



St John Plessington Catholic College



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Review Day Years 7 & 10 Friday 24th November
Years 8,9,11 & Sixth Form are to complete work
set at home.

NEWSLETTER

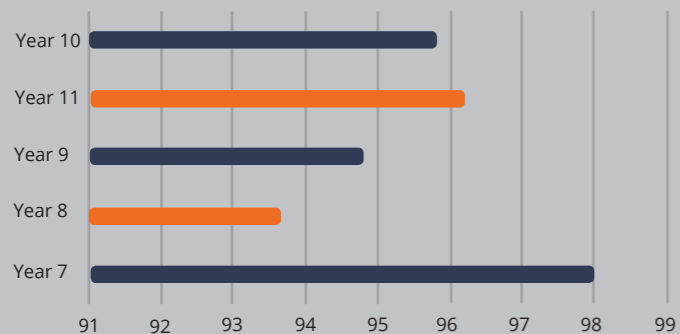
COMING UP This Week - 13.11.17

13 Nov	
14 Nov	Unilever 'Bright Futures'
15 Nov	People Places and Things' at the Playhouse Theatre
16 Nov	
17 Nov	

COMING UP Next Week - 20.11.17

20 Nov	
21 Nov	Create Your Future UCAS event
22 NOV	PSHE P2
23 NOV	
24 NOV	Review Day Y7 & Y10

ATTENDANCE 6.10.17 - 10.11.17



Unlocking what Advent means with Prayer - Music - Stories - Fun & Free Doughnuts
AN EVENT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN MIND, BUT OPEN TO ALL!

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HOLY APOSTLES AND MARTYRS, WALLASEY

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DECEMBER 4TH 2017

HOLY APOSTLES AND MARTYRS
ST GEORGE'S RD,
WALLASEY, CH45 6TU.

7PM UNTIL 8.30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL YOUTH@DIOCESEOFSHREWSBURY.ORG

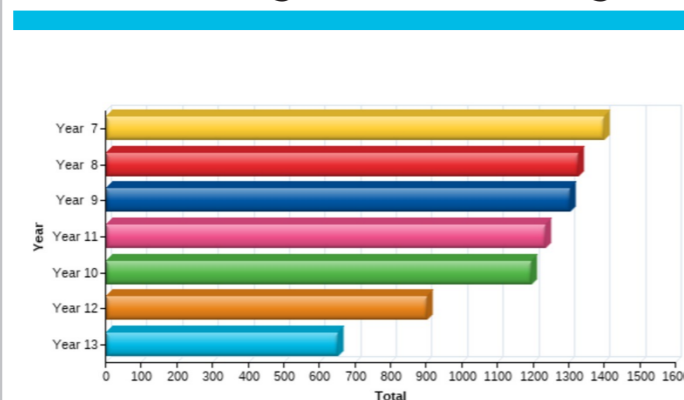
An evening in your Parish with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team

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CELEBRATING D_oF_E SUCCESS



Our Duke of Edinburgh Award programme enjoyed a fantastic awards evening with special guest Gill Burns, MBE, and former Captain of England's Women's Rugby Team. During the evening we celebrated the achievements of 134 of our pupils by awarding them with this highly prestigious award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level.

The evening had a wonderful feeling of friendship, family and success about it. This was due to pupils being surrounded by friends and supported by family. Gill Burns congratulated our pupils on their achievements, whilst challenging them to always think about the next step. This message was backed up by Gill's stories of her incredible career in Women's Rugby – a tremendous message of accomplishment and challenge. Those who know about the Duke of Edinburgh Award know that it is not easy at any level. It is a challenge, one which all of our pupils not only attempted but accomplished. It is wonderful to hear the many stories our pupils have about their expeditions as these indicate that the Duke of Edinburgh Award is a real experience with memories that will last beyond their time at school.

Due to the achievements of our pupils, this was the first of two scheduled awards evenings which will take place this academic year. This is a testament to the commitment and enthusiasm our pupils show towards this challenging yet invaluable award. Well done everybody!



