



NEWSLETTER



Basil Hume Sixth Form Centre

The new Basil Hume Sixth Form Centre provides hi-spec study facilities for our students. There is a large 'open plan' study area with over 70 workstations and wi-fi access as well as offices for the Sixth Form Pastoral team. The new build connects with our College Library which our students can access with additional computer facilities available.

The Ann Benson-Burke Study Centre provides the students with an area for independent work and study. There are a number of bespoke Sixth Form classrooms including a new Media Suite with an

additional area for film and media development, where students study in a truly immersive environment. Photography, SFX and VFX are also a focus for the students as they utilise the Green Screen Studio with its wall to wall, ChromaKey Cyclorama enabling the students to create work of a professional standard.

The exciting new development means that our Sixth Formers will have facilities second to none. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark Davies on Wednesday 23rd September to open and bless the new centre.

We are finishing at 2.20pm on Tuesday 22nd September. Buses will not be available at that time.



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Puffin Crossing

As a result of a partnership between SJP School council, Living Streets and Road Safety Department we now have a Puffin Crossing. The crossing is situated outside the front of SJP and enables our pupils to cross Old Chester Road safely from College to the bus stops.

What is a Puffin Crossing?

Pelicans and Puffins are essentially the same, except that a Puffin Crossing has its sequences controlled by sensors mounted on the lights, rather than a timer. These sensors can detect whether any pedestrians are on the crossing and control the colour of the lights accordingly. Once the control button has been pressed, the lights will only change back to green once the crossing is clear. A Puffin Crossing doesn't have a flashing amber phase; you have to wait until the lights turn green before you move off.



Coming up

This 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

Next 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

02/10/15

DofE Silver Practice

03/10/15

DofE Silver Practice



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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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Antarctica A Really Cool Place

On Tuesday 15th September the Geography Department invited a guest speaker, Mr Brian Anderson into SJP. Brian is a local photographer and explorer. He has travelled to over 55 nations and territories in Europe, Africa, Asia, South America, and further afield to the High Arctic, Geographic North Pole and Antarctica, to capture landscape, wildlife and travel images. Brian Anderson believes photography is a 'powerful medium of expression and communication' and he uses his images so children and adults can explore, experience and discover the amazing places he has been to. Year 9 are currently studying a topic on Antarctica and Climate Change. Brian was able to show amazing photographs of the

continent as part of his talk 'Antarctica A Really Cool Place'. He visited Antarctica in 2003 and 2007 on the Professor Molchanov and Akademik Shokalskiy, and 2009 and 2010 on the Russian icebreaker 'Kapitan Khlebnikov' which sailed through the Weddell Sea ice pack to James Ross Island, where he was greeted by Emperor penguins and Crabeater seals. He has also explored the Antarctic Peninsula, Snow Hill Emperor Colony and the Falkland Islands. Our Pupils were able to get a real impression of the wildlife, climate and landforms that Antarctica has to offer, enabling Year 9 to adopt a greater understanding of the remote and wild continent.

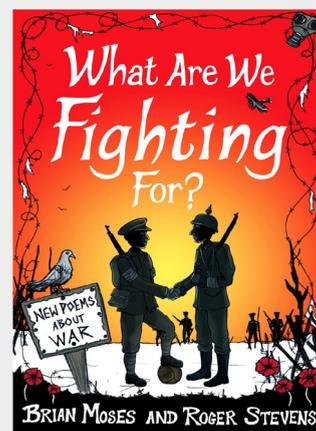
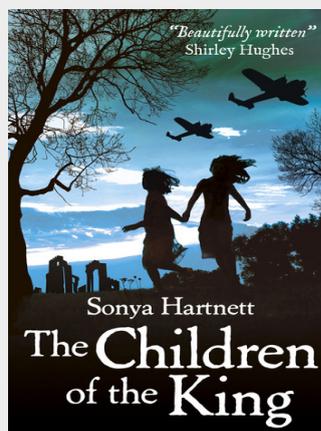
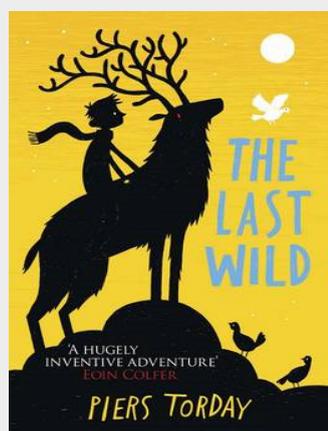
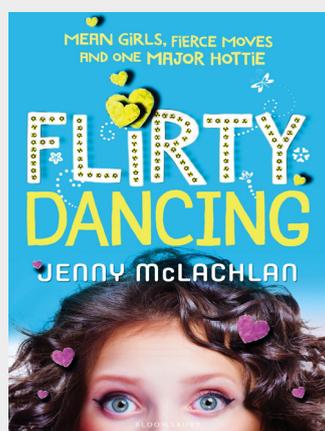


FREE BOOKS FOR ALL YEAR 7 PUPILS

BOOKBUZZ, the **FREE BOOKS** reading promotion for **ALL** Year 7 pupils is back again! Now in its ninth year, this extremely popular campaign which is organised by Booktrust and funded by the Department for Education has given a free book to almost two million children in England. The aim of Bookbuzz is to inspire and encourage young people to read for pleasure and discover new books and authors by providing every Year 7 pupil with a free book from the specially selected titles by award winning children's authors. There are twelve books in total which are displayed in the college library for Year 7 pupils to browse through. Orders can be given to Form Tutors and the books will be delivered to forms after the half term break.



More information can be found about Bookbuzz at www.bookbuzz.org.uk



European Day of Languages 2015



Friday 25th September at SJP we will celebrate European Day of Languages - a day created by the

Council of Europe to celebrate and promote language learning. We will have activities for all year groups to take part in, including a treasure hunt for Year 7 and a language challenge for Year 8 and Year 9 to show off their knowledge of languages within Europe. Also pupils will be able to partake in a French boules competition and can sample different foods from around Europe. For more information ask your language teacher.



Literacy Corner

Can you remember how to use modal verbs? This week's literacy corner will test your skills! Change the verbs below into modal verbs by inserting: **could, would, should, might, may** or **ought**.

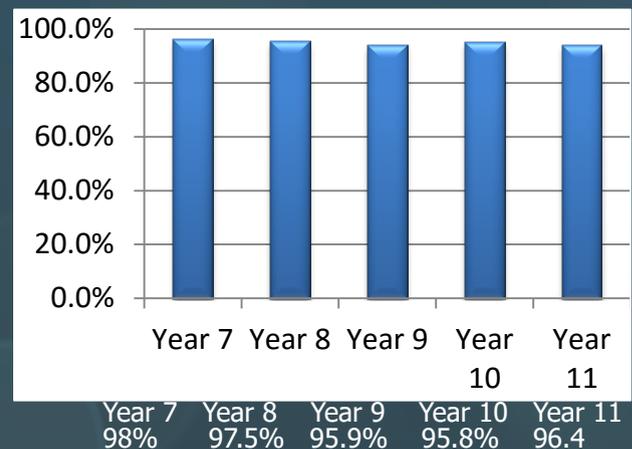
I have Vivos as a reward for working hard.

You have given me a gift.

They have bought me a new pair of shoes.

See Mrs Connolly in E11 with your answers to win a prize!

Attendance 14/09/15 - 18/09/15



Weekly Theme "Saying no to violence"

James 3:16-4:3

Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish conniving. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterised by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honour.

Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it. You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.

