



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our students, pupils and staff to another year of hard work and success.

The summer term ended with our community benefiting from fantastic experiences during SJP Max and two groups of students set off to Ghana and China. Both A Level and GCSE results were very strong we look forward to building upon these successes.

Throughout the summer, extensive building work took place to ensure that the new £1.3 million Basil Hume Sixth Form Centre would be ready. The opening of this educational facility allows the learning

and experience of our students to develop in such a variety of ways.

This major development in our College will not only support our Sixth Form students but also further enhance the outstanding provision we offer.

We also welcome our largest number of Year 7 students and over 60 new staff into our College community. This is a really exciting time to be at SJP and now, as always, providing the very best to all – without exception – is our priority.



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# Ghana Visit

After nearly 2 years of careful planning and fundraising, July saw 8 of our sixth form students set off for Ghana, to visit our partner school Elmina Catholic Junior school for boys. For months, our students had been writing to their buddies in Ghana, discussing their lives and cultures and getting to know one another. Upon our arrival, the buddies and staff welcomed us up with great joy.

Another aspect of the trip consisted of visiting the landmarks of Elmina, such as Elmina Castle and the fishing port. Our students were lucky enough to witness the annual Bakatue festival, when the whole of Elmina head to the harbour to celebrate the opening of the fishing season, when the Head Chief casts his net in to the lagoon. This was such an overwhelming yet amazing experience a highlight of the whole trip.

The most rewarding part of the trip was actually the reason why the whole trip was organised; to build Elmina Catholic Junior boys their own ICT suite and library. For a few days, the students and their buddies worked together to sand and varnish the desks and chairs. Our students also fitted a printer, a projector and 12 laptops, before teaching their buddies how to use the laptops for learning.

All of these resources, was purchased with the money raised by our community. We would like to thank all those who participated in or supported our fundraising events over the past year, to not only give our students the experience of a life time, but also to improve the education of the boys in our partner school. We will keep you updated with the next stage in our on-going partnership with Elmina Catholic Junior boys.



## Coming up

**This Week - w/c 14/09/15 (Week 1 )**  
**14/09/15**  
PHSE P.2

**17/09/15**  
Ward Henry Photographs  
Year 13 Parents' Evening

**18/09/15**  
DofE Gold Practice  
Year 12 Emmaus Walk

**Next Week - w/c 21/09/15 (Week 2)**  
**22/09/15**  
Open Evening 6.00 - 8.30pm

**23/09/15**  
Bishop Visiting SJP - to open Basil  
Hume Sixth Form Centre  
DofE Information Evening

# China Visit

Our journey to China this year took us to a province called Shenyang. Here students were welcomed to Northeast Yucai International School where students began a busy timetable of Mandarin lessons and cultural experiences. Students were shown the art of calligraphy and tea making; they were taught how to play traditional Chinese instruments and learnt Martial Arts. Students learnt to count, how to introduce themselves and how to conduct a basic conversation. Students thoroughly enjoyed learning and practised when we were traveling around the city.

At night time in Shenyang the locals would gather in parks or in the city's square and would exercise by dancing. Our students loved watching the locals and even joined in, which attracted quite a crowd!

In Beijing students were able to catch a glimpse of the giant pandas at the zoo. They climbed the Great Wall on a

sun soaked day, visited the Summer Palace and looked in awe at the man-made lake that a former Chinese emperor made for his wife to show his love for her. At the Summer Palace students took a ride on a traditional dragon boat and took pictures of the beautiful red, blue and gold temples that were buried in the surrounding forests. At the temple of the Qing dynasty students climbed the 107 steps that represented the earth, moon and stars.

Meal times were always an exciting part of the day and students relished the opportunities to try new and interesting things, from butterfly larvae, and fish skin, to pig's feet and, more interestingly, chicken's heads! Students tried and tasted them all!

China this year was a fantastic opportunity for all 17 students and we look forward to sharing our experiences and photographs in our assemblies with other year groups.



## St John Plessington Catholic College



### OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 22nd September 2015 (6.00 - 8.30pm)  
 Head Teacher's talks at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm

### OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 30th September 2015 (9.00 - 11.30am)  
 Friday 9th October 2015 (9.00 - 11.30am)

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## Language Corner

Get to know the Spanish pop star Abraham Mateo in his latest interview about his upcoming tour in Spain.