SIXTH FORM COLOUR RUN

On Wednesday 9th November SJP's Sixth Form took part in a Colour Run in order to raise money for the Wirral Food Bank. In the build up to the event pupils raised money through sponsorship and form collections. The event was a huge success with over 50 Sixth Formers, including the Head Boy and Girl Team, heading out onto the yard ready to be showered with paint. Pupils lapped the yard for 15 minutes with staff throwing paint as they sprinted past. The pupils had a brilliant time, exhausted and brightly decorated at the end the run. All monies raised will have a huge impact for the local community in providing goods needed in the run up to the Christmas holidays. Well done to all Sixth Formers who took part and raised money, making us all immensely proud and hugely grateful for their efforts.



CAKE & BAKE SHOW - MANCHESTER



On Friday 10th November Year 11, 12 and 13 Food and Nutrition pupils attended the Cake and Bake Show in Manchester.

This was a wonderful and enjoyable opportunity for the pupils to enhance their presentation skills and meet to specialists in the field. Pupils viewed a Baking Academy session from Juliet Sear on how to decorate a tiered Unicorn cake and also watched super theatre showcases from Candice Brown and the Baker Brothers.

Students were able to witness the skills in action as cake decorators and professional bakers showcased their skills and work. One particular highlight was the Narnia scene made entirely from cake.

There were hundreds of professionals in the building for pupils to talk to and learn from, and many comments

were made about how polite and mature our young people were. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was a huge success. Many of the pupils are already excited about a potential visit again next year!

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

Our traditional Christmas Fair 'Here Comes Christmas' takes place on Friday 1st December. Pupils will have the afternoon off from lessons to attend this very popular and successful community event. We open our doors to the public at 3.00pm. There is something for everybody! With a range of exciting and imaginative stalls and games! The money raised is split between our fundraising for 'Wirral Food Banks' as well as college based projects that benefit our own children. Please be aware that pupils are free to leave from 3.00pm on this day, although of course many of them choose to stay on and meet up with their families. It is a wonderful community event that we hope you will support. Pupils are in full school uniform that day although they may leave their school bags at home for this one occasion.

November - A Time to Remember

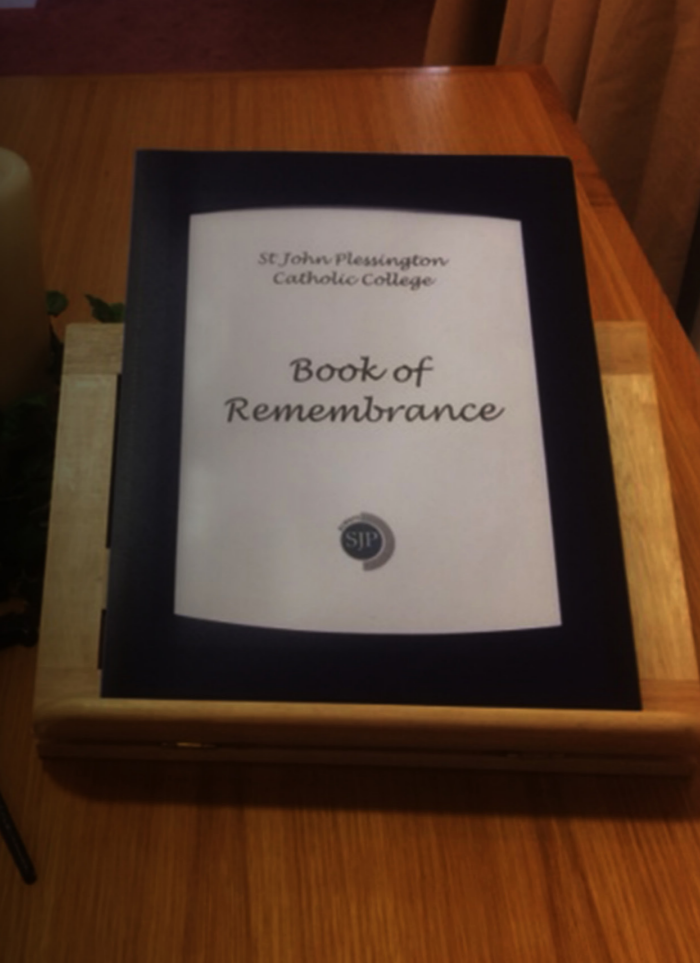
During the month of November we especially remember those who have died, from our families and among our friends.

