



St John Plessington Catholic College



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Summer 2014 - A Level & GCSE Results

SJP celebrate another year of great success.

At GCSE 68% of our students achieved 5A*-C including English and Maths which is well above the national average.

At GCE A Level our students recorded an overall pass rate of 99%, with 57% of our students achieving A*-B grades and a greater increase in the 'gold standard' A*-A grades.



Executive Head Teacher, Tom Quinn said, "I am very pleased with the achievements of all our Year 11 and Sixth Form pupils who have worked hard and achieved excellent results.

Despite the changes encountered at GCSE and A Level this year, their application, together with first-class teaching and support from staff, has enabled them all to realise their potential."

Well done everyone!



China 2014

China 2014 was an incredible experience for everyone involved. Every day was full of laughs and smiles and new experiences. Our adventure began in Beijing where we quickly noticed the intense heat, busy streets and how brave we were at trying new foods! Here, we visited Beijing Zoo and saw the beautiful Pandas, we also visited the headquarters of Hanban, the charity who helped arrange this amazing trip for us and there we got to dress up in traditional Chinese clothes, take part in paper cutting and learn our Chinese zodiac animal. Beijing provided us with beautiful restaurants and delicious foods; each meal being different allowed us to experience and taste traditional Chinese food all with the challenge of using chop sticks!

Beijing is a fascinating city which combines old and new history together, as for every historic building with its rich red and blue colours with intricate design flowing from wall to roof top there was a shimmering and spectacular design of a sky scraper reaching high into the clouds. To appreciate such fine architecture on our travels, our challenge each day was to take a picture which highlighted our favourite building or captured a beautiful scene that would allow us to remember what stunning places we have visited.



Our expedition then took us to the east coast of China and a place that became our home for the next 12 days, Qingdao. This city provided us with memories and experiences that we will treasure forever, from our night time walks along the beach to our sing along coach journeys. Qingdao Middle School quickly became a place of new friendships and new learning experiences.

The endless steps to the canteen as well as the games of hide and seek kept us fit and energetic for our whole trip. Our Chinese teacher, Mr Brian, who was a volunteer student, stole a place in each of our hearts - with his fun ways of learning to his engaging and exciting personality, he quickly became a great friend. Our lessons taught us so many words and phrases that we would use on our travels. We were also given the opportunity to watch and take part in different Chinese dances, mask decorating and calligraphy lessons. Our adventures around Qingdao allowed us to visit beautiful temples, pagodas and parks, as well as exciting trips to a sea-life centre and a fascinating multi-national horticultural expedition.

Every day of our trip brought our group closer together. Our nightly reflections were so thoughtful and matched only by our daily competitions to win best picture in bringing back memories from action packed days and the amazing times that we all shared together.



Open Evening & Open Mornings



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 24th September 2014 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Head Teacher's Talks at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 1st October 2014 9.00am - 11.00am
Friday 10th October 2014 9.00am - 11.00am



Coming Up

- 12-Sept - Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition
- 18-Sept - Yr 8 Girls Vaccinations
- 18-Sept - Yr 13 Parents' Evening
- 19-Sept - Yr 12 Emmaus Walk
- 20-Sept - Bag Pack for Ghana
- 24-Sept - Open Evening

Learning Programmes

LEARNING PROGRAMME PASSWORD

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Please download your Learning Programme,
using the following password
lp4321

Parking

Increased parking restrictions are in place outside 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.

Literacy Corner

Welcome back to you all!

The passage below is missing capital letters at the beginning of sentences AND for proper nouns.

Can you correct the passage?



welcome back to st john pllessington catholic college. as we start a new term, we hope that you will work hard and do yourselves, mr rylance and mr quinn proud! enjoy your new school year, be on time every monday to friday and work your hardest!

Bring your corrected passage to Mrs Connolly in E11 to win a prize!

Maths Corner

On my last birthday my friends said to me:

In 15 years' time, your age will be the square of your age 15 years ago!



Can you work out how old I am?

Weekly Theme - Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'



In this week's Gospel, St Matthew tells us that we have a responsibility for each other that each of us is called to build bridges that bring reconciliation and unity.

Sometimes this can be a really hard thing to do, particularly if we have been hurt by somebody else's actions, but Matthew tells us never to give up on the challenge, the power within us is greater than the task

Jesus respected even the worst sinner and he never humiliated them. He spoke some strong words about them, but he always left an opening for change, for saying sorry and for reconciliation

Prayer

**Today, Lord, work in me and through me.
Amen**

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