



St John Plessington Catholic College



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NEWSLETTER

COMING UP

This Week - 25.09.17

25 SEP	
26 SEP	
27 SEP	OPEN MORNING 9.00am - 11.00am
28 SEP	Healthy Lifestyles Day Y7 Alpha Y11 Parents' Evening
29 SEP	DofE Bronze Qualifier Y10

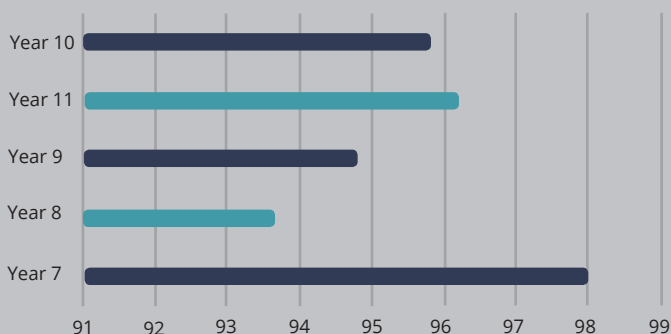
COMING UP

Next Week - 02.10.17

02 OCT	PSHE P2
03 OCT	
04 OCT	No Pen Day
05 OCT	Awards Evening 2017 DofE Silver Y11 Practice Healthy Lifestyles Day Y7 Beta
06 OCT	DofE Silver Y11 Practice

ATTENDANCE

18.09.17 - 22.09.17



VACANCIES - FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AND PARENT GOVERNORS

Foundation Governors and Parent Governors play a very important role on our Governing Body and are a vital part of our College community, upholding the Catholic Ethos in all aspects of College life. We currently have 1 vacancy for Foundation Governor and 2 vacancies for Parent Governors. If you would like to know more about these important roles, please contact Helen Caul, Clerk to Governors at the College.

European Day of Languages - Tuesday 26th September

The 5 phrases that a year 8 student may say to you are:

¿Puedo quitarme la chaqueta?

Can I take my blazer off?

Gracias señora/señorita/señor

Thank you Mrs/Miss/Sir

Lo siento pero no entiendo

I'm sorry but I don't understand

¿Puedes ayudarme por favor?

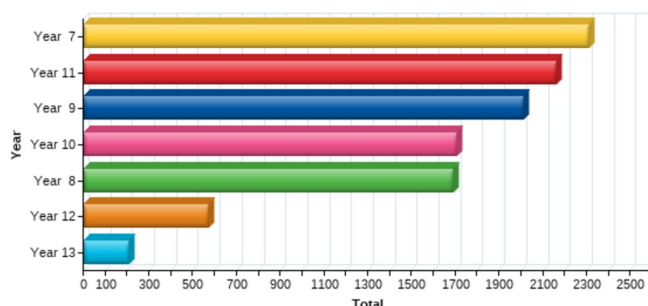
Can you help me please?

¿Puedo distribuir los cuadernos?

Can I give the books out?

VIVO REWARDS

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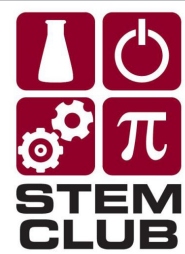


STEM Clubs launch in Science

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 pneumatics 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!



STEM Club Name	What's involved?	Who for?	When and where?	Staff
Forensic Science	From fingerprints to footprints every criminal leaves a trace of themselves at a crime scene. Learn how Science can help to solve crimes!	Year 7 (Sixth Form welcome as helpers)	Thursday after school in Sc5/8 3.20-4.20pm	RAN/ZOE
What does alcohol do to the body?	Design your own experiments to investigate the effects of alcohol on body organs. Get hands on with dissection!	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Sixth Form welcome as helpers)	Wednesday after school 3.20-4.20pm in Sc6	JEH
Can Science improve your football ability?	Investigate ways in which Science can improve fitness and footballing skills.	Years 9, 10 and 11 (Sixth Form welcome as helpers)	Wednesday after school 3.20-4.20pm in Sc1	DMT
Building Bridges	Work alongside the University of Liverpool to build and test structures using 3D printers.	Year 9 and 10 (Sixth Form welcome as helpers)	Wednesday after school 3.20-4.20pm in Sc2	SMM
Pneumatics and the body	Can pneumatics be used to replace limbs? Build your own full working model of the body using pneumatics.	Year 10 and 11 (Sixth Form welcome as helpers)	Thursday after school Wk1 3.20-4.20pm Friday Wk2 3.20-4.20pm in Sc2	FRC
Young Vets Club	Learn about different animals, how to care for them and what illnesses they may have and how to treat them.	All years (Sixth Form welcome as helpers)	Thursday after school 3.20-4.20pm Sc7	SDW
STEM Lite Bite	Come along at lunch time and watch dissections, learn how to create Science experiments using the contents of your kitchen and learn how to make slime and bouncy balls as well as making your own bath bombs and sherbet!	All years (Sixth Form welcome as helpers)	Wednesday 12.30pm in Sc1	SMM



Big Bang Fair

Well done to our SJP STEMists at the Big Bang Fair 2017!

Our STEM Clubs at SJP attended the Big Bang Fair 2017 and came back with an award! Our groups presented their projects on Eco-Fairgrounds, Sustainable Cities and Forensics to a panel of judges. The pupils worked hard all year on these projects and the trophy was well deserved. Well done STEMists!

We also had a brilliant time at the Big Bang Fair getting to see lots of exciting experiments and talking to interesting scientists, plus we got lots of freebies!

Diocese of Shrewsbury Schools' Building Fund

A booklet informing parents and guardians about voluntarily supporting the Schools' Building Fund will be distributed to pupils to pass to parents and guardians.



