



St John Plessington Catholic College



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NEWSLETTER

COMING UP This Week - 26.03.18

26 Mar	Trip to Ecology & Conservation Y11 BTEC IT Exam Y10 BTEC PE
27 Mar	Up for Debate Regional Competition Y10 Bromborough Bowling rewards trip Yr 13 Exam Concert
28 Mar	China Exchange Begins Holy Week Liturgies Y11 BTEC IT Exam
29 Mar	Y11 BTEC IT Exam Cinema Visit for A2 examination Holy Week Liturgies
30 Mar	Good Friday Easter Holidays Begins

STEM & VET SCIENCE TRIP TO CHESTER ZOO

SJP's budding STEM and Veterinary Science students visited Chester Zoo last week. They were fascinated to learn about the zoo keepers' work and the animals in their care.



Year 8 Oracy Day

On Wednesday 21st March we held our fourth Oracy Conference Day of the year as part of our ongoing commitment to developing our pupils' speaking and listening skills. The theme for Y8A was 'Every voice should be heard' and we considered issues such as who speaks loudest in society and who is 'voiceless', the benefits of speaking well for job prospects, education and leisure as well as for defending and advocating on behalf of others. We learnt how to craft speeches by evaluating the work of celebrities such as Michael McIntyre and Michelle Obama before putting these skills into action by creating our own one minute speeches on the importance of oracy or 'my passion'. It was fantastic to see pupils grow in confidence throughout the day and push themselves to stand up in front of their peers and deliver speeches on a range of topics.



During period 5, two winners from each form presented their speeches to the rest of the year group - these ranged from a heartfelt anecdotal speech explaining the benefits of oracy for the inclusion and protection of vulnerable people to a persuasive piece encouraging people to sponsor an endangered animal to a comedy speech highlighting the appeal of the computer game 'Fortnite'.

The overall winners, Lulu Jackson and Natalia Niebrzegowska, were awarded their prizes by our guest speaker Councillor Warren Ward. It was fantastic to welcome Warren back to SJP as an ex-pupil of the college and to hear him speak to us about his journey into politics and the importance of young people's voices. Some of our pupils interviewed him on stage and we learnt about the records that he has broken including that he is the youngest elected politician in the UK and that he was the youngest politician ever elected across the Merseyside region. He was certainly very inspiring for our pupils and responded well to their challenging questions. It was a fantastic day and hopefully just the beginning of their journey to realising that 'every voice should be heard' including their own and those who are 'voiceless'.

Great British Dance Off

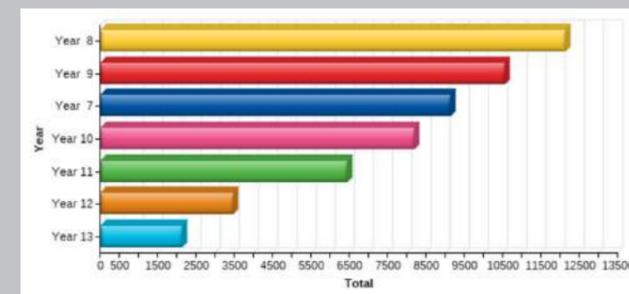
On Tuesday 20 March SJP hosted its annual dance show. This year the theme was 'The Great British Dance Off', and 70 girls from Years 7 - 13 displayed fantastic talent, and gave performances from all different styles of dance. They portrayed some of the most iconic British themes, from the Brit Awards to festivals to television shows.

We are extremely proud of all the girls involved, especially those who developed their own choreography. Well done girls, we can't wait until next year!

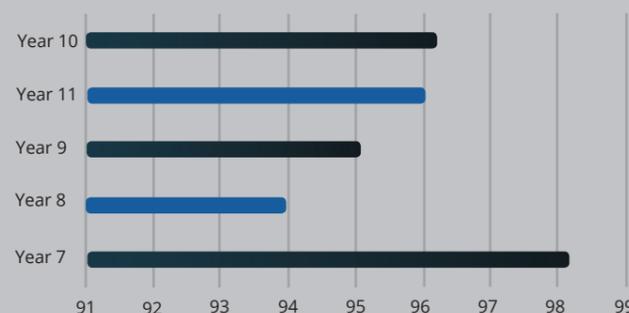


VIVO REWARDS

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ATTENDANCE 16.03.18 - 20.03.18



Unilever Bright Futures

On Thursday 22 March, a team of five students from Y8 and Y9 took part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) challenge judged by industry leaders from Unilever. They were nominated to enter this challenge by their D&T teachers because of their outstanding work and enthusiasm in Design & Technology.

School teams from across the North West visited the Unilever site on Tuesday 14 November for a day of workshops and activities, introducing them to the range of departments across the company and enabling them to understand the variety of processes involved in the production of Unilever products. Following on from this activity, students were set a project brief to develop a product to encourage children to brush their teeth more often.

