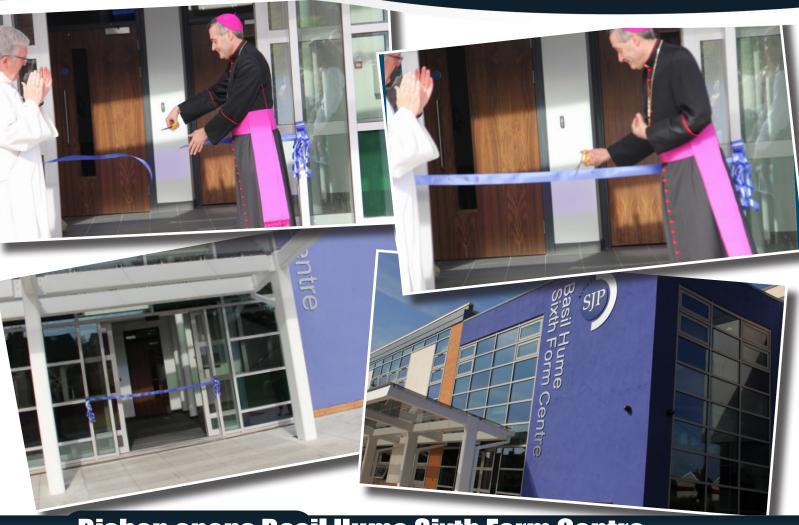


# NEWSLETTER



### **Bishop opens Basil Hume Sixth Form Centre**

On Wednesday 23rd September, our Bishop formally opened and blessed the Basil Hume Sixth Form Centre.

Bishop Mark was joined by Governors and Mr Quinn, along with staff and students, and other invited guests.

We were reminded of the words spoken by Cardinal Basil Hume in whose memory the Centre is named. Just before he died in 1999, he said, 'Catholic schools should produce young people with ideas and dreams, with a vision of what they want to achieve in life, who

have a strong sense of care and compassion for those in need, and have above all a love of life.'

Bishop Mark hoped 'that the £1.7million Centre with its state of the art technology would enable the young people who would study there to achieve their full academic potential while at the same time allowing them to grow into adults who would be able to "act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with their God".

## **Yr 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 1st October 2015**









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## **Emmaus Walk**

On Friday 19th September, Year 12 students gathered in the College Hall to celebrate a liturgy before leaving College to walk to the top of Moel Famau in Wales.

The name Emmaus Walk is taken from Luke's Gospel where we read about two disciples returning home to their village called Emmaus on the very first Easter Sunday evening. They had witnessed Jesus being crucified and buried. Suddenly they were joined on the road by the risen Jesus, but they failed to recognise him. He encouraged the disciples to talk and to share all their joys and sorrows with him. It was only when they sat to eat together and Jesus broke the bread that they recognised who this man really was.

On their walk, students were encouraged to get to know a little more about each other and to share their stories and their food together. Each of the students were being sponsored to complete the walk, the proceed of which go to the Sixth Form Ghana Fund.

Before leaving College each form was presented with a bucket of sand to be carried between the members of the form as a visual reminder that each one of us at some point in our lives will carry worries and concerns around with us. But just as the disciples on the road didn't recognise Jesus walking with them, so we also may not recognise Jesus in the people he sends to us to help share the load. A great day was had by all.

## **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

Next Thursday, 1st October we will be holding our annual CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

On that day we ask the students and staff in our College community in a practical way, to show their support for our brothers and sisters around the world whose lives are caught up in hunger, poverty or injustice.

During lunch time, members of our Sixth Form will be selling a cup of soup and a roll for 50p or a donation. We invite each member of our community to give up their normal lunch that day and to have only soup and a roll, and ask if they would like to donate the money that they would have spent on their lunch to CAFOD. Of course, you may simply wish to include the soup and roll in your meal for that lunch time.





## Coming up

This Week - w/c 28/09/15 (Week 1) 28/09/15

PSHE P.3

#### 30/09/15

Open Morning 9.00 - 11.00am Chester Zoo Visit

#### 01/10/15

DofE Silver Practice Cafod Harvest Fast Day Healthy Lifestyle Day (alpha) Year 11 Parents' Evening Year 12 Catering & Hospitality trip to New Brighton

#### 02/10/15

DofE Silver Practice

#### 03/10/15

DofE Silver Practice

## Next Week - w/c 05/10/15 (Week 2) 08/10/15

DofE Silver Practice Healthy Lifestyle day (beta)

#### 09/10/15

Open Morning 9.00 - 11.00am DofE Silver

#### 10/10/15

DofE Silver

## **European Day of Languages**

On Friday 25th September at SJP we celebrated European Day of Languages - a day created by the Council of Europe to celebrate and promote language learning. We had a variety of activities for all year groups to take part in, including a treasure hunt for Year 7 and a language challenge for Year 8 who were using Spanish phrases in all of their lessons around College. Year 9 took part in a European Day of Languages quiz, showing off their knowledge of languages within Europe. Many pupils played a game of French boules and came to sample different foods from around Europe, trying things such as Spanish tortilla, French mussels and German pickled gherkins.



