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NEWSLETTER

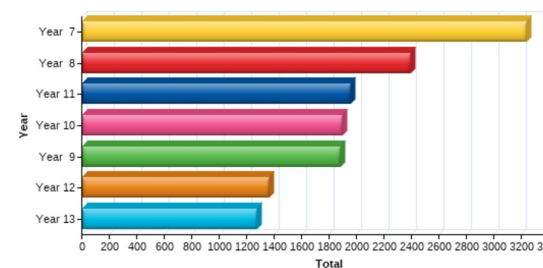
Coming Up

This Week - W/C 20.3.2017 (Week 2)

- Mar 20 PSHE P3
Oxford and Cambridge University Conference
- Mar 21 Cambridge - Magdalene College 'Achieving Excellence' event
- Mar 22 BTEC PE External Examination
RAF Stem Day
Year 10 Maths Feast 2017
- Mar 23 BTEC PE External Examination
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- Next Week - W/C 27.3.2017 (Week 1)
- Mar 28 Visit London for the 'To Kill a King Programme'
- Mar 29 Year 10 Performing Arts performance exams and letters of application
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QCF Enhanced Sampling Day
Year 12 Easter Cake Bake
- Mar 31 Business Studies Resit
Primary Dance Show
SJP Feast Day

VIVO REWARDS

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Year 11 Macbeth Performance

Last week, Year 11 students experienced a live performance of Macbeth, performed by the Manchester Actors Company. The actors performed key scenes from Shakespeare's play in order to support our students' understanding of plot, character and staging in preparation for their GCSE English Literature exam. Following the performance, students were given the opportunity to take part in a Q&A session and asked perceptive and thought-provoking questions. It was a successful afternoon for all, giving students the chance to cement their knowledge and understanding of one of their GCSE English Literature texts.



MACBETH

PGL Sports weekend

On Friday 10th March 49 pupils from St John Plessington travelled to Shrewsbury for the annual PGL Sports Weekend. The boys took part in football training and tournaments ran by professional FA Coaches, while some of the girls took part in a netball tournament and the other girls had some fantastic dance coaching and performed a routine on the Sunday. We arrived on Friday afternoon and after getting settled into our accommodation the pupils had a chance to relax and look around the site before dinner and the evening's entertainment. On Friday evening the boys went off to the sports hall and played dodge ball in a mini round robin tournament. Mr Camden and Mr Edwards started off playing but soon realised the majority of the pupils were targeting them, even some on their own team. Whilst the boys were at dodge ball the girls were taking part in an orienteering activity across the camp site which saw them split into teams trying to find hidden words.



On Saturday the pupils were up and out early for breakfast and the boys were on the football pitches for 9am. They took part in some high quality drills led by the FA coaches and the boys engaged fantastically with them. The netball team went straight into the tournament on Saturday and represented the school brilliantly. We came up against some extremely tough competition and fought bravely. After a shaky start the girls grew in confidence and gave their opponents a really tough match. The dancers were lucky enough to be the only dancers on site that weekend so had the dance coach all to themselves. They worked extremely hard putting a high quality dance routine together. After lunch the boys went down to the lake where they took part in raft building. There were some fantastic rafts built by the boys and a not so brilliant raft built by the three teachers (Mr Edwards, Mr Harris and Mr Camden). As soon as we were in the water it was clear the boys wanted to see all three teachers in the lake. The boys had a fantastic time and everyone ended up extremely wet at the end of the activity. The girls were lucky enough to have a go on the giant swing on Saturday afternoon and they were extremely brave, taking the swing up awfully high before releasing it. Saturday evening's entertainment consisted of quizzes and inter school games for the boys and team building activities for the girls.

On our final day at PGL the boys took part in a football tournament with other schools and represented the school superbly, with Toby Ward and Shay Roberts even getting awards from the FA coaches. The netball girls had a couple of matches left in their tournament and played even better than they had on the Saturday. Mr Nunnery went to watch the dance routine and said it was absolutely fantastic. Well Done to everyone on the trip you all represented the school brilliantly.



LITERACY CORNER

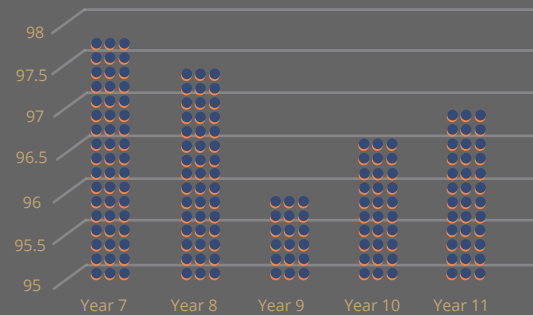
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See Mrs Connolly with your definitions and sentences!

