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NEWSLETTER



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Coming Up

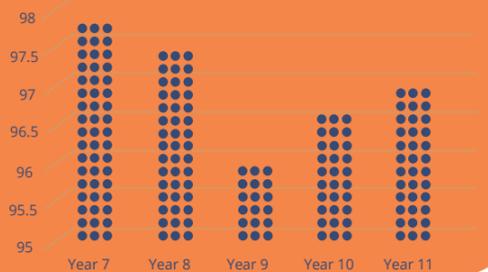
This Week - W/C 1.4.2017 (Week 2)

- 01** May Day Bank Holiday - College Closed
- 02** BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment PSHE P3
- 03** BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment Level 3 BTEC Business External Assessment
- 04** BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment Year 12 Performing Arts Written Exam P1 and P2
- 05** BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment

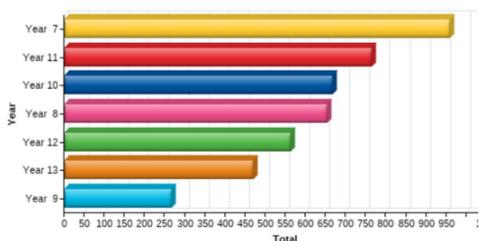
Next Week - W/C 8.5.2017 (Week 1)

- 08** BTEC IT Level 3 External Assessment Year 12 Performing Arts Written Exam P1 and P2
- 09** BTEC Level 3 Sport - Unit 2 Healthy Lifestyles Day, 9 Beta Theatre Workshop at SJP
- 10** Trip to University of Liverpool Computer Science Department
- 11** Core Biology / Physics ISAs

ATTENDANCE 24.04.17 - 28.04.17



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Abbie's Taekwondo Achievements

A huge well done to Abbie Hughes who was recently graded in front of World Master Peros 8th Degree Black Belt to gain her 3rd Black Belt star. Abbie gained her black belt 3 years ago and grades for a star each year in preparation for her 2nd degree Black Belt. It is brilliant news that we can announce that Abbie was successful in this grading. Abbie is shown in the picture below being awarded with her grade. Well done.



May the Month of Mary

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

May Devotions

This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Mary feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The May Crowning

Perhaps the most well-known of the May Marian devotions is the crowning of a statue of Mary with flowers. This became particularly popular in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with a procession of school-age boys and girls dressed in their finery, following the statue in a procession. In this ceremony, the statue is decorated at its base with flowers and one of the girls would be chosen to crown Mary with flowers. The nineteenth century hymn 'Bring Flowers of the Rarest' is a traditional accompaniment to this ceremony. Its lyrics, 'O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,' sum up what the celebrations are all about. This practice is echoed on a smaller scale throughout the Catholic world with families decorating a statue or picture of the Virgin Mary in their own homes.

Marian Shrines

Shrines dedicated to Mary such as Lourdes in France also receive particular attention during this special month and, again, are decorated with flowers. Pilgrims sometimes undertake a journey to reach a particular shrine, praying the rosary along the way. The lady chapel of a church or cathedral is often also decorated with flowers during May.

Devotions to Mary are sometimes questioned by people who misunderstand Catholic devotion to Mary the Mother of worshipped in the way that Catholics worship God. She is honoured as the mother of Jesus who said "Yes" to God.

Bright Ideas

Well Done to Jessica Toner and Anya Cliff for entering Sustain-a-city into the Bright Ideas Challenge.

These girls showed excellent team work and resilience to produce a model city and a video presentation explaining aspects of the city. This has now been submitted to a panel of judges and we are waiting to see if they have been successful.

The pupils are now preparing their project for presentation in the Big Bang Fair North West in July.

Good luck to you both!

STEM Clubs

Bright Ideas Challenge - Tuesday after school Sc2
Forensics Club - Wednesday after school Sc8
STEM Club - Wednesday after school Sc2



