



2014 Paris Trip

Shortly before the half term break, 48 pupils travelled to Lésigny near Paris for a 5 day educational experience, staying at Chateau de Grande Romaine.

Pupils took part in a variety of outdoor activities including trapeze, climbing and archery. They visited Stade de France, the National Stadium of France, and were given a guided tour of the players' changing rooms, VIP boxes and even the prison! Pupils also visited the historic town of Brie de Comte Robert and took a coach tour around Paris followed by a relaxing cruise down the River Seine.

Whilst in Paris, the group visited the Eiffel Tower where they enjoyed amazing views and 23 brave pupils took a lift to the summit. During one meal, some of our more adventurous pupils enjoyed their first taste of snails! Our last day out was spent at Disneyland Paris, visiting both Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios.

The trip was a great success and all pupils were immersed in French culture and took every opportunity to practise their language skills.



"I am extremely pleased with my daughter's progress. The enthusiasm from her teachers is outstanding."

Parent of Year 7 Pupil

Language Corner

C'est quelle nationalité?

Complete the table with the missing information by adding in a celebrity with the corresponding nationality. The first 5 tables to Mr Passmore will win house points!

Nationality (English)	French (masculine)	French (feminine)	A celebrity of that nationality
English	anglais		
		française	
	espagnol		
German		allemande	
Dutch	hollandais		
		américaine	

MFL Clubs

Years 7 & 8 Please come to Homework Club every Tuesday during Academic Review. Get your pass from LA1 at break-time on Tuesday.

Years 8 & 9 French Club is held every Tuesday at 3.20pm in LA1.

World Film Club this Wednesday. Get your passes from MFL3 Wednesday break to avoid missing out!

Coming up

- Saturday 8th March - SJP Car Boot Sale
- Thursday 6th March - Visit from Frank Cottrell Boyce

Congratulations to Year 10 pupil Michael Kelly who has been selected to represent Great Britain in the 2017 European Water Polo Championships. This article was featured in the Liverpool Echo.

Michael's Euro dream

Teenager is in GB plans for 2017

by TIM JOHNSON

MERSEYSIDE teenager Michael Kelly has been selected for Great Britain's national squad that is being targeted at the 2017 European Water Polo Championships.

Performances similar to the display he put on at the Inter-Regional Water Polo Championships will have helped put him on the selectors' radar.

For the 14-year-old scored against Scotland and the East, before grabbing two goals versus Wales to help the North finish as runners-up.

Nevertheless, the Year 10 student, who attends St John Plessington Catholic College, could only claim an inter-national spot after an exhaustive two-day trial. This involved fitness tests, drills and intense games for the 10 prospective internationalists.

"Until the email arrived I had no idea that I had been selected," the future internationalist revealed. "The future internationalist revealed."

"To be honest I was surprised to even make the trials. It is fantastic to be selected. There were so many good players involved. I am not sure of the position that I will be asked to play but my preference would be 'let flat' in the seven-man team.

"Scoring goals is one of my strong points. I once managed to get 10 in one game. But obviously, the higher the standard of game the less chances you will have to score."

The general perception is that while Liverpool/ Merseyside is strong in girls', women's and men's water polo, for boys standards are not that high. This has meant, despite being well coached at his club, Bridgfield by Anthony McGuinness and Chris Price, and at Birkenhead, by Allan Murray, the Bebington teenager has had to travel to find a higher level of play.

Last season he played for Seaford, a North East team, who finished third in the ASA Championships.

This year he will be representing a team coached by Zak Sly - Lancaster WPC - in a similar competition.

Around all this travelling, he must also fit in a tough swimming training regime, for to compete at the highest level you must be an excellent swimmer.

"The physical side of water polo is also important," continued 5ft 11 tall teenager.

"I am not all that big for a player, but you must be able to cope with all the kicks, knees, dragging back and all round grappling that goes on underwater. In a recent pool in North America, water polo was voted the most physical sport, ahead of rugby, American football and all others. If I am to reach the highest level I must also be very strong."

"To help develop his inner core strength Michael has recently joined a taekwondo club where he is already a yellow belt. Following in the footsteps of his dad (John) he also plays rugby for Anselmians, where he turns out at 17 half.

● MICHAEL is not the only Merseyside youngster in a national water polo development squad. Matthew Kendall from Birkenhead WPC/ Wirral Metro and St Anselm's College is another. In a younger age group, and there are also 10 girls. - SJP STORY ON PAGE 2.

Car Boot Sale

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Saturday 8th March 2014
9.00am - 1.00pm
 (set up from 8.00am)

in Plessington Catholic College
 101 Chester Road, Bebington,
 Wirral CH63 7LF

£10 per car
(50p buyers entry fee)

Refreshments & toilet facilities available

If you wish to pre-book your space, please contact Mr Luke McHale at the College on 0151 645 5049 or email

