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NEWSLETTER

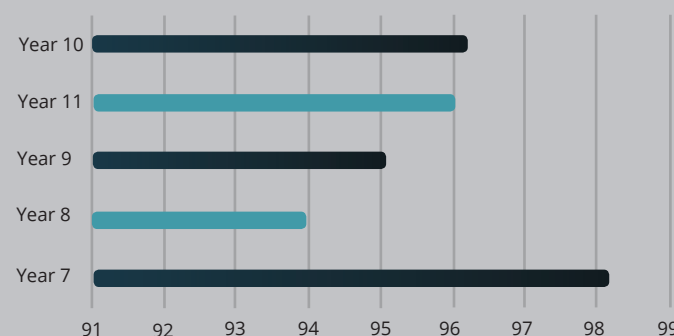
COMING UP This Week - 15.1.18

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| 05 Feb | |
| 06 Feb | |
| 07 Feb | Y9 University of Liverpool Italian taster day |
| 08 Feb | Y9 Info Evening |
| 09 Feb | History Conference PSHE P2 |

COMING UP Next Week - 12.2.18

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| 12 Jan | |
| 13 Jan | Mardi Gras |
| 14 Jan | Paris Trip 2018 |
| 15 Jan | Paris Trip 2018 |
| 16 Jan | Paris Trip 2018 |

ATTENDANCE 29.1.18 - 2.2.18



A LEVEL MASTER CLASS

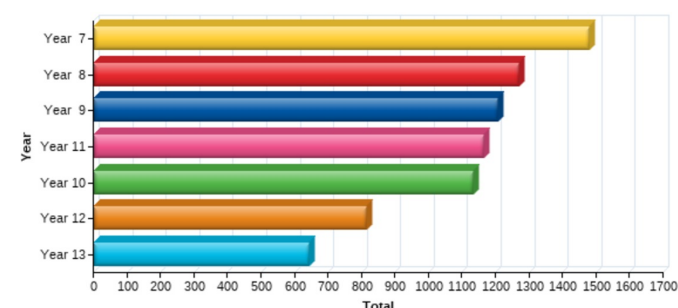
Three A Level RE students participated in an A Level Masterclass Conference at the Friend's Meeting House, Manchester on Friday. The event was run by Academy Conferences, and Speakers such as Professor Keith Ward - 'Regius Professor Emeritus of Divinity at Oxford, and formerly professor of the history and Philosophy of Religion at Kings College London - delivered a lecture on 'Ethical frameworks.

Tim Mawson, lecturer tutor at Peter's College, Oxford discussed 'What is the meaning of life?' Our own Natalie Cannell contributed to the debate, arguing that belief in God is routed in personal faith, not 'rational, philosophical' arguments. She bravely asked Dr Mawson: why do we need to 'rationalise' belief in God?



VIVO REWARDS

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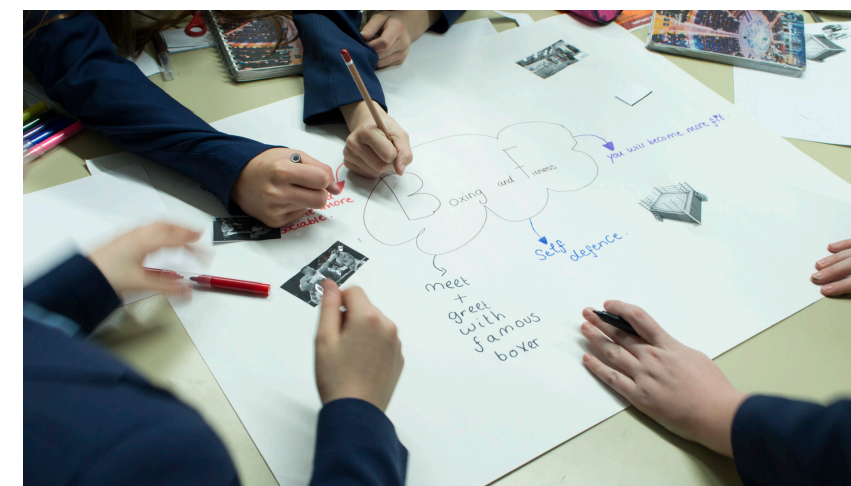


YEAR 7 ENTERPRISE DAY

Year 7 pupils participated in an exciting and motivating Enterprise Day last Wednesday. The Inspirational Learning Company spent the day at SJP, conducting workshops and activities, and advising pupils on how to develop their employability skills.

