



St John Plessington Catholic College

Newsletter



DofE Article Gold Practice

Last week saw 20 of our pupils begin the final chapter of their DofE Award as they successfully completed their Gold practice expedition. It is wonderful to see the journey these pupils have made from completing Bronze in Year 9, Silver in Year 11 and now Gold in Year 13. It is a testament to their character and resilience as they completed a challenging four-day expedition.



The expedition began on a wet Tuesday morning as pupils travelled by minibus to the north of Bassenthwaite Lake in the Lake District. Pupils completed a mid-length walk south to Keswick where they reached camp just before 19.00. Pupils demonstrated excellent camp craft and teamwork as they helped each other set camp in the fading light.

The second day saw pupils travel East over Latrigg Fell before the long walk through St John's in the Vale. All pupils demonstrated exceptional navigational skills during the second day as they navigated through towns, fells and vales.

The third day saw pupils travel south following the contours of Derwent Water in the Borrowdale Valley. Pupils worked hard to climb Walla Crag but were rewarded with stunning views over both Derwent Water and Bassenthwaite Lake. Pupils really motivated each other on what was an exhausting penultimate day.

The final day began with an early depart and heavy rain. This did not deter pupils from completing their final walk which took them north to arrive back in Keswick for early afternoon.

I am so very proud of each and every one of the pupils that completed this expedition. It is a pleasure to support pupils who are so independent, polite and resilient. I look forward to supporting them on their qualifying expedition in three weeks.

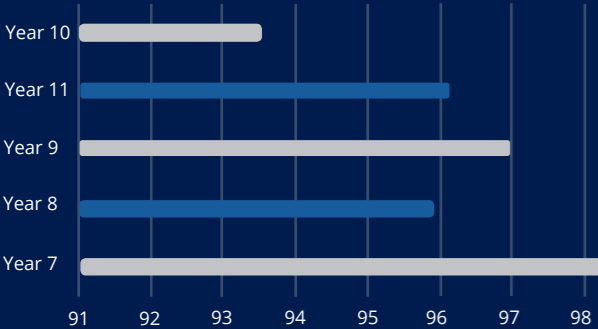
COMING UP This Week - 17.09.18

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| 17 Sept | PSHE P2 |
| 18 Sept | DofE Information Evening Yr 9 |
| 19 Sept | OPEN MORNING - 9.00 - 11.00am Year 13 Parents' Evening 4.30pm |
| 20 Sept | |
| 21 Sept | |

COMING UP Next Week - 24.09.18

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| 24 Sept | |
| 25 Sept | Yr 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork |
| 26 Sept | OPEN MORNING - 9.00 - 11.00am Yr 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork |
| 27 Sept | Awards Evening |
| 28 Sept | |

ATTENDANCE 10.09.18 - 14.09.18



1400 visitors for Open Evening

Just under 1400 visitors came through our door on Open Evening this year to experience all we have to offer our fantastic students! We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Open Mornings on Wednesday 19th & 26th September 2018.



LAMDA Performance Examinations

Congratulations to all learners who took their LAMDA Acting examinations in July. For the third year running, all SJP students passed with either a Merit or Distinction grade! LAMDA performance examinations are the Speech and Drama equivalent of Music Grades; candidates choose a level to study and then prepare up to three contrasting scenes. For the exam, they perform alone or with a partner for an examiner and then verbally analyse their characters and the plays from which the scenes are taken. It is a daunting experience, but very rewarding and fantastic for improving skills and developing confidence. This year, we had more students than ever taking LAMDA exams, 21 in total. Due to this increase, we were able to organise for an examiner to come to SJP and take the exams in the Drama Studio. Between them, the cohort achieved 16 Distinction grades and 5 Merits, in Grades 2-8. A brilliant achievement! Very well done to all those who took LAMDA exams and a big thank you to parents for your support. LAMDA Club runs every Tuesday lunchtime in DR1 and is open to all year groups. If you are interested in developing your performance skills, improving your public speaking skills, gaining UCAS points (Grades 6, 7, 8), making friends and having fun, come along! Please see Ms Richards for further information.



