



## Paris Trip 2016

Shortly before the half term break sixty-six of our pupils travelled by coach and ferry to Lésigny near Paris.

Everyone was very excited to arrive in France. We arrived at our accommodation 'Château de Grande Romaine' where we enjoyed settling in, having an evening meal and participating in the evening activities.

On the next day some spent the morning at the chateau taking part in a variety of outdoor activities. Pupils had the chance to try a range of activities including abseiling, climbing and archery. Other pupils visited the Louvre where they took a great interest in the art and particularly enjoyed the Mona Lisa and the Napoleonic apartments.

The afternoon was spent by some pupils visiting the 'Stade de France' where pupils had a guided tour of the entire stadium including the players and referees changing rooms! Other pupils visited the chocolate factory where they enjoyed a presentation from the chocolatier and samples from the factory.

Thursday was also extremely busy, all 66 pupils visited the Eiffel Tower where some walked up to the first and second floors and enjoyed the amazing view! A record number of 53 pupils were even brave enough to take a further lift to the summit! Pupils also took a very relaxing cruise down the River Seine with audio commentary.

As well as all of this pupils visited the Arc de Triomphe and climbed the 284 step spiral staircase to the top! Other pupils chose to spend the afternoon touring the magnificent Notre Dame cathedral.

On Saturday we spent the entire day at Disneyland in Paris visiting both the main Disneyland Park and also Walt Disney Studios.

Evenings were spent learning how to make crêpes, watching French films and enjoying a fantastic last night disco. The trip was a great success where all students were immersed in French culture and took every opportunity to practise their language skills.



## Coming up

### This Week - w/c 22/02/16 (Week 2) 25/02/16

Diocesan - Lent Talks in the College  
Barclay's Life Skills Assembly  
ISA Y10 Intervention - Alpha

### 26/02/16

PGL Activity Weekend  
Barclay's Life Skills Assembly  
ISA Y10 Intervention - Beta

### 28/02/16

Y8 Merseyside Cup Football Match

### Next Week - w/c 29/02/16 (Week 1)

### 29/02/16

PSHE P2

### 01/03/16

HMP Kennet Prison

### 03/03/16

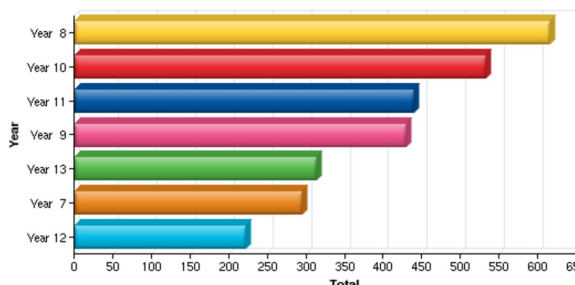
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Book Day

### 04/03/16

Diocesan- Lent Talks in the College

## Vivo Rewards

### St John Plessington Catholic College



## Wirral FUSS

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This is just a half-term reminder that our Hubs around Wirral are available to supply Free Uniform for Secondary School AND NOW ALSO Free Uniform for Primary School.

Our website <http://www.wirralfuss.co.uk/> lists which Hubs serve which Schools and there is a request form to re-serve the items you need. All our contact details and the locations of our hubs are available on our website.

You can contact us at: [wirralfuss@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wirralfuss@yahoo.co.uk) or on 0151 632 6524

Thanks and best wishes

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## Wirral F.U.S.S. / f.u.p.s.

**FREE UNIFORM for SECONDARY SCHOOL / free uniform for primary school**

Since 2012 Wirral F.U.S.S. has helped over 1500 families with their school uniform needs – **free of charge**

Wirral FUSS receive items of uniform and other clothing donated via our collection drums located in many Wirral schools, at our HUBS, on Open Days, at ASDA in Woodchurch and Birkenhead, and the Conway Centre.

All items are sorted for quality, minor repairs made, washed, ironed, labelled and stored by our volunteers. Items that cannot be re-used are sold for recycling, all of which means that a huge amount of artificial fibre does not end up in landfill!

Our 'hubs' have open days where you can come along and try items on or swap your current outgrown uniform for larger items

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# Cambridge University Visit

During January 2016, Cambridge University offered SJP students the opportunity to apply for a prestigious student shadowing scheme. Of the 1700 applications received, 300 people were lucky enough to be offered a place. Three of our Year 12 students were amongst the successful candidates (Charlotte Head, Rebecca Hill and Hanan Ajay).