We are grateful to them for the faith and for the gift of family they have passed on to us or the friendship they have given to us. We thank God for all those who have touched our hearts and our lives.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

The most beautiful memorial we can give to those we love is a living memory nourished by prayer, gratitude and ever-deepening affection.

During November our College Book of Remembrance will be on display in the College Atrium.



Y13 VISIT TO SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE

Last Tuesday a group of twelve students from Year 13, currently studying English Literature and exploring Shakespeare's play King Lear, set out on a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to visit the birthplace of Shakespeare - a town interlaced with his influence, inspired by his journey, his life and his works. The students were first guided around the home of Joan Hart, the only sister of

Shakespeare who survived childhood and actually outlived him, providing us with the only descendants of Shakespeare's family who still live in Stratford-upon-Avon today. The students then walked through the birthplace of Shakespeare, viewing the pantry, kitchen area, and the upstairs bedroom which astoundingly retains the original flooring which Shakespeare would have walked on throughout his youth. The tour was ended with a live performance from actors who performed scenes from King Lear in the scenic gardens, in the rain, which perfectly paralleled the famous storm in the original play. After the tour, the students were allowed to wander the picturesque town before attending a private lecture on King Lear delivered by the Shakespeare Birthplace Company revolving around the context of the play and the presentation of the theme of power which is prevalent throughout the plot, giving them an essential insight and knowledge for their final exam.

written by Kristina Evans of 13MT



STEM CLUBS LAUNCH IN SCIENCE

Dissection Club

Dissection Club has got off to great start this year with an eye and a kidney and heart already dissected. Come along to Sc1 on a Wednesday at 12.30 to see more items being dissected! Still to come this year, lungs, liver, fish and locusts!



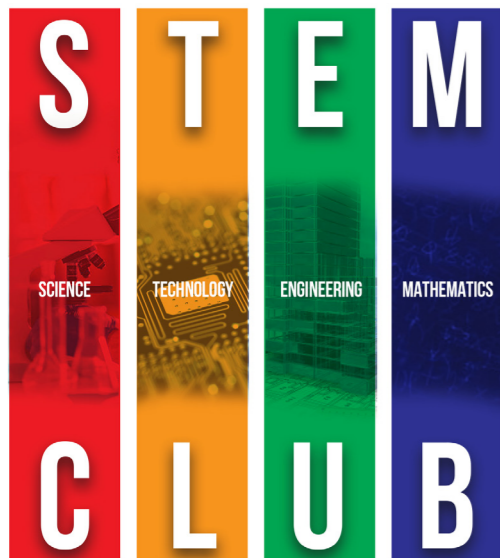
Young Vet Club

The Science department have welcomed two new arrivals in the form of two Royal Pythons called Chick and Duck. They continue to settle in well and are thrilling pupils in their Science lessons. Pop in to Sc2 to meet them and possibly have a cuddle. The Young Vets Club will be responsible for looking after them, meeting on a Thursday after school in Sc7 where they are currently learning about snake care and handling.



Building Bridges

Years 9 and 10 are starting an exciting new project in STEM, in partnership with Liverpool University. They are creating a scale model of the new Mersey Gateway Bridge which is due to open shortly in Runcorn. Professor Andrew Green from Liverpool University's School of Engineering and his team will be in school to support our pupils. We still need pupils to get involved in this, so if you are interested visit Miss Moore in Sc2 to ask for details.