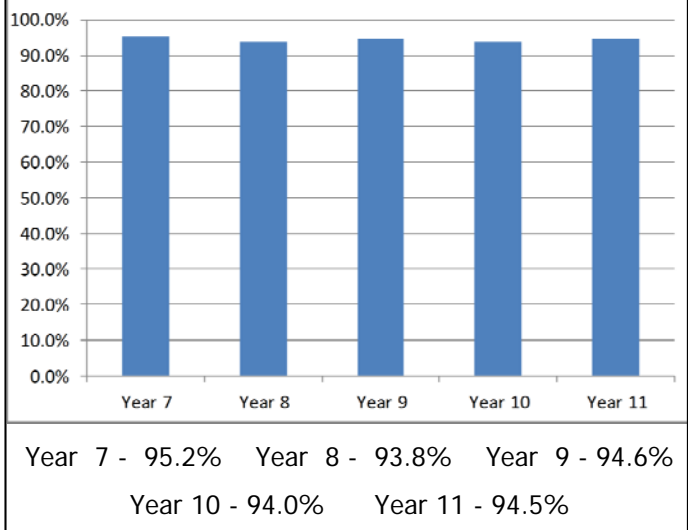
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Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8 Rugby Team had a successful night on the field in the CVL League, playing 3 games on Tuesday 4th February at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club. They finished unbeaten against teams from Woodchurch, Ridgeway and Bebington.

The whole squad were outstanding, led superbly by their Captain, George Burrows. They were a credit to the College. Well done to the whole team!

Attendance - 10/2/14 - 14/2/14



GCSE Revision/Coursework Support Classes Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RE 8.00am - 8.30am (breakfast included) RE3	History 8.00am - 8.30am HUM1	Health & Social Care 12.30pm - 1.15pm VOC1	Health & Social Care 12.30pm - 1.15pm VOC1	Health & Social Care 12.30pm - 1.15pm VOC1
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Music 12.30pm - 1.15pm MUSIC2	Geography 3.20pm - 4.20pm HU2 & HU3	DT : Product Design, Textiles, Graphics & Catering 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT1, 2, 3, 4 & 6	History 3.20pm - 4.20pm HUM1	DT Graphics (Yr 11 & 12) 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT6
Drama 12.30pm - 1.15pm DRAMA1	Health & Social Care 3.20pm - 4.20pm VOC1		Health & Social Care 3.20pm - 4.20pm VOC1	
PE BTEC 12.30pm - 1.15pm	PE (Yr 10) BTEC 3.20pm - 4.20pm		Art 3.30pm - 5.00pm ART2	
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	DT : Product Design, Graphics & Catering (Yr 10-13) 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT1, 2, 4 & 6		DT (Product Design, Graphics & Catering) 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT1, 2, 4 & 6	

Sixth Form Revision & Coursework Support Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Independent Study Time	English Comb & Lit. AS Psychology AS Sociology (wk1) A2 Sociology (wk2) AS Biology AS Chemistry A2 Applied Science AS History AS Media Health & Social A2 RE Art / DT / ICT / PE	English Comb & Lit. AS French A2 Spanish Physics Chemistry AS Religious Studies Maths A2 Biology DT ICT PE World Development AS Geography	English Comb & Lit. A2 Psychology H&S Performing Arts Physics AS Science Applied Maths A2 History A2 Media Health & Social DT ICT PE	P.E. DT

You are advised to attend all after school (3.20pm – 4.30pm) sessions, where possible, to maximise your potential to achieve your best possible grade.

Literacy Corner

Using semi-colons (;) correctly can add different effects to your writing and demonstrate sophisticated use of punctuation.

The semi-colon is a punctuation mark which is used in the following ways:

1. To separate two independent clauses in a compound sentence when they are about similar things. Here it effectively replaces a connective to link the two parts together. *The town was in chaos; looters filled the streets.*

2. To separate items in a list when the items are long phrases as opposed to single words. *I bought shiny, ripe apples; small, sweet, juicy grapes; and firm pears.*

Task: Change these compound sentences by removing the connective and placing a semi-colon in its place. *The cake looked delicious and I had to eat it.*

I had noticed the park before but it did not look inviting.

Now try listing: *She wore a black, sequined shirt, purple, boot-leg, denim jeans and flat, purple, leather shoes.*

See Mrs Connolly with your corrected sheets and to win a prize!

Maths Corner

ADD 'EM *As quickly as you can!*

Add up all the numbers from 1 to 48

Last Week's Answers

Here is one of many solutions:

256 - 441 - 484

Weekly Theme - 'Violence is wrong'

Matthew 5:38-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you, don't stand up against an evil person. If someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek also. If someone wants to sue you in court and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. If someone forces you to go with him one mile, go with him two miles. If a person asks you for something, give it to him. Don't refuse to give to someone who wants to borrow from you. Love All People."

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemies.' But I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, you will be true children of your Father in heaven. He causes the sun to rise on good people and on evil people, and he sends rain to those who do right and to those who do wrong. If you love only the people who love you, you will get no reward. Even the tax collectors do that. And if you are nice only to your friends, you are no better than other people. Even those who don't know God are nice to their friends. So you must be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

In the heat of the moment, it is sometimes difficult to choose not to answer back, not to repay the first insult with worse. It is easier at times to end a friendship rather than persevere in healing the "injuries" inflicted on each other and to admit our fault and take responsibility for our own hasty words or things we have failed to do. As a Catholic, Christian community, we believe that each person is created in the image and likeness of God. They have the spirit of God living in them.

We have the words "Faithful to Christ" embroidered onto our College badge as a reminder of what we are called to be to those we meet. Peace begins with us and spreads to our family and friends. It becomes the glue that binds our community together and it has the capacity to transform the world.

Prayer

Father in Heaven, your loving plan for us, took flesh in Jesus your Son and changed the history of our world. May we be inspired by that same love to seek to do your will today.

Amen