



St John Plessington Catholic College

Newsletter



China Trip 2018

On 18th October 18 students and 2 teachers from SJP, along with 16 students and 2 teachers from St Mary's Catholic College, set off for Shanghai and Taicang in China. After an early start and a long journey, we were delighted to arrive and immediately set out to see the sights in Shanghai, including the Bund with its amazing skyline and architecture and Nanjing Road with its fabulous shops.

We had our first attempt at eating with chopsticks (mastered by all eventually!) and then checked into our hotel for some much needed sleep! Over the weekend we took in more sights, including the exhibitions at the Shanghai Museum and the beautiful Yu Garden before heading to Taicang where we spent three days in our sister school, Taicang No2 Middle School. Our students were treated like pop stars, signing autographs and being mobbed at every turn! We were treated to music and art lessons and took part in their Sports' Day, winning at Tug of War and the relay race (despite Nathan picking up an injury!), but suffering defeat in our basketball match despite a valiant effort from our team. All students performed to an audience of 1800 during the

Closing Ceremony, something I am sure they were not aware they had signed up for! My proudest moment was seeing how they all pulled together to overcome technical difficulties in front of such a large audience to pull off a fabulous rendition of "Shake it up baby" and then show our sister school how the "Cha-cha slide" should be done! Our students formed close bonds with their buddies and there were tears when we left the school after three fabulous days. We then returned to Shanghai for some more bartering and souvenir shopping before embarking on the long journey home, all exhausted but full of amazing memories and experiences that will be talked about for a long time! More photos can be found on page two and on our website.

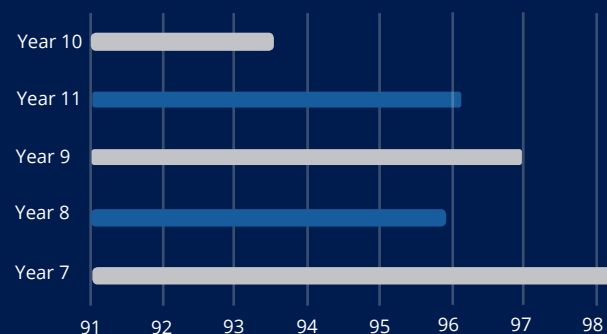
COMING UP This Week - 05.11.18

05 Nov	Elevate - Time Management
06 Nov	Biology Focus Day 1 PSHE P3 Oxford Career Pathways
07 Nov	Diwali PISA Testing NFER
08 Nov	Sixth Form Information Evening
09 Nov	Wilfred Owen Commemoration 2018 International Day for Tolerance

COMING UP Next Week - 12.11.18

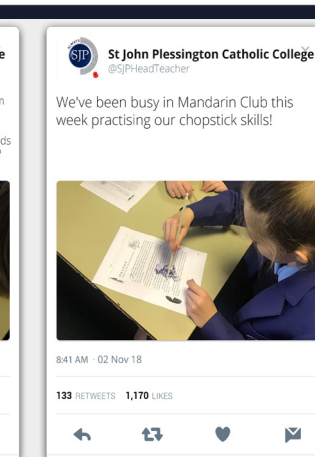
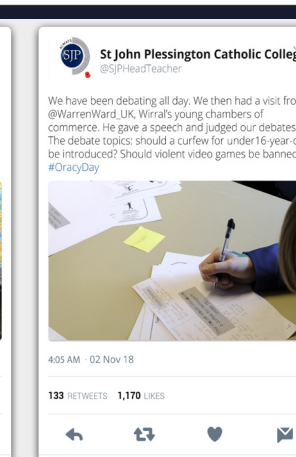
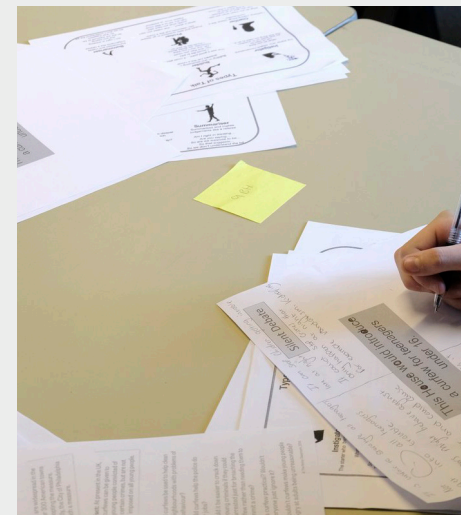
12 Nov	Chester Romans Day - Beta
13 Nov	Living in History, in school visit Wilfred Owen Commemoration Poetry
14 Nov	Unilever Bright Futures Programme
15 Nov	DofE Awards Evening
16 Nov	Rotary Club Engineering Competition

ATTENDANCE 29.10.18 - 02.11.18



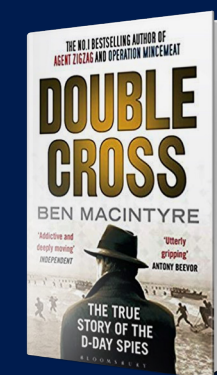
Yr 9 (Beta) Oracy Conference Day

We have been debating all day. We then had a visit from WarrenWard UK, Wirral's young chambers of commerce. He gave a speech and judged our debates. The debate topics: should a curfew for under 16-year-olds be introduced? Should violent video games be banned? #OracyDay



This week we have a review from Ella-Mae Irving-Prince in year 8. She has chosen Summer Dream by Cathy Cassidy.

This is my favourite book because it is about a girl who has a dream to be a ballerina. She also has a happy family. One day her family is torn apart because her dad has to travel all over the world for work and she misses him. Things get tougher as time goes on. I just loved this because I wanted to see how the family resolved their issues by the end.



Book Of The Week: Our Recommendation For Parents!

Double Cross by Ben Macintyre.

Is a true story of the D Day spies and how they succeeded in convincing the Nazis that Calais and Norway, not Normandy, were the targets of the 150,000-strong Allied invasion force.

I loved the book because the six characters were really fascinating and brave. I found it amazing how such a small eclectic mix of people could have such a big impact on the outcome of a world war.

Mr Harris in our PE department has started us off with our new feature of staff book recommendations for parents. We will feature one book a week. Please do let us know if you have also read and enjoyed this or have decided to try one of the recommendations as a result of this feature. Happy reading!

PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 9/8 Assembly
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
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)
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Train to teach through **School Direct**, the school-based teacher training programme at **St John Plessington Catholic College**.

You could receive a bursary of up to **£26,000*** to help you get started.

For more information visit www.sjpsa.com

*dependent on degree subject and class

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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.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

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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.

If you would like to know more about School Direct or our School Experience Programme please contact the Director of Teaching School, enquiries@sjpsa.com or 0151 645 5049.

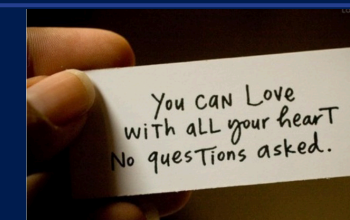
Thought for the week W/C 5th November 2018

"Do your work with your whole heart, and you will succeed - there's so little competition."
-Elbert Hubbard



*Pope Francis tells us:
We all have a duty to do good.*

Liturgical Theme W/C 5th November 2018



The aim of this weeks theme is to encourage our students to think about loving with all our hearts. Sometimes this can be really difficult in certain scenarios. When might this be hard?