The Science department have worked hard this year to bring some fantastic extracurricular opportunities to all years at SJP. From Forensics with Miss Noone and Miss Eden to testing what effect alcohol has on the organs of the body with Miss Hulley, improving your football skills with Science with Miss Trayner, learning how to care for animals in the Young Vets club with Miss Walton, building bridges using 3D printing with Miss Moore or making a robot using hydraulics with Mr Chatwin - there is something for everyone on offer! Come and get involved.

Participation in STEM Clubs has been shown to raise attainment at GCSE by a whole grade, plus it's fun!

You can also come along to STEM Lite Bite on a Wednesday lunchtime in Sc1 at 12.30-12.45pm to see some gruesome dissections!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS AVAILABLE

On behalf of the Physical Education department I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to our latest update in this month's newsletter. Here you can keep up to date with all our latest sport and physical activity announcements.

In this issue I would like to take the opportunity to inform our Year 7 pupils, whilst reminding Years 8-11, about the number of extra-curricular sports clubs available (please see below for our latest timetable).

So far this term we have been overwhelmed with the response and attendance across all years and sports. Those attending so far have been able to learn and apply new skills, improve health and fitness whilst having fun with friends. However, we would still like to see as many pupils getting involved; so if you have not attended an activity yet, then why not come along? As a gentle reminder all we ask is that you arrive on time and have the correct kit for your chosen sport.

If you would like any more information about any of our fantastic clubs, then please come along to the Physical Education department and ask a member of staff.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11 / 13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10 / 7 Assembly	Friday 9 / 8 Assembly
12 - 12.35pm	Boccia Club PE BTEC Club	Yr 9/10 Netball (KP) Yr 9 and 10 Basketball (MJH)	Yr 11 Basketball Year 9/10 Girls Rugby (AN)	Yr 9 Dance (AN) Yr 9/11 Football (BDN)	Yr 10 and 11 Badminton (CO) Yr 10 and 11 Football (MJH)
12.35 - 1.10pm		Yr 7 and 8 Tag Rugby (AN/CO) Yr 7 and 8 Basketball (BDN/BK)	Yr7 Dance (KP) Yr 8 Netball (CO) Yr 7 and 8 Football (MJH)	Yr 8 Dance (KP/CO) Yr 8 Rugby (MJH)	Yr 7 Netball (KP) Yr 7 Rugby (AN/BK)
3.20 - 4.20pm		All years Boys Football Yr 7, 10, 11 Dance (KP/CO) All years Girls Football (DT) PE Fixtures -various	All years Rugby All Years squad Netball PE Fixtures -various	All years Basketball Year 9 and 8 Dance (KP) Girls Rugby - Touch/Contact (AN) PE Fixtures -various	PE BTEC Club

BOYS CLUBS / GIRLS CLUBS / MIXED CLUBS



AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT TIMETABLE

All sessions are 3.20 - 4.30pm unless otherwise organised with subject staff

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	History	Maths	Psychology	DT
	Physics	Biology	Chemistry	Spanish
	Applied Science	Music	Geography	
	Sociology	Geography	Health & Social	
	DT	DT	DT	
	Art	Philosophy & Ethics	Art	
	ICT (PL)	ICT (DEK, AF1, PL)	Media	
	English	Business (KMP/HLL)	Business (NH)	
		Computing \ (DEK/AF1)	English	

LITERACY CORNER

Split Words

Combine the split words in the grid into ten whole words of one or two syllables (a syllable is a unit of sound, so the word "open" has two syllables: o - pen).

The theme is the beach. Bring your list of ten words to Mrs Connolly and win a prize.

pools life cream sand sea
castle ger rubber salt swimming
dinghy glasses weed sun rock
guard ice water trunks loun



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Thought for the week

Week Commencing 13th November 2017

"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Albert Pine



"Our time has a great need for hope!"
Pope Francis

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God our Father,

I offer to you everything that I do this day. I offer to you my prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen me so that my life may be of service to you and all who I meet.

St John Plessington
Pray for us.

