



St John Plessington Catholic College

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Life After SJP

Year 12 students have been preparing for life after SJP by participating in a wide range of activities including university taster days, mentoring sessions and careers talks.

So far this year, 18 students have visited universities including Liverpool John Moores and Magdalene College, Cambridge University. The students who visited the Liverpool university learnt about media, graphic design and computer game design and were given the opportunity to find out what life is like at the university and see the facility first hand. At the Magdalene College residential, students experienced life at one of Cambridge's most prestigious colleges and gained valuable information about the courses on offer there.

A group of 13 students completed a mentoring programme with visiting PhD students from Lancaster University who explored prospectuses and the types of courses available at universities across the country. The university students also shared their own stories and experiences with the pupils.

Mark Stead, regional director for AHR, who are the company managing the new build at the school, delivered a talk to students from Year 12 about planning, project management and the construction of the new block. The students were given a valuable insight into careers in the industry such as surveying, architecture, as well as design and construction.

**Please note, College is closed for May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4th May.
Pupils are due back in College on Tuesday 5th May.**



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China Expedition Experiences Shared

Last year a group of our current Year 11 pupils took part in a school expedition to China; , last week some of the group took the opportunity to share their experience with Year 7 geographers who have recently completed a Learning Programme exploring China. Our Year 7s jumped at the opportunity to hear first-hand stories of what SJP's annual China trip has to offer. They were also keen to share the fantastic models they made as part of their homework projects.

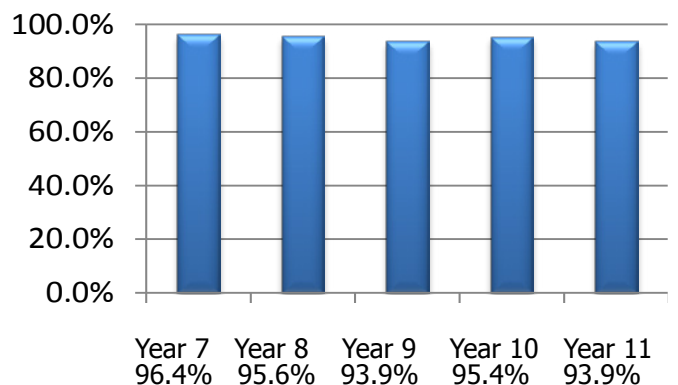
The message from Austin Cheung and Sean Davies was that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity our current Year 7s should jump to take as they progress through the school. Given the enthusiasm they demonstrated throughout the last half term, and the fantastic demonstration of independent learning their projects showed, we are certain the popularity of our China expedition will continue to grow year on year!



Coming Up

- 28-Apr** **SJP Dance Show**
- 29-Apr** **Primary Dance Festival**
- 30-Apr** **Junior Maths Challenge**
- 30-Apr** **MFL trip to La Viña Tapas Restaurant**
- 1-2 May** **Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Practice Expedition 1**
- 4-May** **May Day Bank Holiday - College Closed**

Attendance 01/09/14 - 24/04/15



A-Level Science

A-Level Science Revision/Support Sessions – LP5

For additional support and revision for AS and A2 Science courses, the following sessions are available

Date	Subject	Staff/Room
Tuesday 28 th April	AS Chemistry A2 Chemistry	Mr Lysaght – S12 Dr McNeill – S14
Wednesday 29 th April	AS Biology	Miss Kemp – S5
Thursday 30 th April	AS/A2 Physics	Mr Gettel/Mr Sheldrake – S9
Tuesday 5 th May	AS Chemistry A2 Chemistry	Mr Lysaght – S12 Dr McNeill – S14
Wednesday 6 th May	AS/A2 Biology	Mrs Howarth – S6
Thursday 7 th May	AS/A2 Physics	Mr Gettel/Mr Sheldrake – S9
Tuesday 12 th May	AS Chemistry A2 Chemistry	Mr Lysaght – S12 Dr McNeill – S14
Wednesday 13 th May	AS/A2 Biology	Mrs Garland – S2
Thursday 14 th May	AS/A2 Physics	Mr Gettel/Mr Sheldrake – S9
Tuesday 19 th May	AS Chemistry A2 Chemistry	Mr Lysaght – S12 Dr McNeill – S14
Wednesday 20 th May	AS Biology	Miss Kemp – S5
Thursday 21 st May	AS/A2 Physics	Mr Gettel/Mr Sheldrake – S9

AS Applied Science every Tuesday with:

Miss Smith (week 1) in S4

Mrs Austin (week 2) in S1

SJP Fixtures

Monday - Yr 11 Football v Bebington High (Away)

Tuesday - Yr 7 Football v Bebington High (Away)

Wednesday - Athletics Meet at the Oval

Literacy Corner

BOGGLE BONANZA!

Boggle requires you to look at the letters provided in the grid.

Your challenge is to create as many words as you can out of the letters provided.

You can pick the letters in any order, but you may only use the letter ONCE in each word.

The person who finds the longest word wins a prize! See Mrs Connolly with your answers.



Language Corner

What job does Julieta hate doing at home?

Tengo que hacer mucho en casa. Siempre friego los platos pero no me importa nada porque es bastante relajante, y ayer hice la compra. También, tengo que pasar la aspiradora dos veces a la semana. Mi padre siempre plancha la ropa y cocina la cena, pero tengo que sacar la basura y lo odio porque iapesta mucho!

Answers to Miss Gaffney for 5 Vivo points.



Maths Corner

Draw 9 dots in a square like this.

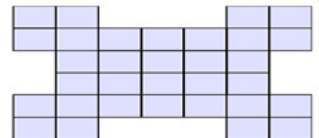


Can you go through all 9 dots with four straight lines?

You can't take your pen off the paper. You can start where you like.

Answer to last week's Maths Corner

Answer = 52



Weekly Theme - All Change

John 10:1-18

Jesus said, "Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it."

Jesus told this simple story. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good - sheep stealers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He's only in it for the money. The sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. In the same way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself if necessary. You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They'll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd. This is why the Father loves me: because I freely lay down my life. And so I am free to take it up again.

"No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down; I also have the right to take it up again. I received this authority personally from my Father."



Too often we only think about Jesus when we think about the good shepherd. But that misses a big part of Jesus' message. He came to teach us about shepherding, and left us a flock to tend. He told us to call on the Holy Spirit when we need extra strength or wisdom for the job. Think for a moment about sheep. Think how vulnerable they were in Jesus' time. Wolves could attack. Thieves could steal them. They needed food and drink. Think for a moment about people today, young people and adults. Like wolves, commercials pray on many who believe they are worthless unless they are beautiful. Like thieves, drugs and alcohol steal many people's lives away with promises of pleasure and escape. Like hunger, loneliness and isolation starve those who don't know where to turn for someone to care. And finally many thirst for a message they can count on in a world that is so filled with disappointment.

It seems like we need plenty of good shepherds. We have the power to protect and feed and save people. We can stand us as good shepherds in our families among our friends in our College community. Take the lead. Trust the Good Shepherd, he will show you how to do it all. Trust and you will be amazed at the difference that you have made.

Prayer

**Good Shepherd, Teach us to follow you, and to care for all who are close to us.
Amen**