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OPEN MORNINGS*

Wednesday 19th September 2018 | 9.00am - 11.00am
Wednesday 26th September 2018 | 9.00am - 11.00am
*For parents and carers only



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PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

| | Monday 12 Assembly | Tuesday 11/13 Assembly | Wednesday | Thursday 10/7 Assembly | Friday 9/8 Assembly |
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| 12-12.35pm | Boccia Club PE BTEC Club | Yr 9/10 Netball (CO) Yr 9/10 Basketball (MJH) | Yr 9/10/11 Rugby (JSE) Year 9 Dance (AN) | Yr 9/11 Rugby (AN) Yr 9 Football (MJH) Yr 9/11 Badminton (LC) | Yr 10 Dance (CO) Yr 10 /11 Football (LC) |
| 12.35-1.10pm | | Yr 7/8 Tag Rugby (AN) Yr 7/8 Basketball (JSE, LC) | Yr 7& 8 Netball (CO) Yr 7/8 Football (LC, MJH) | Yr 8 Dance (CO) Yr 8 Rugby (JSE) | Yr 7 Dance (AN) Yr 7 Rugby (JSE/MJH) |
| 3.20-4.20pm | All years Football All years Dance PE Fixtures-various | Meeting Night | All years Basketball All years girls Football PE BTEC Club PE Fixtures-various | All years Rugby All years Netball PE Fixtures-various | PE BTEC Club |
| BOYS CLUBS / GIRLS CLUBS/MIXED CLUBS | | | | | |

Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable

| | Monday 12 Assembly | Tuesday 11/13 Assembly | Wednesday | Thursday 10/7 Assembly | Friday 9/8 Assembly |
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| 12-12.40 pm | Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups) | Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups) | Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups) Year 9 and 10 Oracy Club (RLS) DR1 | Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups) | Register for all clubs. Lunch passes to be distributed. BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups) |
| 12.40-1.15pm | BTEC Drop In Sessions (All Year Groups) | Year 7 and Year 8 Oracy Club (CED) DR2 LAMDA (JMR) Spotlight Seniors (SJC) School of Rock (ALJ) Guitar Club (LJS) | Chamber Choir (LJS) Year 7 Choir (ALJ) Spotlight Juniors (Yr7-9 Scriptwriting SJC) Year 9 Drama Club (CED) | Band (LJS) KS4 Drama Club (CED) Music Theory Club (ALJ) Year 8 Stage Combat Club (JMR) Pantomime Production (SJC) | Year 12 and 13 Oracy Club (JMR) WEEK 2 DR1 Year 7 Drama Club (SJC) Band (LJS) College Choir (ALJ) Spotlight Boys (CED) |
| 3.20-4.20pm | BTEC INTERVENTION (SJC and ALJ) Panto Rehearsals (CED, LJS, JMR) | PPM | BTEC INTERVENTION (LJS) Panto Rehearsals (SJC, JMR, ALJ, CED) | BTEC INTERVENTION (JMR) Panto Rehearsals (SJC, CED, ALJ, LJS) | BTEC INTERVENTION (CED) Panto Rehearsals (SJC, JMR, ALJ, LJS) |

Emmaus Walk

Last Friday saw our new Year 12 cohort brave the elements and take on the annual Emmaus Walk. Our students led the way from Loggerheads to the top of Moel Famau in record time. Despite the rain showers, our students had smiles on their faces and got involved in form challenges and team bonding. A great day was had by all, well done Year 12!



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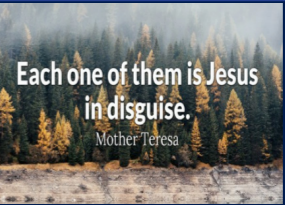
Thought for the week
W/C 17th September 2018

“Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion, it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ
Billy Graham



Pope Francis tells us:
The love of God is not something vague or generic; the love of God has a name and a face: Jesus Christ.

Liturgical Theme
W/C 17th September 2018



Ours is a Christian Community, we believe that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) sent by God. When Jesus says to us “Love one another,” it is God

himself who speaks to us.
As members of the SJP family the motto on our college badge reads, “Always faithful to Christ.” These shouldn’t be just words, they should shape how we do both inside and outside college and how we interact and support each other.