils completed activities based around the novel 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and were given opportunities to learn aspects of English, Maths, Science, PE, DT, Drama and Literacy. Following ideas from the novel relating to space and theme Parks. Lessons were designed to stimulate learning through a range of fun activities.

Pupils were taught how to make 'Cosmic' couscous using ingredients sourced from our very own poly tunnel and they made their own rocket book marks using the sewing machines. In Maths pupils made alien masks by learning how to plot coordinates. Persuasive writing skills were covered in English and pupils improvised scenes from the book in Drama. Rockets were blasted into the stratosphere in Science, as well as looking at a variety of chemical reactions. The pupils were active every day with a range of PE activities including; table tennis, basketball and using the trampoline, to name but a few! Literacy work was completed following the Lexia programme in ICT where pupils explored phonic patterns and blends.

It wasn't all about the classroom however as two fantastic trips took place; one to The Liverpool Museum and Planetarium where pupils watched a highly informative show about the planet earth. Indeed, they were praised by the museum for their excellent conduct and enthusiasm. Tremendous fun was had by all in Gulliver's World where we were fortunate to be blessed with sunshine.

The pupils' parents and families were invited in for the final afternoon as pupils had prepared a show case to share what they had been doing over the two weeks. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the pupils' efforts and presentations were made to celebrate the excellent level of participation and every pupil received their very own copy of Cosmic to encourage their love of reading.

At SJP we take pride in all our pupils; the Summer School crew were no exception to the high standards we demand. They were amazing in all aspects; a credit to themselves, their parents and the school!



Diocese of Shrewsbury Building Fund

Attached to this week's newsletter is a colour leaflet from Bishop Mark outlining the Diocese of Shrewsbury Building Fund and extending an invitation to parents to make a contribution towards the fund.

PRIVACY NOTICE
Data Protection Act 1998

We, St John Plessington Catholic College, a Voluntary Aided Academy, are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you, and may receive information about you from your previous school and the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- support your teaching and learning;
- monitor and report on your progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well your school is doing.

This information includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as ethnic group, any special educational needs and relevant medical information. If you are enrolling for post 14 qualifications we will be provided with your unique learner number (ULN) by the Learning Records Service and may also obtain from them details of any learning or qualifications you have undertaken.

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the school without your consent unless the law and our rules allow us to.

We are required by law to pass some of your information to the Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE).

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If you want to see a copy of the information about you that we hold and/or share, please contact Mrs C Lamb, Office Manager.

If you require more information about how the LA and/or DfE store and use your information please go to the following websites:

- Wirral Council website - <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/about-childrens-services/childrens-records>
- DfE website – <http://www.education.gov.uk/researchandstatistics/datatdatam/b00212337/datause>

If you are unable to access these websites, please contact the School Office for the LA information, or the DfE as follows:

- Public Communications Unit
Department for Education
Sanctuary Buildings
Great Smith Street
London
SW1P 3BT

Website: www.education.gov.uk
email: <http://www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus>
tel: 0370 000 2288

In addition for Secondary Schools -

Youth Support Services

Once you are aged 13 or over, we are required by law to pass on certain information to the provider of youth support services in your area. This is the LA support service for young people aged 13 to 19 in England. We must provide both the name and address of you and your parents (and your date of birth) and any further information relevant to the support services' role.

However, until you are aged 16 or older, your parent(s) can ask that no information beyond your name, address and date of birth (and their name and address) be passed on to the youth services provider. This right transfers to you on your 16th birthday. Please inform Mrs C Lamb, Office Manager, if this is what you or your parents wish.

For more information about young peoples' services locally please go to the LA website shown above, or the Directgov Young People page at www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/index.htm.

Photographs

Occasionally we will use photographs of our students taken in school for external publications such as prospectus, newspapers etc. We will never publish the child's full name or any other details with the photo without permission from a parent/carer.

Please write to your child's HOL if you wish to opt out of this and do not wish your child's photo to be used for this purpose, by Friday 13th September. A nil response is not required.