Anna Gomm, Erin Lambert, Harry Collinson, Aaron Larway and Will Smith worked together to create the concept of 'Space Paste', displaying their idea at the Levehulme Hotel for judging. Although their idea was not selected as one of the finalists, they produced a fantastic display and were a credit to the College on the day.



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

DofE Silver Expedition

Last weekend saw 47 of our Year 11 pupils take on the challenge of a Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition. For most pupils this was a moment of great success as it was the final section to complete in the process of receiving their Awards.

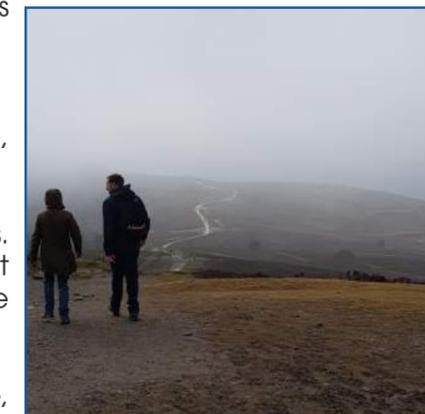
The weekend began on a bright Thursday morning where pupils gathered in the school canteen full of energy and optimism. We then travelled to Loggerheads Country Park by coach where pupils made their final preparations before setting off on their three day, two night expedition. This expedition would take pupils into the forests and hills of North Wales before returning to Loggerheads on the Saturday afternoon.

The first day of the expedition took pupils along the Leete Path, through the village of Cilcain before arriving at Fron Farm Campsite. This tested pupils' navigation as it required them to negotiate wooded areas as well as open fields and minor roads. All pupils did well and arrived back at camp in good time. At camp pupils cooked their hot meals before ensuring they were organised for the following day.

The second day took pupils into the hills of the Clwydian Range, however due to the poor weather and visibility pupils had to amend their route to keep them below the mist and fog. Pupils were tested physically and mentally as the day's route was over 17km which when coupled with poor weather conditions meant pupils had to display incredible resilience and teamwork.

On the final day pupils were awoken by yet more inclement weather as the temperature had dropped considerably and the rain was replaced with light snow. The final day was shorter than the previous and required pupils to navigate back to Loggerheads Country Park by a different route from day one. By this point pupils were very tired but their focus and positive attitude was shining through despite the conditions. On arrival at Loggerheads pupils celebrated their achievements by enjoying hot drinks and cakes from the Café.

This was a very difficult expedition but one which our pupils not only attempted by accomplished, showing a high level of skill, determination and character.



PRIMARY DANCE FESTIVAL

On Friday 23 March we invited 6 primary schools to participate in our annual Primary Dance Festival, alongside some of our talented Y7 pupils. The choreography was developed by the Y10 dance leaders. Ten groups spent 4-5 weeks with each primary school or Y7 group and developed their own theme, dance and ideas

for the production. All groups came together to perform all their dances at SJP on Friday, celebrating the amazing leadership involved. Well done to all those involved!



Social Science Trip

Y13 Psychology & Sociology Students enjoyed a fascinating trip to London last week. On the first day they visited the Royal Courts of Justice, where they debated a historical murder case, followed by a chilling 'Jack the Ripper Walking Tour' - learning about the stories and theories that have grown around these unsolved murders.



The following day they visited the Fire of London monument and attended a conference to hear the famous author and psychologist, Professor Philip Zimbardo, speak about 'everyday heroes'.

On the final day, students visited the Freud Museum and the Bethlem Museum of the Mind. During the trip they walked past lots of famous landmarks including Westminster Abbey and Piccadilly Circus!

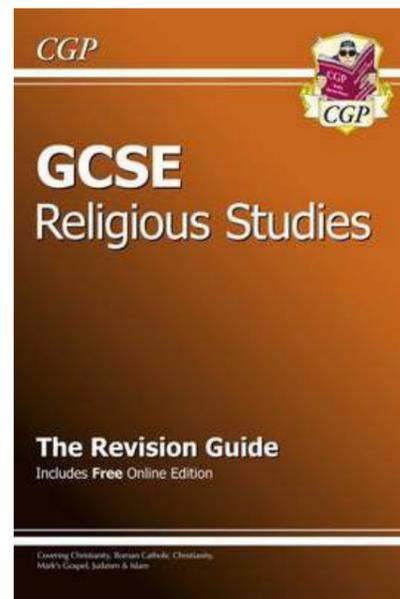
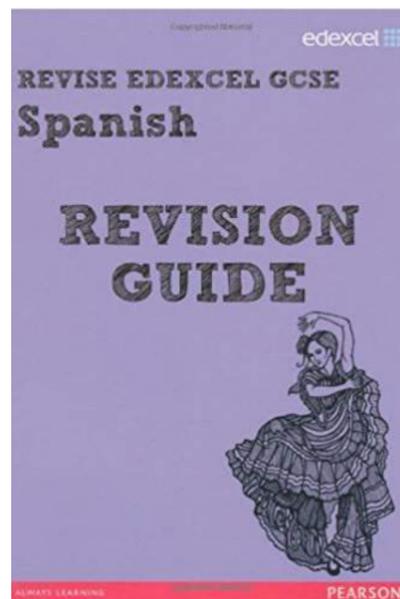
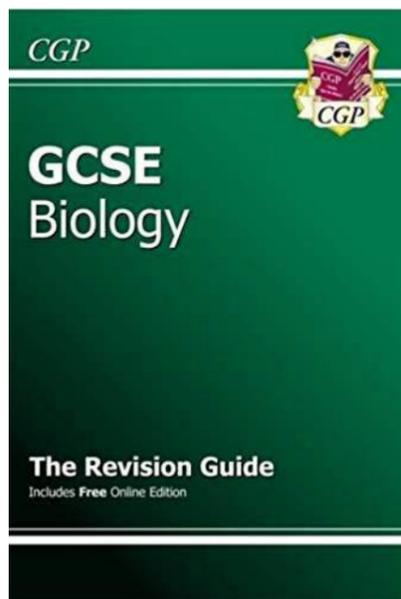


