



### Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Gold



This year, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition season got off to a flying start with a number of students involved across a wide range of year groups. The last two weekends in September have seen over 80 Year 11 pupils complete their Silver practice expedition in the Loggerheads area of North Wales whilst qualifying expeditions are set to take place in March and April. We are also very proud to announce our Year 12 and 13 students travelled up to Keswick last weekend in Cumbria for their three night and four day qualifying expedition to complete this element of their Gold Award. Thank you to all of the staff for all of their hard work on each weekend expedition and well done to the students who are embracing this Award and are a credit to the College.





## Sports News



Nicole Bell and Charlotte Blakeborough, Year 9, have been selected for the U15 2013/14 Cheshire Girls Rugby Squad. The 2 girls only started playing rugby last year. They have been attending some additional training sessions at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club over the last 12 months and from there, the girls were selected to participate in three separate trials that were attended by more than 50 girls from the Cheshire County Region. As part of the Cheshire Squad, the girls will now play in a number of fixtures against different counties from around the country. We wish the girls the best of luck and congratulate them on such a great achievement.



A new Trampolining Club has attracted a number of pupils from all year groups. The club is completely full with pupils signing up until after February half term. Twenty pupils attend each session which are held on a Friday after school. Pupils are learning new skills and developing their current skills to perform a variety of new and different routines, as well as learning ways to encourage and develop evaluative skills, giving feedback and points on how to improve. If you are interested in signing up for the club after February half term see Miss Neale in the PE Department.

## Splash Dash



Over 800 participants ran, jogged, walked and danced through clouds of powdered paint on Saturday, in the first Claire House Splash Dash. Taking place in Sefton Park, Merseyside's messiest 5k aimed to raise £50,000 to support children and young people with complex medical conditions, and their families, who access the services of Claire House Children's Hospice. Some of our Year 13 students helped at the event, throwing the coloured powder, made from hypoallergenic, water-soluble corn flour, to create a rainbow of runners through the finish line. One of our students certainly dressed for the event, as she arrived as a blue bear.

Another pupil Lesley Brown Year 8, participated in the run with her Wirral and Chester Taekwondo club. Lesley finished the race in just over an hour helping to raise £500 for the charity.

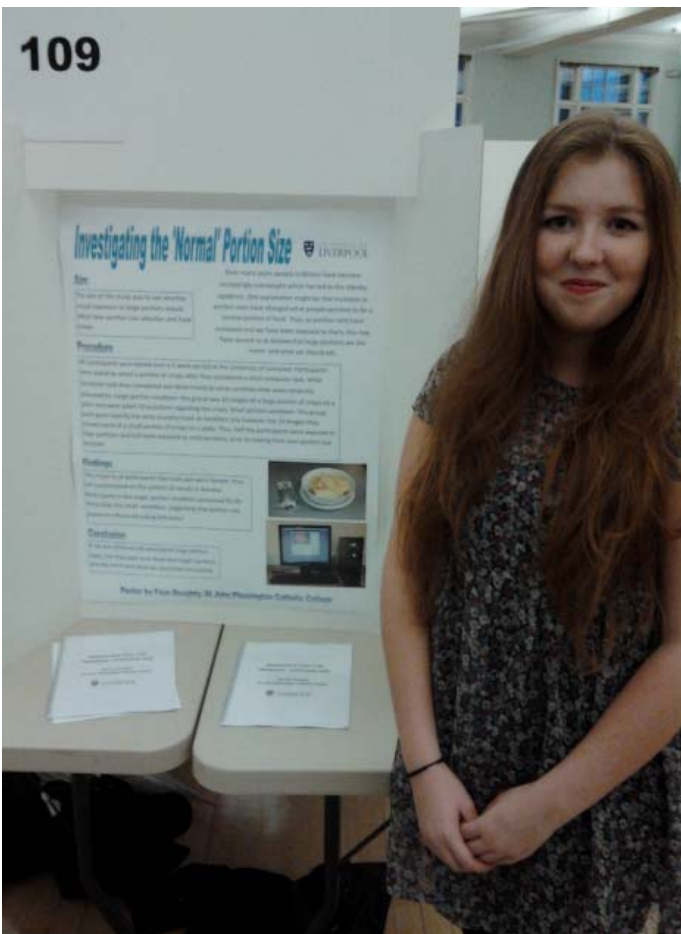
## Coming up

- Spanish Trip: 16th - 20th October
- Year 7 Welcome Mass: 18th October

Half Term :  
21st - 25th October pupils return Tuesday 29th October.