The activities were based around a 'Dragons' Challenge', for which pupils had to devise a new product that would be profitable and sustainable in today's marketplace. Their task this year is to design a new real life activity aimed at 11-14 year olds for the London-based company KidZania - an indoor activity theme park where children get a realistic insight into the adult world by taking part in a choice of 'jobs' which earn them points to take part in other activities.

All teams gave a presentation which included information on the design of their activity, promotional material included in their advert and a draft email to their target company. The winning team was from 7OR and their idea was 'design with Disney', where children have the opportunity to design their own Disney story and produce a book. It was a very interesting concept, presented in a confident way. The winning team was made up of Erin Bibby, Rosie Meaney, Siara Robinson, Beth Lewis, Ciara Sutton and Amelia Lonsdale, and they will represent SJP at the National Enterprise Challenge in the summer term with Dragons' Den star Theo Paphitis. Well done to the winners, and to all of Year 7 for embracing the experience with such enthusiasm.



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Year 9 KS4 Information Evening
Thursday 8th February 2018
6.00pm

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ORACY TRIP

Selfies. Over 1 million photos tagged with '#selfie' are posted each day across the world to platforms such as Instagram and Facebook. Celebrities take them, adults take them and teenagers love them. It's a word that has become synonymous with social media, self-love, and in some cases, shocking levels of self-obsession. This was the topic of Wirral Young Chamber's first oracy debate of the year: 'Scrutinizing the selfie – Self Confidence or Self Obsession?' The event was held at

Birkenhead School on Tuesday 23rd January and Mrs Smart took a team of 11 pupils from Y9 and Sixth Form ready to engage in the thought-provoking discussion.

The event followed the 'Question Time' format and included a panel of five experts to offer their views on this controversial trend. Our students particularly enjoyed asking questions to Dr Sally-Ann Dolan MBChB, the owner of a local aesthetic clinic, about how she felt selfies affected an individual's self-esteem. Head Boy Jonathan Nield engaged in an interesting debate with the Deputy Head of Birkenhead School about whether or not selfies promote equality for women. This was good preparation for the next 'Question Time' event in April when we will be hosting the event at SJP.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

School Direct is a one-year, full time teacher training programme. At SJP, all School Direct Associate Teachers (ATs) are allocated a dedicated subject mentor, and guided by specialist tutors. At the end of the year, successful ATs will qualify with QTS and PGCE, which is accredited by the University of Chester.

What are the entry requirements?

- UK university degree 2:1 or above (2:2 for Maths, Physics, Chemistry, MFL) or a recognised equivalent qualification – we also accept applications from final year students due to graduate in 2018
- Grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics (Science for Primary)
- At least two full days of school observation

You will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check to verify your suitability to work with young people

What subjects do we offer?

We currently offer teacher training for Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, DT, Drama, English, Geography, History, Maths, Media, Modern Foreign Languages, PE, Physics, Primary, RE and Social Sciences.

In addition, our School Experience Programme offers the opportunity to spend a day or two at SJP in your subject department. You will be able to observe classes taking place, engage with pupils, and speak to subject staff and the School Direct ATs who are currently training with us.

If you would like to know more about School Direct or our School Experience Programme please contact Helen Ruscoe, Teaching School and Marketing Manager, enquiries@sjpsa.com or 0151 645 5049.

TEACHING
YOUR FUTURE | THEIR FUTURE

LITERACY CORNER!

I and me
Sometimes it is hard to choose between I and me.
A good tip, to help you to decide, is to take out the other person from the sentence.
FOR EXAMPLE: The next door neighbours invited Dave and me to a barbecue.
If you remove Dave from the sentence, it must still make sense. Me is the correct choice in this sentence.

TRY THE FOLLOWING:

1. James and ____ went to the school play.
2. They asked if Julie and ____ wanted to go to town.
3. This present is for you and ____.
4. You and ____ didn't leave the room in this mess.
5. The teacher asked Peter and ____ to stop talking.

REMEMBER: The pronoun I is **always** written as a capital letter.



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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 | |



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Thought for the week

Week Commencing 5th February 2018

"Responsibilities are given to the person on whom trust rests.

Responsibility is always a sign of trust."

James Cash Penney



An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.

Pope Francis

Father, you have given all peoples one common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all.

By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May there be an end to division, strife and war.

May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

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Pray for us