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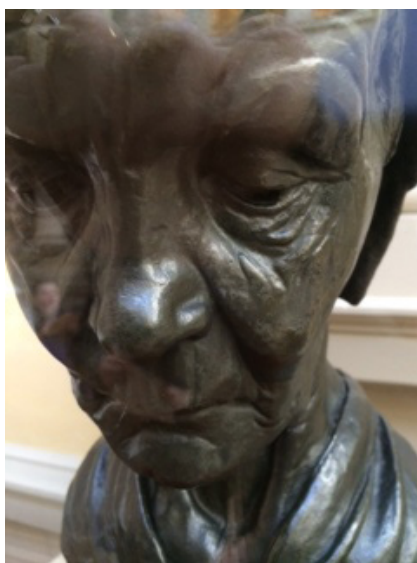


Old Masters, Young Poets!

Having just been studying poetry in LP3, the English Department decided to visit the Lady Lever Art Gallery in Port Sunlight with 80 of our Year 8 pupils. This fantastic gallery, situated on our doorstep, was used as the stimulus for our pupils' creative minds.

The idea was to explore specific paintings, sculptures or exhibits in order to fire their imaginations. All pupils had to then write a poem, consolidating their learning from LP3. The results, as you can see overleaf, are amazing! From poems about the Scape Goat by William Holman Hunt, to poems concerning war, based on the armour on display, the pupils certainly allowed their imaginations to flow.

Others sculptures, such as ones by Jacob Epstein and Edward Onslow Ford, proved to be favourite choices too! Well done Year 8! We certainly have some talented writers in our midst!



Poems by Year 8 Beta



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Bethany Collins
New Sculpture by Edward
Onslow Ford

You lie tall and proud,
Cold yet frail.
Your expressions are
phenomenal.
You have an elegant pose.
You don't fear anything.
Edward Onslow Ford chose
you for your natural beauty.



Connor Payne
Fidelity by Briton Riviere

Goodnight
As I sit and weep
I gain no sleep
I'm crying.
Timing...
When will I be free?
Just me
And my dog.
No ordinary dog.
A small window.
No shadow or natural
light.
Now I sit.
Goodnight. Goodnight.

Jack Burns
Based on armour
displayed in the gallery

A Piece of Armour
Clang, crash
Swish and stab.
These are the sounds of
battle.
Horses, corpses, blood
and guts.
This is the aftermath of
battle.
Fire, death, depression
and screams and shouts.
This is the expression of
battle.
Arguments, racism, anger
and grief.
These are the causes of
battle.

**Ivan
Garner**

The Scape Goat

I stand here and look at this
goat.
It is standing there acting so
innocently, like it had never
committed a crime.
The ribbons represent each
and every sin of a human soul.
The goat is waiting to be
sacrificed
As a present to God.
I am so thirsty, I feel as if I'm
going to die.
I try to take my last taste of
saliva.
I will soon die. This life wasn't
so good after all.

Coming Up

3 Mar - Year 8 Alpha Lady Lever Art Gallery

5 Mar - Author Visit to SJP - Curtis Jobling

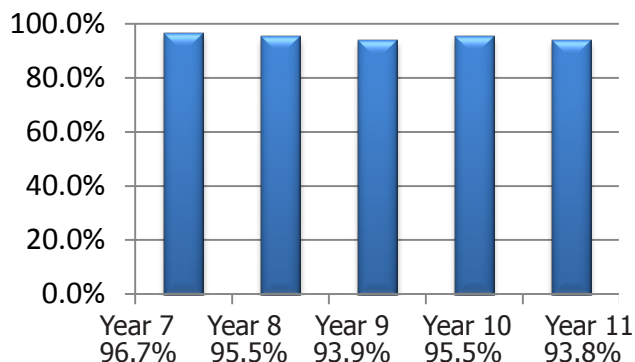
6-8 Mar - PGL Football Weekend

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**9-Mar - Year 10 Team Maths Competition at
University of Liverpool**

10-Mar - UK Mathematics Trust Maths Challenge

Attendance 01/09/14 - 27/02/15



Diocesan Head Teachers

Pupils from Years 9 & 10 represented our College Community at a Diocesan Head Teachers' meeting held at Loreto Grammar School Altrincham, last Friday.

Whenever the Head Teachers meet, pupils from their school communities meet also. During workshops they spend time together to explore different themes, after which they make a presentation to the Head Teachers.

The theme for last Friday's meeting was "Chosen and Called by God."

A very worthwhile and enjoyable time was had by all.



Fixtures

Tuesday - Year 8 Football vs Ridgeway (Home) (Boys)

Tuesday - Year 7 Rugby CVL (Old Anselmians Rugby Club) (Boys)



Literacy Corner

This week pupils have been using examples of art to use as a stimulus for writing a poem.

Here is a painting called *The Scream* by Edvard Munch.

Imagine what the man in the painting is thinking and feeling.

Write your own short poem. It does not have to rhyme.

See Mrs Connolly with your poems and win a prize!



Lockers

Lockers are available for pupils to use at the start and end of the day.

If any pupils require one, they need to see their Head of Learning with a refundable £5.00 deposit for a key.



Language Corner

Me llamo Sergio y tengo treinta años. Me encanta mi trabajo porque siempre estoy en contacto con la gente pública. Lo que más me gusta es el tiempo que paso con los niños, porque son muy amables y me hacen reír. Lo malo es que tengo que trabajar durante la noche y los fines de semana en caso de emergencias. Normalmente trabajo en un hospital con mucha gente enferma.

What job does Sergio do?

Correct answers to Miss Gaffney for 5 Vivo points!



Maths Corner

You are the winner in a quiz show and can choose a prizes from behind three locked doors. Behind one door is a new car. Behind the other two doors are goats.

When you have made your choice, the host opens one of the other doors to reveal a goat.

Should you stick with your choice, or switch it to the other one? Or does it make no difference?



Answer to last week's Math's Corner

Answer = 28



Weekly Theme - Lent - Faith

Mark 9: 2-10

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain by themselves. While they watched, Jesus' appearance was changed. His clothes became shining white, whiter than any person could make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter did not know what to say, because he and the others were so frightened.

Then a cloud came and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

Suddenly Peter, James, and John looked around, but they saw only Jesus there alone with them. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone about what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

So the followers obeyed Jesus, but they discussed what he meant about rising from the dead.

If we get confused sometimes about what God wants, we're in good company. In this week's Gospel some of the Apostles join Jesus on a mountain, where he is transfigured; that is, transformed so they see who he really is. They hear God's voice telling them to listen to Jesus' words.

Then they go down the mountain and are still confused. Later they even abandon Jesus.

The Apostles were human like us. It would be nice if we always saw God and heard God's voice so clearly. But it just doesn't happen that way. God, at times, can seem close, and at other times distant. The scriptures can seem clear at times, but then confusing at other times when you try to live them in daily life. Some of us may have had "Transfiguration" moments when everything seems so clear and we can feel God very close to us. But even our greatest saints have talked about how hard it is to hold on to those moments.

What did the Apostles do when they were confused? The scriptures tell us that they kept trying. They prayed together before they made a decision. They did their best and trusted the Holy Spirit would work through them; and in the end they changed the world. So this Lent we ask for faith, knowing that God will work in us and through us.

Prayer

**God our Father, hear our prayers which we make in faith, in hope and in love through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