## Nuffield Bursary

On the evening of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013, Faye Doughty in Year 13 presented her research project work as part of her Nuffield Foundation Research Placement. The event was held at the World Museum in Liverpool, and involved over 120 Year 13 students from schools throughout Merseyside. Faye had to explain the results of her research on Investigating the 'Normal' Portion Size to the judges and other guests, with the help of her written report and poster presentation. Dr McNeill represented the College and was accompanied by four Year 12 A-Level Science students who are interested in applying for a Nuffield Placement for the summer of 2014. The SJP students enjoyed chatting to the other students about their research projects, which spanned a huge range of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) topics, and discovered exactly what was involved in a project. The Nuffield Research Placement scheme is designed to get students involved in cutting-edge research at a university or industrial establishment, and prepare them for studying science when they move on to higher education.



## Literacy Corner

People often get affect and effect mixed up because they sound similar and mean similar things. However they are actually used in very different ways.

**Affect** = a verb. For example: The weather can affect the way you feel.

**Effect** = usually a noun. For example: The new medicine had a surprising effect.

### Now try these:

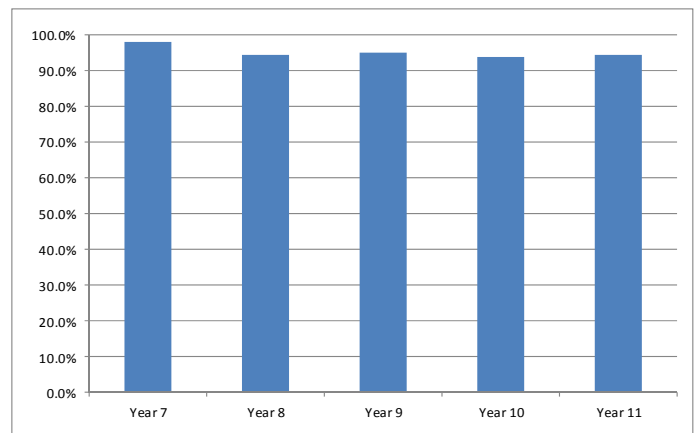
The special \_\_\_\_\_s in the film were amazing.  
 Losing my job \_\_\_\_\_ed my income.  
 What was the \_\_\_\_\_ of adding the blue powder?  
 The \_\_\_\_\_s of Global warming are catastrophic!  
 She was deeply \_\_\_\_\_ed by the sad chapter of the novel.  
 The new coach \_\_\_\_\_ed a change in the football team's results.

See Mrs Connolly with your answers!

### Next PTA meeting:

7.00pm Tuesday 12th November 2013  
 in the College Staff Room.  
 All are welcome.

## Attendance - 16/09/13 - 20/09/13



Year 7 - 97.9%    Year 8 - 94.4%    Year 9 - 94.9%  
 Year 10 - 93.8%    Year 11 - 94.4%

## Language Corner

### Calling all Spanish Mathematicians

Work out the following questions and write the answers in Spanish. The first 5 to bring the answers correctly written to Mr Passmore will be awarded house points! (Hint: the answers will be between 1 and 31).

$$5 + 6 + 8 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$2 \times 4 + 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$100 \div 4 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$37 - 10 + 3 \div 2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$45 \div 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$50 + 4 \div 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$80 \div 4 + 1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



Uno... dos...  
tres...



Don't forget! World Film Club starts This Wednesday make sure you collect your pass from MFL 3 Wednesday break time.

## Maths Corner

### Continue these sequences

2, 6, 10, 14, 18, ...

11, 20, 29, 38, ...

13, 15, 19, 27, 43, ...

M, T, W, T, F, ...

3, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, ...

22, 47, 75, S, ...

### Solution for last week



## Weekly Theme - 'Having Faith'

### Luke 17:5-10

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith!" He replied, "Suppose you have faith as small as a mustard seed. Then you can say to this Mulberry Tree, 'Be pulled up. Be planted in the sea. And it will obey you'."*

*"Suppose one of you had a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep, and suppose the servant came in from the field. Would you say to him, 'Come along now and sit down to eat?'. No, instead, you would say, 'Prepare my supper. Get yourself ready. Wait on me while I eat and drink. Then after that you can eat and drink.'" Would you thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?*

*"It's the same with you. Suppose you have done everything you were told to do. Then you should say, 'We are not worthy to serve you. We have only done our duty'."*

Before catching the bus or getting a lift in a car, you don't ask the driver if he can drive do you? You trust that he can; you have faith in him or her. Without trust and faith we cannot live. We build our lives on such trust.

There is power in our faith. There is power in our prayer. Our faith in God and His loving care will grow daily if we ask Him to increase our faith; but to do this we have to talk to God regularly. Why don't you try giving it a go this week?

### Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires.

Help us to place our total confidence in you, that we will not be anxious and that we may think only of your love and the love we should have for others.

Amen