OPEN MORNINGS*

Wednesday 27th September 2017 | 9.00am

*For parents and carers only

Don't miss the last chance to take a guided tour of our outstanding school



LITERACY CORNER

Word Weave Challenge

Your challenge this week is to learn, and include, the following words into your written work. They must be appropriately used.

1. **Plausible** – (adjective) meaning realistic, likely to be true.
EG. That is a plausible excuse.

2. **Invariably** – (adverb) meaning always; without exception.

EG. I **invariably** have breakfast each day.

Collaborate – (verb) meaning to work together on a job.

EG. We **collaborated** well in the task set by our teacher.

This will help widen your vocabulary range. Show me your words, in your work and WIN a prize! See Mrs Connolly.

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WEEKLY THEME



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Thought for the week

Week Commencing 25th September 2017

“You can’t live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.”

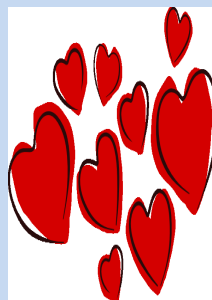
John Wooden



“Dear young people, the Church expects great things of you and your generosity. Don’t be afraid to aim high”
Pope Francis



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Loving Father,
Help me to be generous with my gifts,
talents and time that I may bring joy and
happiness to others
Amen.
St John Plessington
Pray for us

Funding of Our Catholic Schools

Our Catholic schools are Voluntary Aided or Academies and most income is derived from public funds. However, in return for the right to promote the Catholic Faith in our schools, 10% of the cost of building works and major repairs in our Voluntary Aided schools and the cost of managing repairs and improvements to our school buildings must be met by the Diocese.

Why was the Schools Building Fund set up?

The 10% cost of building schools and other major building repairs and improvements used to be met from the regular giving made at Mass by parishioners of the Parish (or Parishes) connected to the school. This was often giving by those who could least afford it.

Today, building works are still needed as we strive to continually improve our schools to provide the best teaching and learning environment for your children. However, Mass attendance has fallen in recent times, and the burden of the 10% cost could no longer be met by Parishes. In response to this the Schools Building Fund was set up by the Diocese in 2000, in order to meet the 10% cost of building works and the development of building programmes in our schools.

How can you help?

All parents with Children attending a school in the Diocese are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the Schools Building Fund. See inside this leaflet for more details.

The suggested contribution is £15 per child (as little as 29p per child per week!) However, you are free to give more or less than this figure - your child will not be treated any differently.

Help your Child's School

Please give generously for your children's future

My Dear Parents,

It is of great importance that the school buildings in the Diocese that children are educated in provide an environment that reflects the teachings of Christ in the Gospels, and I am very grateful to those parents and guardians who support the Schools Building Fund at a time when there are many calls on your generosity.

There is a continual need to repair and improve school buildings to meet the requirements of the many varied educational activities that take place within them so that the very best Catholic education can be provided. With your help, I am confident that this can be achieved. How you make a voluntary contribution to the Schools Building Fund is described in this leaflet.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ

+ Man

Bishop of Shrewsbury



Donate Online
See inside for details



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SHREWSBURY

SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND

Finance Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton CH43 4UX
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Registered Charity No. 234025



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SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND

How you can make your voluntary contribution

The appeal for contributions is made each year. The suggested contribution is £15 per child, but you are free to give more or less than this.

Direct to School

Complete the **Direct Donations to School Form** (Form A) and send this with your cash/cheque contribution in an envelope direct to your child's school. If your child's school allows you to make payments using ParentsPay, ParentMail, Tucasi, etc... you may also be able to make your contribution in this way. You can also Gift Aid your contribution using Form B on the opposite page.

Online

Make your voluntary contribution online. go to: **www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund** where you can donate via PayPal.

You will also find a Direct Debit form to download and complete if you wish to make your voluntary contribution using this method. You can also Gift Aid your donation online.

FORM A

DIRECT DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

NAME OF CHILD(REN):

Please find enclosed my voluntary contribution of £ _____ Paid by cheque / cash for the purpose of the Diocese of Shrewsbury Schools Building Fund.

Cheques should be made out to the name of your school and this form returned to that schools.

Remember do not send Direct Donations (Form A) to the Curial Offices - **return it to your child's school.**

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms (please delete)

First Name(s) _____

Surname _____

School attended by your child(ren) _____

Local Authority _____

FOR OFFICE USE

(to be completed by School)

DATE RECEIVED: _____

BANK ACCOUNT PAYING IN SLIP NO: _____

I confirm that the above sum was received on the date indicated.

Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees
Registered Charity No.234025

FORM B

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees
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Please complete this form - even if you have done so in previous years

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms (please delete)

First Name(s) _____

Surname _____

Home Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

School attended by your child(ren) _____

Local Authority _____

I request that all donations i have made to the above charity since 6 April 2013 all qualifying gifts of money that i make hereafter shall be treated as Gift Aid donations. I am UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

I intend to make my voluntary contribution by:

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Online (via ParentPay, Tucasi, SchoolMoney, ParentMail, etc...

Direct to school for: £ _____

Signature of Donor _____

Date of signature ____/____/ 20____

Please send this form to:

Ann Holmes, Finance Office, Diocese of Shrewsbury, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton CH43 4UX

The information on this Declaration will be used to complete HM Revenue & Customs and to update appropriate internal records, and will be held by the Diocese to provide information for statutory/audit purposes and to communicate with donor.

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Boost the value of your voluntary contribution by 25% with Gift Aid!



If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can take advantage of Gift Aid for your voluntary contribution. See the opposite page for how you can Gift Aid if giving by Direct Debit or Online via PayPal.

If contributing directly to your school, complete the Gift Aid Declaration (Form B). Gift Aid on your contribution will then be reclaimed for the Schools Building Fund.

