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SJP Drama

As part of the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts Theatre in Education programme, Year 9 and 10 pupils from SJP were invited to work alongside students from LIPA to explore the themes and issues presented in Nick Lake's adapted novel, *Hostage Three*.

Pupils from SJP completed a practical workshop before attending the final performance held in LIPA's auditorium. Pupils were able to debate the issues explored in the play and were able to voice their opinions through practical tasks and collaborative work. Pupils commented upon the challenging nature of the play and the key moral dilemmas it explored. Pupils left the auditorium singing the praises of the LIPA performers whilst discussing their own interpretations of the play.

Our pupils were inspired and left eager to create their own performance material in response to the input. We look forward to seeing what this creative group can develop!



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SJP Uniform Supplies

One of our school uniform suppliers, Wirral Uniform Centre, now offer a 'click and collect' service via their website <http://www.wirraluniforms.com>

This service enables parents to choose and pay for uniform on line and then pick up from the shop in Birkenhead without the need to queue - simply go straight to the 'pick up' point.

The company have also been working with us on SJP skirts; they will soon be able to offer them in a variety of lengths in each waist size to ensure that all skirts are worn in line with SJP uniform policy, on the knee. For more details, see the website or phone 647 9588.

F.U.S.S. - Recycling of Uniform

SJP parents have been contributing to the recycling of our school uniform since we started working in partnership with F.U.S.S. (Free Uniforms for Secondary Schools). Following the collections, the uniforms are laundered and the items put on to their website.

It is hoped that parents continue bringing old uniforms into SJP so that the recycling system can be sustained.

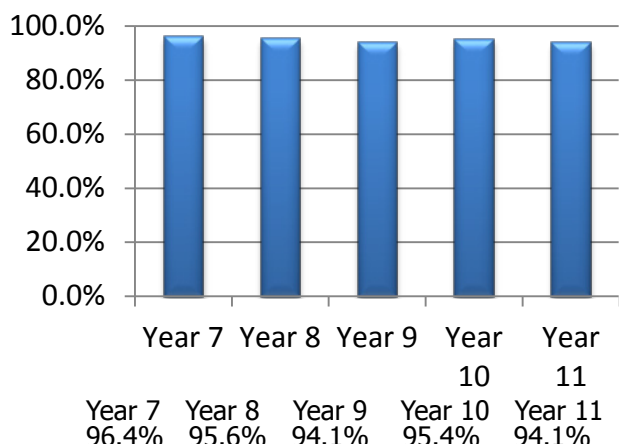
Any uniform that you would like to donate can be handed in at SJP Reception. See www.wirralfuss.co.uk for further information.



Coming Up

- 1 June** **Year 10 Exam Week 1**
- 8 June** **Year 10 Exam Week 2**
- 8 June** **Year 7, 8, 9 Exam Week 1**
- 9 June** **Merseyside Higher Education Convention**
- 9 June** **Yr 5 Primary Rounders Tournament**
- 15 June** **Year 7, 8, 9 Exam Week 2**

Attendance 01/09/14 - 15/05/15

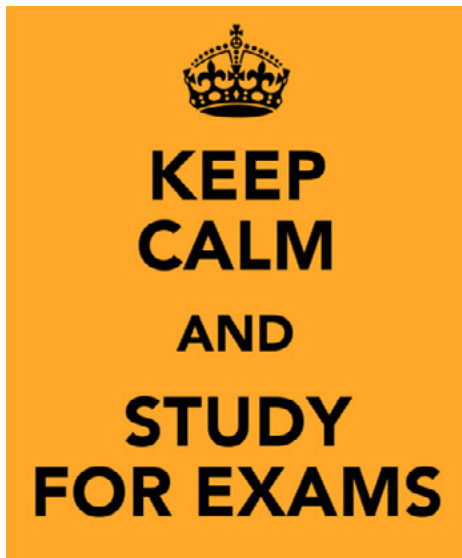


Exams - Year 7, 8, 9 & 10

All pupils have received timetables which clearly detail arrangements for examinations taking place week commencing Monday 1st June, (8th June for Years 7 - 9) for a two week period.

These will largely take place in scheduled lesson times. Please note that during this period, Year 10 pupils studying Core Science have their Biology, Chemistry and Physics external examinations.

Additional information will be given to students prior to the examination period by subject staff.