ATTENDANCE

13.03.17 - 17.03.17



WEEKLY THEME "WE ARE ALL THE SAME"

John 4: 5-42

In Samaria Jesus came to the town called Sychar, which is near the field Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his long trip, so he sat down beside the well. It was about twelve o'clock noon. When a Samaritan woman came to the well to get some water, Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." (This happened while Jesus' followers were in town buying some food.)

The woman said, "I am surprised that you ask me for a drink, since you are a Jewish man and I am a Samaritan woman." (Jewish people are not friends with Samaritans.)

Jesus said, "If you only knew the free gift of God and who it is that is asking you for water, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said, "Sir, where will you get this living water? The well is very deep, and you have nothing to get water with. Are you greater than Jacob, our father, who gave us this well and drank from it himself along with his sons and flocks?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty. The water I give will become a spring of water gushing up inside that person, giving eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so I will never be thirsty again and will not have to come back here to get more water." Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and come back here." The woman answered, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You are right to say you have no husband. Really you have had five husbands, and the man you live with now is not your husband. You told the truth."

The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that Jerusalem is the place where people must worship."

Jesus said, "Believe me, woman. The time is coming when neither in Jerusalem nor on this mountain will you actually worship the Father. You Samaritans worship something you don't understand. We understand what we worship, because salvation comes from the Jews. The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, and that time is here already. You see, the Father too is actively seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming." (Messiah is the One called Christ.)

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK & Demo Day

Last week was British Science Week and there were many activities going on to promote British Science! Pupils got to learn about the work of British Scientists in their lessons and years 7-9 took part in a poster competition which will be entered into a national competition.

The atmosphere in the Science department was fantastic on Thursday as Demo Day took place with all classes getting to see some fun demonstrations.

Some of the exciting demonstrations taking place included; Mr Courtnage's Van de Graaff Generator, Mrs Murray's Eye Dissection, Miss Hulley's Magic Milk, Mr Lysaght's Zombie Hand & Mr Bowden- Graham, Miss Noone's Coloured Flames, Miss Moore's Screaming Jelly Baby, Mr Chatwin's Singing Pipes, Miss Trayner's Heart Dissection, Miss Eden's Elephants Toothpaste, Mrs Moore's Alka Seltzer Rockets, Miss Flanagan's Lung Dissection, Mr Griffith's Collapsing Can, Mrs Austin's Cannon Fire and Miss Walton's burning food. It was a fun filled day in the Science department.

All this was going on alongside our normal programme of STEM activities:

Tuesday after school - Bright Ideas Challenge - Year 9
Wednesday lunch - STEM Club - Spaghetti Challenge
Wednesday after school - STEM Clubs - Forensics - Year 7, Eco-rollercoaster - Year 8, Sustainable fuels - Year 10

ST CASSIAN'S Retreat Centre

On Friday 10th March, outreach youth work team from St Cassian's Retreat Centre in Kintbury, visited our school. The five team members spent a productive morning working with Gerard, the RE Department and a number of students from Years 9, 12 and 13 in the Chapel. They assisted with the Lent Liturgies and ran small groups with the students to give them an overview of what life is like on a retreat. The morning's sessions were capped off with the whole team delivering an assembly to Year 13 in the College Hall. The purpose of the assembly was to provide Year 13 students with information regarding upcoming Yes Week Retreats (10-15th July 2017) and possible opportunities for them to undertake a gap year volunteering on the Youth Team working out of St Cassian's Centre.

This message was also spread to our partner school; St Mary's Catholic College, a number of guest speakers from Kintbury went on to deliver similar assemblies there as well.

For further information regarding Yes Week Retreats or Gap Year please see Miss Boughey in the RE Department or look at the official St Cassian's Centre website: <http://www.thekintburyexperience.com>



SIXTH FORM SUPPORT SESSIONS

YEAR 12

After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Media	Geography	Geography	Geography
	Physics	Maths	Chemistry	P.E (unit 1 & 2)
	Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	DT*
	ICT BTEC	ICT BTEC	ICT BTEC	Maths
	Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies	Music*
	Music	Biology	Psychology	
	Sociology		English	
	Art		Applied Science	
	DT		DT	
	Ethics		Art	
	Geography		History	
			Further Maths	
			Art	

*By appointment

Lunch Time

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE				
Performing Arts (Drop in Session)				

YEAR 13

After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Eng Comb	Biology	Art	PE
	Eng Lit	Spanish	Chemistry	Philosophy & Ethics
	Physics	Maths	Applied Science	Health and Social
	Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies	
	ICT	ICT	ICT	
	Art		Sociology	
	Geography /WD		History	
	Psychology	Geography/WD	Geography/WD	Geography/WD
	DT PD/Textiles	DT PD/Textiles	DT PD/Textiles	DT PD/Textiles by app
	Perf Arts		Health & Social	
			Further Maths (x2 pupils)	

Lunch Time

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE				
Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts	Perf Arts