## Language Corner

Spotlight on: Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a small country found in Central America, between Nicaragua and Panama. Costa Rica is one of the only countries in the world not to have an army, this is why the United Nations Peace Headquarters are located there. More than 25% of Costa Rican land is protected national parks which house over 130 species of fish, 220 of reptiles, 1,000 butterflies (10% of the world's butterflies are in Costa Rica!), 9,000 plants, 20,000 species of spiders and 34,000 species of insects! There are 121 volcanoes, some being the most active in the world.

Can you name any of these really wild species found in Costa Rica?





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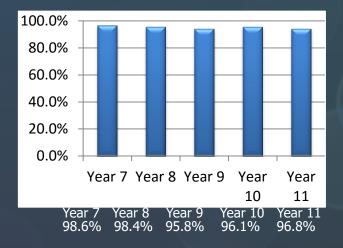


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The first person to correctly translate the following to Miss Gascoigne wins Vivo points!

rana paz bosque pájaro volcán

## **Attendance 21/09/15 - 25/09/15**



### **Literacy Corner**

Full stops are a crucial element to understanding the meaning of written language. Full stops are the most basic form of punctuation, yet we often forget them. You MUST NOT forget them.

Look at the passage below. All full stops have been removed making the meaning unclear. Can you put them all back **AND** correct the capital letters? See Mrs Connolly with your corrected versions and win a prize!

It had been a long day and all the pupils were tired they had worked so hard all week on their project the research they had to complete was intense but rewarding now that all their work was finished they felt really proud of themselves they knew they deserved a relaxing weekend

## **Extra Curricular Timetable**

### Physical Education

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 9/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 11/8 Assembly
12-12.35pm	Boccia (GH) Yr7 Handball (MJH/ LM)	Yr10 and 11 Dance (KP) Yr 10 and 11 Football (GH)	Yr 9, 10 and 11 Rugby (GH) Yr 9,10 and 11 Badminton (MJH)	Yr 9, 11 Netball (KP/ LM) Yr 9 Basketball GH Yr 11 Basketball (BDN)	Yr 9 Dance (KP)  Yr 10 Basketball (JSI Yr 9 Football (MJH)
12.35-1.10pm	PE BTEC Club (AN/ BDN)	Yr 7 and 8 Tag (AN/ LM) Yr 7 and 8 Basketball (MJH/BDN)	Yr 7 Dance (AN) Yr 8 Netball (KP/ LM) Yr 7 and 8 Football (JSE/ BDN)	Yr 8 Dance(AN) Yr 8 Rugby (MJH)	Yr 7 Netball (AN) Yr 7 Rugby (GH) Yr 7 Cross country (BDN)
3.20-4.20pm		All years Football Yr 7 and 8 Netball Yr9, 10, 11 Dance PE BTEC Club	All years Basketball Y7, 8 Dance All years Girls Football	All years Rugby Yr 9, 10 and 11 Netball	PE BTEC Club
		PE Fixtures-various	PE Fixtures-various	PE Fixtures-various	

### Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 9/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 11/8 Assembly
12-12.35pm	BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups)	Register for all clubs.  Lunch passes to be distributed.  BTEC Intervention	Register for all clubs.  Lunch passes to be distributed.  BTEC Intervention	Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed.	Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed.
		Sessions Year 11 and 13	Sessions Year 11 and 13	BTEC Intervention Sessions Year 11 and 13	BTEC Intervention Sessions Year 11 and 13
12.30-1.15pm	BTEC Drop In Sessions (All	Year 7 Choir (DJG)	College Choir (DJG)	SJP Band (PJF)	KS3 Ukelele Club (PJF)
	Year Groups)	KS3 Guitar Club (PJF)  LAMDA Performance	SJP Brass Band (PJF)	Senior Choir (Week 2 Only) (DJG)	Senior Choir (Week 1 Only) (DGJ)
		Club (JMR)	KS3 Shakespeare Club (LJD)	Year 8 and 9 Debating Club	Year 7 Drama Club
		SJP Nativity (SJC, LJD)	SJP Nativity (SJC, JMR)	(LJD) SJP Nativity (SJC, JMR)	(SJC) SJP Nativity (LJD, JMR)
3.20-4.20pm	PPM - No Clubs	College Choir (DJG) SJP Band (PJF)	Instrumental Ensemble (DJG)	Year 11 and Year 13 BTEC Intervention Support (SJC)	SJP Nativity (DJG, PJF, SJC, LJD, JMR)
		SJP Nativity (SJC, LJD, JMR)	DofE Music Club (PJF)	SJP Nativity (LJD, JMR, PJF, DJG)	
			DofE Performance Club (SJC)		
			SJP Nativity (LJD, JMR)		

## **Weekly Theme** 'It's not fair'

James 5:1-6

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