BE WISE, REVISE

With the exam season fast approaching and revision well under way, now is the perfect time to browse through and borrow some Revision Guides from the college library.

Choose from the extensive collection of GCSE and A Level guides which will help you achieve your maximum potential.

Alternatively, you can access BBC Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) and other revision sites from any of the computers within college. Good luck to everyone sitting exams over the next few weeks.



Year 13 prepare for life post SJP

Congratulations to almost all of our Y13 pupils, who now have offers of destinations (post SJP) from which to choose following results day in August. Our pupils have exciting undergraduate studies ahead of them, ranging from architecture to physiotherapy; computer science to chemical engineering and diagnostic radiography to medicine. Once again pupils from SJP will be leaving us to attend universities across the country, including Edinburgh, Sheffield, Leeds, Belfast and Oxford University. Closer to home, we have other pupils who have secured sponsored degree apprenticeships with companies like Unilever, who will study both at university and the workplace, working towards a career in mechanical engineering.

The hard work continues to achieve the grades required to secure these places, with our second mock exam campaign taking place the first week back after Easter. Pupils should be following a clearly structured revision timetable to enable them to be fully prepared for each examination, taking into account feedback from the previous examinations and all assessments to date.

In the final run up to examinations in June, it is vital that pupils attend any revision sessions which may be held during the Easter break. Letters will be sent home regarding these, with details of specific days and times. After school support sessions are also available in all subjects, which should also be attended to support revision.

Exam	Date	Time	Duration
Chemistry P1	Mon 16th April	9.00am	120 mins
GCE Media P1	Mon 16th April	9.00am	120 mins
CTech Media	Mon 16th April	9.00am	60 mins
BTEC Sport Unit 1	Mon 16th April	1.00pm	90 mins
BTEC Computing Unit 1	Mon 16th April	1.00pm	120 mins
Spanish - Written	Mon 16th April	1.00pm	160 mins
Biology P3	Tue 17th April	9.00am	120 mins
NCFE Music	Tue 17th April	9.00am	120 mins
Further Maths - Statistics	Tue 17th April	9.00am	90 mins
Geography P3	Tue 17th April	9.00am	135 mins
Politics P3	Tue 17th April	9.00am	90 mins
Spanish - Listening	Tue 17th April	1.00pm	120 mins
Maths Core 3	Tue 17th April	9.00am	190 mins
History P3	Tue 17th April	9.00am	135 mins
Sociology P1	Tue 17th April	9.00am	120 mins
Physics P3	Wed 18th April	9.00am	120 mins
RE - Philosophy	Wed 18th April	9.00am	120 mins
Psychology P1	Wed 18th April	9.00am	120 mins
Maths Decision 1	Wed 18th April	1.00pm	90 mins
History P2	Wed 18th April	1.00pm	105 mins
Sociology P2	Wed 18th April	1.00pm	120 mins
Chemistry P2	Thur 19th April	9.00am	120 mins
Computing Unit 2	Thur 19th April	9.00am	105 mins
CTech Media P2	Thur 19th April	9.00am	120 mins
Politics P4	Thur 19th April	9.00am	90 mins
Biology P2	Thur 19th April	1.00pm	120 mins
Further Maths - Statistics 2	Thur 19th April	1.00pm	90 mins
Geography P2	Thur 19th April	1.00pm	120 mins
Product Design	Fri 20th April	9.00am	150 mins
Food Science & Nutrition	Fri 20th April	9.00am	105 mins
RE - Ethics	Fri 20th April	9.00am	120 mins
Physics P2	Fri 20th April	1.00pm	120 mins
Psychology P2	Fri 20th April	1.00pm	120 mins

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Thought of the week
Week Commencing 26th March 2018

"Jesus lived His life for you-then he gave His life to you. Now He wants to live His life through you!"

Jacquelyn K. Heasley

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.



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