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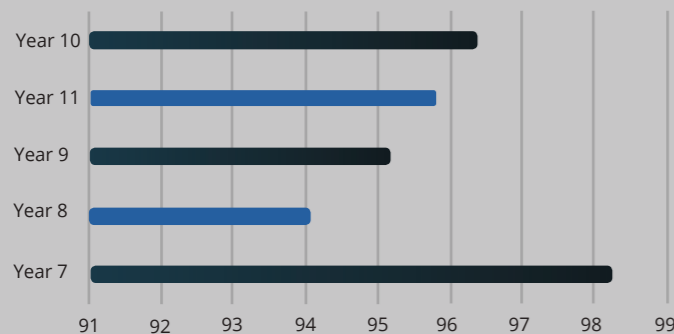
COMING UP This Week - 07.05.18

07 May	May Bank Holiday - College Closed
08 May	Y10 CIDA Exam AS & A Level Speaking Exam BTEC Maths U8 Controlled Assessment
09 May	BTEC Maths U8 Controlled Assessment
10 May	Y10 CIDA Exam
11 May	Y10 CIDA Exam Bronze DofE Practice Y9 PGL Football and Netball Weekend

COMING UP Next Week - 14.05.18

14 May	
15 May	10 Hospitality Mock Exam (p1 & p2) 'A Streetcar Named Desire' Theatre
16 May	PSHE P2 Year 8 HPY Immunisations Year 9 HPY Immunisations
17 May	Y8 Merseyside Rugby Festival
18 May	

ATTENDANCE 30.04.18 - 04.05.18



The Big Reading Challenge

All year 7 and 8 pupils are invited to take part in this exciting reading challenge aimed at encouraging young people to read for pleasure.

Call into the Library and collect a **Reading Passport** to start travelling around the world collecting **Reading Miles** along the way.

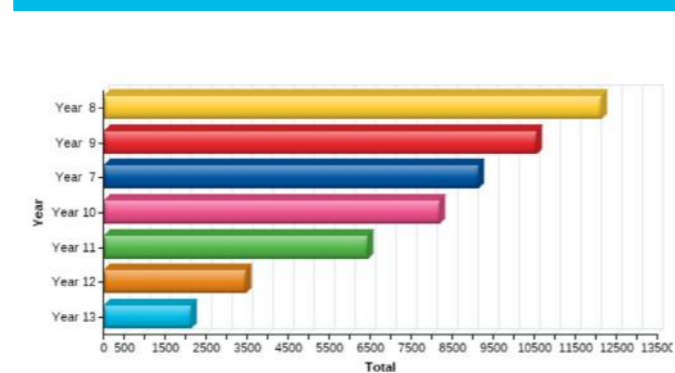
Prizes will be awarded to everyone that completes the challenge.

The booklet is attached at the end of the newsletter.



VIVO REWARDS

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SJP Vs SMCC Debate

On Monday 30th April, we hosted the first St John Plessington versus St Mary's Catholic College Sixth Form debate competition.

In the first motion, SJP proposed 'This house believes that grammar schools should not exist' raising points such as grammar schools not representing the whole country and being guilty of discriminating against pupil premium pupils. The opposition chose to highlight the logistical difficulties of closing down grammar schools and reminded the audience that grammar schools remain a popular and successful educational route. For the second motion, the schools swapped sides and introduced a new trio of debaters. St Mary's proposed 'This house believes that there should be more privacy on social media' using the recent Cambridge Analytica scandal to support their points. The opposition from St John Plessington shared the benefits of sharing information in the health sector and in tackling terrorism.

Each trio of debaters were a credit to their school as they presented their arguments and responded to questions with confidence and articulacy. The floor debate also enabled the audience of Y9, Y10 and sixth form students to ask questions and steer the direction of the debate.

Although both teams were awarded one win, St John Plessington were crowned the overall champions by our guest judges Councillor Warren Ward and Ms Parry from St Mary's Catholic College. Congratulations to all involved! If you'd like to try out debating, join the Y9 and Y10 Debating Club in MFL2 on Tuesdays during AR.



Open Mic Night

On Friday the 27th of April SJP opened its doors once more for a night of top quality music from our students, all in aid of the Wirral Food Bank. We had acts from across all year groups as students dazzled with covers or original songs, with many students both performing in groups and as solo artists. From new, fresh acts such as William Cartmell, (Y11), Patrick Madigan (Y11), Charlotte Taylor (Y10), Molly Higgins (Y10), Molly McCool (Y12) and Skye Smith (Y13) to seasoned regulars such as Joseph Owens, Rebecca Farrell and Sam Jackson-Twist, the night involved a variety of acts and songs making for a fun, relaxed atmosphere! With the fantastic service of the mocktail bar and Che Cullen's witty and crowd-pleasing hosting, we managed to raise nearly £400 for our chosen charities, a brilliant effort all round from those involved! Thank you to all of the acts for your bravery and superb talent. We hope to see you all soon for our next evening.

Nathan Hewitt (12MT)



City of Liverpool College SkillsBuild Competition Visit



A group of Y10 pupils attended the City of Liverpool College last week, to take part in a number of 'Have a Go' activities. The purpose of the event was to introduce pupils to a range of trades from the construction industry. These activities included plumbing, plastering, joinery, using a JCB simulator and using virtual reality headsets to check building safety. There are many opportunities for future careers in the building industry sector.

The pupils also watched current apprentices take part in the North West Regional Heat of Skillbuild 2018. This is a competition between apprentices where they pitch their skills against each other and are assessed on speed, accuracy and safety by a panel of judges.

Our students found the visit very interesting and it opened their eyes to future careers that they had not previously considered.

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**.

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Thought of the week
Week Commencing 07th May 2018

**"Spread love everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."**

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Loving Lord, help us love each other
as we love ourselves.
May the Holy Spirit, who has poured
your love into our hearts, give us your
selfless love, for our love falls far short
of the mark.
Amen.

St John Plessington
Pray for us.



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SJP Teaching School Alliance

Last Wednesday SJP's Y7 boys took part in the Merseyside 7-a-side rugby competition organised by RFU development officers.

This consisted of eight schools from across Merseyside playing against each other in a round robin competition. Our squad consisted of some players whose only experience of rugby was in lessons and some who also play rugby outside of school, and they all played extremely well. Some outstanding performances came from Peter Bartozzi, Alex Lyon, and Sean Bridson.

SJP 20 vs Litherland 0
SJP 12 vs Marricourt 7
SJP 7 vs Calderstones 17
SJP 7 vs Cardinal Heenan 10
SJP 7 vs Calderstones 12

Next week the Y8s will take part in their second Merseyside 7's competition at Oxtan Parkonian's RFC after a successful first competition winning four of their five games. The second round of the Y7 competition will take place in two weeks' time at Merseyside Police RFC.



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schools awards
2018

Shortlisted

Secondary school of the year