We travelled down to Cambridge University, very much excited to tour the famous colleges. Whilst visiting the university, we encountered many different opportunities, including the chance to attend various lectures and seminars in our chosen subject area. Attending these classes, alongside the students we were shadowing, provided us with a useful insight into how the university operates; Cambridge university is unique in many ways. The classes and seminars were very engaging and strengthened all of our interests in our respective subject areas.

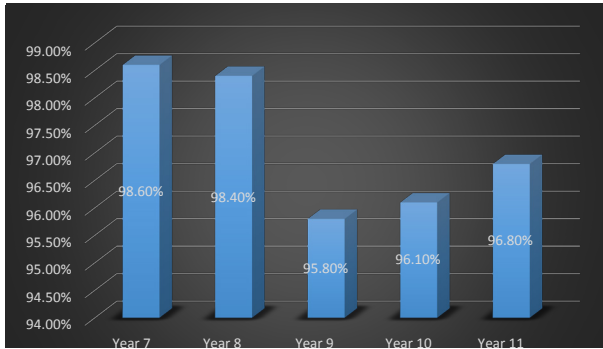
As well as the academic experience, this trip also gave us a chance to experience the social aspects of university life. It was fantastic to learn about the background of each individual college within the campus, alongside the tradition that each holds. We had the opportunity to meet with our mentors, discussing our different interests. Our mentors were extremely helpful in every way, answering any questions we had throughout the trip. During the evening, mentees were invited to watch a student fantastically creative show titled 'Alice', a circus production based on the story of Alice in Wonderland. The thrill and commitment of all involved gave the play a brilliant energy; this left a resounding impression and mirrored the energy of the university itself.

At the end of the two-night stay, we were reluctant to come home after having thoroughly enjoyed our visit. All students returned feeling incredibly enthusiastic about the experience and looking forward to writing their own applications in the near future.





## Attendance 08/02/16



## Language Corner

What three things did Marina do in Buenos Aires?  
Correct answers to Miss Gascoigne for 5 Vivos!

Hola Manu,  
¡Saludos desde Buenos Aires! Fui en avión y el viaje fue muy largo y aburrido. Hace buen tiempo aquí y ayer mi familia y yo fuimos de paseo y visitamos muchos lugares de interés como la Casa Rosada. Comí un bistec de fresa y fui a un café para beber un café cortado. Me encanta Cuba pero mi madre dice que es demasiado sucio. Nos vemos pronto,  
Marina



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## Weekly Theme - "What's it all about"

### Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus called together Peter John, and James and he took them up on a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became shining white. Then two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with Jesus. They appeared in heavenly glory, talking about his departure which he would soon bring about in Jerusalem. Peter and the others were very sleepy, but when they awoke fully, they saw the glory of Jesus and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah were about to leave, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, 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 he was talking about.) While he was saying these things, a cloud came and covered them, and they became afraid as the cloud covered them. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to him!" When the voice finished speaking, only

Jesus was there. Peter, John, and James said nothing and told no one at that time what they had seen.

These days we seem to be obsessed about knowing what is going to happen in the future. People go to fortune-teller to have their palms read hoping to be told what lies ahead of them. Others look to the stars and their horoscopes to try and find out what the future weeks months and years will bring to them and how this may affect the way in which they live their lives or influence the decisions that they should take and the choices they should make about in the future. As Christians we believe that the future is best left in the hands of God. In our Gospel today, God gives Peter, James and John a glimpse into the future when he showed them Jesus in his glory. But they did not fully understand what he was trying to say to them.

So how do we know what God wants us to do? We have the example of Jesus to follow.

During Lent we remember the time when Jesus fasted in the desert and was tempted by the Devil. The Devil offered Jesus a future full of wealth and power. Jesus had to make a choice about his future and he did this by listening to what God his Father was calling him to do.

Lent is a time when we can stop and listen for God's voice in our lives. What is God calling me to do with my future? We don't have to trust Fortune-tellers or star gazers to know the future. God has our future written on the palm of his hand. All we have to do is listen to him. Let's make time this Lent to listen and to trust our futures to him.

**Father of light, pour out the light of your love into our hearts and minds that we may live good lives and give you the glory for all the good things that we achieve.  
Amen**