¡Hola, Abraham! ¿Qué tal todo? ¿Cómo estás?  
 Pues muy bien, con muchas ganas de volver, he echado mucho de menos a mis fans españolas...  
 ¿Cómo era tu gira en México?  
 ¡Ha sido increíble! Todo era maravilloso: el recibimiento en los aeropuertos fue estupendo. Las fans mexicanas son súper cariñosas y la verdad es que todos los momentos han sido muy especiales...  
 Bueno, y tu nueva gira por España, ¿qué tal los nervios?  
 Pues la verdad es que llevo una producción muy nueva y diferente y, sobre todo, el concierto del día 1 va a ser muy especial. Daré veinticinco conciertos por toda España.  
 ¿Cómo serán tus conciertos?  
 ¡100% Abraham Mateo! Con muchas coreografías como a mí me gustan, unos show increíbles y ¡llenos de sorpresas! Habrá un piano y una guitarra para un momento muy íntimo que se vivirá que a mí me gusta mucho.



What was his tour in Mexico like?  
 How many concerts will Abraham do in Spain?  
 Correct answers to Miss Gaffney for Vivos!

## Literacy Corner

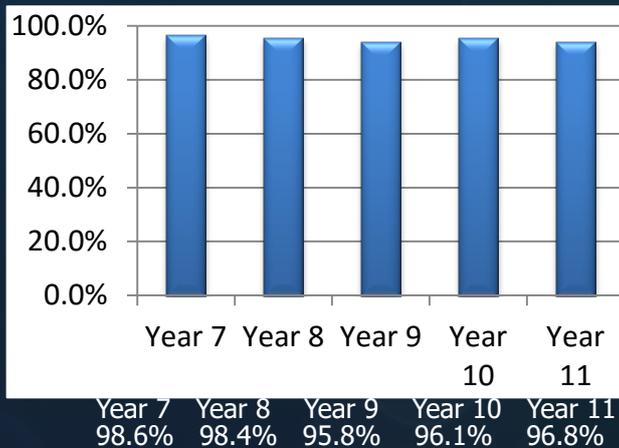


Here are some Countdown conundrums for you. Try to time yourself as you solve each one. 30 seconds is the target they use on TV.

Simply unscramble the letters to find a 9 letter word. GOOD LUCK! See Mrs Connolly with your answers and win a prize!

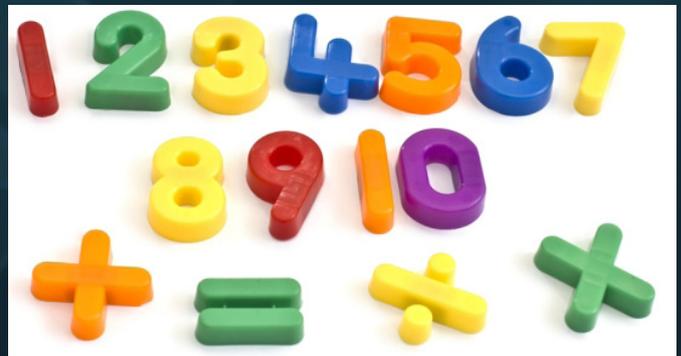
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## Attendance 07/09/15 - 11/09/15



## Maths Corner

Find three positive whole numbers that have the same answer added together or when multiplied together.



## Weekly Theme 'Keeping your eyes and ears open'

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'

They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.'

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly

about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.'

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We, St John Plessington Catholic College, a Voluntary Aided Academy, are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information from you, and may receive information about you from your previous school and the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- support your teaching and learning;
- monitor and report on your progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well your school is doing.

This information includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as ethnic group, any special educational needs and relevant medical information. If you are enrolling for post 14 qualifications we will be provided with your unique learner number (ULN) by the Learning Records Service and may also obtain from them details of any learning or qualifications you have undertaken.

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If you want to see a copy of the information about you that we hold and/or share, please contact Mrs C Lamb, Office Manager.

If you require more information about how the LA and/or DfE store and use your information please go to the following websites:

- Wirral Council website - <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/about-childrens-services/childrens-records>
- DfE website – <http://www.education.gov.uk/researchandstatistics/datatdatam/b00212337/datause>

If you are unable to access these websites, please contact the School Office for the LA information, or the DfE as follows:

- Public Communications Unit  
Department for Education  
Sanctuary Buildings  
Great Smith Street  
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Website: [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)  
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### **In addition for Secondary Schools -**

#### **Youth Support Services**

Once you are aged 13 or over, we are required by law to pass on certain information to the provider of youth support services in your area. This is the LA support service for young people aged 13 to 19 in England. We must provide both the name and address of you and your parents (and your date of birth) and any further information relevant to the support services' role.

However, until you are aged 16 or older, your parent(s) can ask that no information beyond your name, address and date of birth (and their name and address) be passed on to the youth services provider. This right transfers to you on your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please inform Mrs C Lamb, Office Manager if this is what you or your parents wish.

For more information about young peoples' services locally please go to the LA website shown above, or the Directgov Young People page at [www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/index.htm](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/index.htm).