Rugby Semi-Final

Before half term, the U16 Rugby Team made up from predominantly Year 10 boys, with a handful of Year 11s, beat Hilbre in a thrilling game. SJP had previously played Mosslands school in the quarter final and won convincingly against a team totally made up of year 11 players.

The semi final, played at SJP, started well with a determined finish from Josh Poynton, playing his first game for the College. The conversion was missed. Minutes later, Joe Owens scored a second, after some excellent play combining backs and forwards; again the conversion was missed. Just before half time, Hilbre hit back with a try out wide making the score 10:5 at the break.

The second half was end to end rugby with excellent attacking play and ferocious defence from both teams. After another bone-crunching tackle from the SJP players, Joe Owens stole the ball from the opposition and powered his way to the line scoring under the posts. This time the conversion was made making the score 17:5. Hilbre then fought their way back in to the game scoring right on the touch line. Again both sides ran and tackled their hearts out, and with one minute left on the clock Hilbre scored again. If the conversion was to be made the scores would be tied, which would have given Hilbre victory as the away team. Fortunately, the ball shaved the upright and went wide giving SJP the chance to win yet another Wirral cup, having won the competition in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Well done to all players involved!



Drama Club - A Year 7 Review

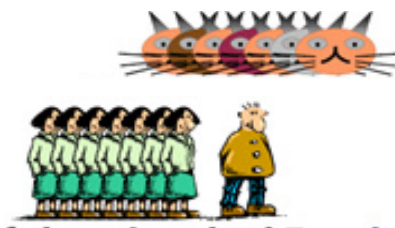
On Wednesday 13th May 2015, I went to the Drama Studio to participate in the KS3 Drama Club. I was quite wary at the start as I was expecting 'theatrics and acting and drama plays!' but it was absolutely so much more than that. It was fun and games! At the helm of the club were three Sixth Formers who encouraged everyone to participate to the very best of their ability.

In the club we played games that did involve acting but it wasn't the sole purpose of the club. If you have never attended this because you weren't keen on acting, tell that bit of your mind to stop thinking as it is certainly one of the best clubs out there!

Drama is on in the Drama Studio during Academic Review every Wednesday.

SJP Fixtures

Thursday 4th June - Year 9 Rugby Semi Final at SJP v Bebington High



Answer to last week's Maths Corner

**Kits, cats, sacks, wives
- how many were going to St Ives?**

A trick question. Since you met the man on your way to St Ives, he and his entourage must be coming from St Ives. So the answer is just 1 - you.

If you actually did the calculations, then

$$7 + 7^2 + 7^3 + 7^4 = 7$$

$$+ 49 + 343 + 2401 = 2800.$$

Language Corner

How much would Merche's shopping bill be?

Necesitamos una barra de pan, quinientos gramos de queso, un kilo de plátanos y una caja de galletas de chocolate.

**una caja de galletas "María" - €0,90
una caja de galletas de chocolate - €1,45
un kilo de plátanos - €2,65
un kilo de fresas - €4,40
un paquete de patatas fritas - €0,79
una barra de pan - €0,85
un cartón de yogur - €1,25**

Correct answers (in full, in Spanish!) to Miss Gaffney for 5 Vivos!



Maths Corner

There are three boxes.

One box contains pears, one contains oranges and one contains pears and oranges.

The labels have all fallen off and have all been stuck back on the wrong boxes.

Barry opens one box and without looking in the box takes out one piece of fruit.

He looks at the fruit and immediately puts the labels on the right boxes.



How did he do it?

Weekly Theme - Father, Son and Spirit



Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had said they would find him. There they met him and worshiped him - but some of them weren't sure it really was Jesus!

He told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth. Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptising them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this - that I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

This week's message was a shock to Jesus' first followers. Go to ALL nations? But they were Jews!

But this was Matthew's message for the early Christians. The Gospel was originally written for a community of mostly Jewish followers of Jesus. Go beyond your comfort zone, it tells them. Build relationships with people who are different, with people you never expected to enter your life.

Does this message shock us still today? Look around at your life. Is everyone the same? Same skin colour? Same interests? Same level of income? Same school activities? It's easy to stay in our comfort zone; but if we do we miss out.

The message is clear. We find life fuller when we meet, serve, learn from, and develop relationships with all types of people.

Jesus asks us this week to step out of our comfort zones and stretch ourselves.

Be bold, and be strong!

Prayer

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen